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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF
Alternative Dispute Resolution,
Mediation, and Short Trial Programs
For the Eighth Judicial District Court

Administrative Order: 20-05

Rule 1.30(b) of the Rules of Practice for the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada ("EDCR") charges the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court ("EJDC") with various responsibilities, such as supervising the administrative business of the EJDC, ensuring the quality and continuity of its services, supervising its calendar, reassigning cases as convenience or necessity requires, assuring the court's duties are timely and orderly performed, and otherwise facilitating the business of the EJDC.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency in Nevada in response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The District Court is closely monitoring local developments in response to COVID-19 and will continue to evaluate and implement measures to slow the spread of infection in our community. During this time, it is critical to prevent the spread of any illness among members of the court, counsel, staff, the public, and our valuable community partners. To further prevent the spread of disease, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends putting distance between yourself and other people.

Therefore, effective March 17, 2020, all currently scheduled hearings, conferences or other meetings in cases assigned to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs of the Eighth Judicial District Court, including the Court Annexed Arbitration Program, the Court Annexed Mediation Program, the Nevada Short Trial Program or the Nevada Foreclosure Mediation Program, are ordered to be conducted by video or telephonic means; decided on the papers; or rescheduled.

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Necessary meetings should be conducted by telephone, teleconference, videoconference, or e-mail. To the extent possible, arbitrators, mediators, and short trial judges should consider ways to achieve social distancing in their assigned cases. According to the CDC, the virus is spread mainly from people who are in close contact with one another—within about six feet.

All short jury and bench trials scheduled in the Short Trial Program for the next 30 days will be suspended and will be rescheduled as the court calendar allows. No summonsed prospective jurors are to appear.

For any case assigned to Court Annexed Arbitration Program, this order shall operate to extend the one year deadline, from the date of the arbitrator's appointment, to hold any arbitration hearing, pursuant to NAR 12(B). This extension shall only apply to cases where the one-year deadline will expire during the period of March 17, 2020, through May 17, 2020.

This order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until modified or rescinded by a subsequent order.

Entered this 18th day of March 2020.

LINDA MARIE BELL
Chief Judge
Eighth Judicial District Court