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6 **IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**
7 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE**
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9 IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:

10 THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT'S

11 RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

12 (COVID-19)
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16 **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-07**
17 **[PROBATE DEPARTMENT]**

18 WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court ("District Court") Chief Judge has authority to
19 make administrative decisions pertaining to the business of the court (WDCR 2(2), NRS 3 025(2)(c));

20 WHEREAS, Administrative Order 2020-02 was entered on March 16, 2020 and
21 Administrative Order 2020-02(A) was entered on April 9, 2020 by Chief Judge Scott N. Freeman;
22 and,
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24 WHEREAS, to facilitate continued proceedings and consistency in probate and trust matters
25 in the District Court during the current COVID-19 pandemic health crisis this Administrative Order
26 should issue.

27 Accordingly, and good cause appearing therefor,
28 this Administrative Order 2020-07 follows:

1 On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak issued a Declaration of Emergency in Nevada to
2 facilitate response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic;

3 On March 31, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak issued Declaration of Emergency, Directive 010,
4 referred to as a Stay at Home Order; and,
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6 On April 1, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak issued Declaration of Emergency, Directive 009
7 (Revised) ("Revised Directive 009"), Section 2, which provides, "Any specific time limit set by state
8 statute or regulation for commencement of any legal action is hereby tolled from the date of this
9 Directive until 30 days from the date the state of emergency declared on March 12, 2020 is
10 terminated." Revised Directive 009, §2.
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12 On April 8, 2020, Governor Sisolak issued Declaration of Emergency, Directive 013,
13 indicating Nevada has not yet experienced its peak infection rates of the COVID-19 disease.
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15 This Order is intended to be consistent with the Declaration of Emergency in Nevada and to
16 effectuate Governor Sisolak's issued Directives resulting from the Declaration of Emergency and
17 subsequent renewals or extensions of said Directives.

18 Commencing Wednesday, May 6, 2020, and continuing until otherwise ordered, the regular
19 weekly probate and trust calendar heard by the Probate Commissioner in accordance with WDCR 57
20 will be conducted by conference call.

21 All such conference call hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the Nevada Supreme
22 Court Rules Governing Appearance by Audiovisual Transmission Equipment, Part IX-B (A), Rules
23 Governing Appearance by Telephonic Transmission Equipment for Civil and Family Court
24 Proceedings.
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1 For all hearings before the Probate Commissioner, any notice of hearing filed in accordance
2 with NRS 155.010 or NRS 155.020 on or after the date of this Administrative Order must contain the
3 following additional language:
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5 This hearing will be conducted by conference call only. Any person who wishes to be
6 heard on this matter shall obtain the public dial-in number and Meeting ID by
7 visiting <https://www.washoecourts.com/Probate>, or by calling (775) 328-3100 at least
8 two days in advance of the hearing.
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10 Should any hearing be continued due to the COVID-19 pandemic health crisis and
11 publication is required by statute, no additional publication of notice is required if the original
12 publication was completed as required by the Nevada Revised Statutes.
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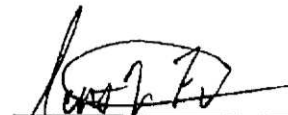
14 All evidentiary hearings, settlement conferences, and other matters heard by the
15 Probate Commissioner which cannot be heard telephonically will be scheduled for or
16 continued to a date when in-person hearings are possible. All ex parte matters and other
17 matters which do not require a hearing will be processed as normal.
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19 Electronic signatures shall be accepted in lieu of handwritten signatures on all Efiled
20 documents.
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22 This Order shall remain effective until modified or rescinded by a subsequent order.

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 DATED this 9th day of April, 2020.

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26 SCOTT N. FREEMAN
27 CHIEF JUDGE
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