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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF
THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT'S
RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE
(COVID-19)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-02(A)

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court ("District Court") Chief Judge has authority to make administrative decisions pertaining to the business of the court (WDCR 2(2), NRS 3.025(2)(c));

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 2020-02 was entered by Chief Judge Scott N. Freeman ("the Chief Judge") on March 16, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 2020-02 provides, "This order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until modified or rescinded by a subsequent order."

Administrative Order 2020-02, p. 4.

Accordingly, after review, and good cause appearing therefor, this supplemental
Administrative Order 2020-02(A) follows:

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

3 On March 31, 2020, Governor 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 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 All provisions of Administrative Order 2020-02 shall remain in full force and effect except as
19 specifically modified or supplemented here.

20 Effective the date of this Order, all scheduled District Court hearings shall be conducted by
21 alternative means to in-person hearings, or decided on the papers, or rescheduled unless otherwise
22 directed by the Chief Judge.
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24 Criminal dockets for in-custody defendants shall be heard at 9 a.m. on Mondays and
25 Wednesdays by the Honorable Egan K. Walker, Department 7, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays by
26 the Honorable Connie J Steinheimer, Department 4. The Honorable Elliott A. Sattler, Department
27 10, is the alternate judge for in-custody defendant criminal dockets (collectively, "In-Custody
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1 Criminal Departments"). Although in-custody defendant matters will be heard by these designated
2 In-Custody Criminal Departments, the original case designation will not permanently change to the
3 In-Custody Criminal Departments.
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5 During the pendency of this Order, as a result of the continual change in the current pandemic
6 health crisis and considering the affected stakeholders, which necessarily includes an
7 acknowledgement of the limited resources at the Washoe County Detention facility, no other in-
8 custody criminal cases, shall be set and heard by any other Judicial Department, absent prior Chief
9 Judge approval.
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11 Appearances will be conducted by audio/visual means in accordance with the Nevada
12 Supreme Court Rules Governing Appearance by Audiovisual Transmission Equipment, Part IX.
13 Participants are reminded these are formal proceedings and shall be conducted with proper decorum,
14 and appropriate attire is required.
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16 Hearings and settlement conferences in general jurisdiction civil matters may be held in the
17 discretion of the presiding judge in each department by conference call or audiovisual platform. All
18 such hearings and settlement conferences shall be conducted in accordance with the Nevada Supreme
19 Court Rules Governing Appearance by Audiovisual Transmission Equipment, Part IX-B (A), Rules
20 Governing Appearance by Telephonic Transmission Equipment for Civil and Family Court
21 Proceedings.
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23 Electronic signatures shall be accepted in lieu of handwritten signatures on all Efiled
24 documents.
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26 Case types identified as "essential" in the Administrative Order 2020-02 will continue to have
27 priority in the District Court. Other than the prohibition related to conducting jury trials, case-by-
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1 case exceptions may be ordered at the discretion of the Chief Judge and/or in cases designated as
2 Family Division cases, the Presiding Judge of the Family Division.

3 All criminal jury trials scheduled to begin prior to June 1, 2020, are vacated. All associated
4 motion to confirm hearings are similarly vacated. Counsel are directed to meet and confer regarding
5 new trial dates and contact the assigned department to set a status hearing at which the Court will
6 reset the trial and all associated hearings. For out of custody defendants, counsel are directed to
7 meet and confer; defense counsel is directed to confer with the defendant; and, counsel shall contact
8 the assigned department to reset the trial date and all associated hearings.
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10 All civil jury trials scheduled to begin prior to June 1, 2020 are vacated. Counsel are directed
11 to contact the assigned department to reset the trial.
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13 The time period of any continuance entered as a result of this order shall be excluded for
14 purposes of calculating speedy trial under NRS 178.556(1) and NRS 174.512 as the court finds the
15 ends of justice are served by taking such action outweighs the interests of the parties and the public in
16 a speedy trial.
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18 This Order shall operate to toll civil cases for purposes of NRCP 41(e).

19 Any time periods identified in Administrative Order 2020-02, are extended from March 16,
20 2020 for an additional thirty (30) from the date of this Administrative Order 2020-02(A), except as
21 specifically stated herein.
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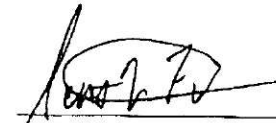
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1 This Order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until modified or
2 rescinded by a subsequent order.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

4 DATED this 9th day of April, 2020.

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7 SCOTT N. FREEMAN
8 CHIEF JUDGE
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