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1
2 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

3 AND

4 EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
5 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

6 IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF
7 TEMPORARILY CLOSING THE TRAFFIC
8 COUNTER AT THE REGIONAL JUSTICE
9 CENTER

Administrative Order: 0009
Administrative Order: 20-04

10 *ORDER CONCERNING ACCESS TO LAS VEGAS JUSTICE COURT AND MUNICIPAL
11 COURT FACILITIES AT THE REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER*

12 The judicial power is vested in the state court system—comprised of the supreme
13 court, a court of appeals, district courts, justices of the peace, and municipal courts. Nev.
14 Const. art. VI, § 1. The Nevada constitution expressly recognizes the chief justice as the
15 administrative head of the court system. Nev. Const. art. VI, § 19. By expressly
16 identifying the chief justice as the court system’s administrative leader, the chief justice
17 has “inherent power to take actions reasonably necessary to administer justice efficiently,
18 fairly, and economically.” Halverson v. Hardcastle, 123 Nev. 245, 260, 163 P.3d 428,
19 439 (2007) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). Consequently, the Nevada
20 Supreme Court, “through the chief justice, has the ultimate authority over the judiciary’s
21 inherent administrative functions.” Id. at 260, 163 P.3d 428 at 439.

22 Rule 1.30(b) of the Rules of Practice for the Eighth Judicial District Court of the
23 State of Nevada (“EDCR”) charges the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court
24 (“EJDC”) with various responsibilities, such as supervising the administrative business of
25 the EJDC, ensuring the quality and continuity of its services, supervising its calendar,
26 reassigning cases as convenience or necessity requires, assuring the court’s duties are
27 timely and orderly performed, and otherwise facilitating the business of the EJDC.
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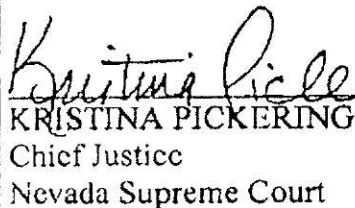
1 On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency in
2 Nevada in response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The
3 Nevada Supreme Court and District Court are closely monitoring local developments in
4 response to COVID-19. We will continue to evaluate and implement measures to slow
5 the spread of infection in our community. During this time, it is critical to prevent the
6 spread of any illness among members of the court, counsel, staff, the public, and our
7 valuable community partners. To further prevent the spread of disease, the Centers for
8 Disease Control and Prevention recommends putting distance between yourself and other
9 people. According to the CDC, the virus is spread mainly from people who are in close
10 contact with one another—within about six feet.

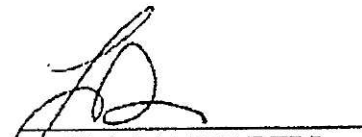
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12 Therefore, effective immediately, the Las Vegas Justice Court and Las Vegas
13 Municipal Court traffic customer service counter located on the first floor at the Regional
14 Justice Center is temporarily closed.
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16 To the extent possible, traffic-related matters should be conducted by telephone,
17 video, or other remote electronic means. Individuals with questions regarding these
18 restrictions may call 702-455-4472 to speak to a customer service representative and be
19 directed to the appropriate court.

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

22 Entered this 17th day of March 2020.

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25 KRISTINA PICKERING
26 Chief Justice
27 Nevada Supreme Court


28 LINDA MARIE BELL
Chief Judge
Eighth Judicial District Court