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JUSTICE COURT, LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER REGARDING TEMPORARY PROCEDURES IN CRIMINAL CASES AND CIVIL CASES	**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 20-09**

WHEREAS, JCRLV 6.5 allows the Chief Judge to make "such orders as deemed advisable" relating to local court rules and procedure; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus presents concerns regarding public health, and the Court wishes to limit unnecessary in-person contact; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following **temporary** changes shall be implemented on **Wednesday, April 22, 2020:**

1. Continuity. Except as provided below, Las Vegas Justice Court's Amended Administrative Order #20-03, and Administrative Orders #s 20-04, 20-05, 20-07, and 20-8 will remain in effect. All 30-day deadlines in those orders will be extended until this order expires, is modified, or is rescinded by subsequent order.

2. Attorney Obligations: Attorneys, as officers of the court, have ethical obligations for cooperative civility under normal circumstances. This Court, under the present emergency, reminds attorneys that they have an obligation to be cooperative with courts and with each other as we all navigate these challenging circumstances. This is not the time to press for unwarranted tactical advantages, unreasonably deny continuances or other accommodations, or otherwise take advantage of challenges presented due to the current pandemic. Lawyers are expected to be civil,

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professional, and understanding of their colleagues, parties, and witnesses who are ill or otherwise unable to meet obligations because of the current restrictions.

3. Jury Trials Suspended. Jury trials for criminal and civil cases remain suspended and no jurors summonsed. Jury trials will be rescheduled as the court calendar allows, and after consultation with the Eighth Judicial District Court as to jury services availability. Priority will be given to in-custody defendants who have invoked their speedy-trial rights.

4. Writs of Execution. Due to recent technological constraints on the County's network causing the Court to experience difficulty in maintaining consistent access to the Odyssey File & Serve system, the Court will not resume issuing Writs of Execution until May 1, 2020. However, slower processing times may be experienced after that date due to the Court's continued efforts to enforce social distancing by maintaining a limited staff. Consistent with that date, the stay on all previously issued Writs of Execution will be extended through April 30, 2020, as well. All previously issued Writs of Execution not otherwise expired pursuant to statute may be fully enforced without additional order from the court beginning May 1, 2020.

5. Eviction Matters. All provisions of Amended Administrative Order #20-03 specifically pertaining to unlawful detainer actions, both through civil complaint and summary eviction, shall be deemed superseded by the Governor's Declaration of Emergency Directive 008 and Administrative Order 20-07, and applied consistently therewith.

6. Right to Speedy Trial. The time period of any criminal trial continuance(s) resulting from the stay of trials imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic shall be excluded for purposes of calculating the speedy trial time limit under NRS 178.556(2)[1]. The Court finds that the pandemic constitutes good cause for the delay and the ends of justice served by delaying the trials outweigh the interests of the parties and the public in a speedy trial.

[1] The excluded time period begins on the date of the originally scheduled trial date and ends on the day before the new trial date.

7. Final Provisions. This order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall remain in effect until thirty (30) days following the expiration of the March 12, 2020, Governor's Emergency Declaration or until modified or rescinded by a subsequent order, whichever occurs earlier.

Dated this 22 **day of** April **, 2020.**

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Chief Justice of the Peace