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**EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF
COURT OPERATIONS OF CRIMINAL
MATTERS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Administrative Order: 20-06

Rule 1.30(b) of the Rules of Practice for the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada charges the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court 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. According to the CDC, the virus is spread mainly from people who are in close contact with one another—within about six feet.

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2 Therefore, effective Friday, March 20, 2020, all in custody defendants will either
3 appear by video or in the lower level arraignment court. No defendants will be
4 transported to a district court courtroom absent extremely extraordinary circumstances.
5 Also, no defendant who is in isolation pursuant to the Detention Services protocol will be
6 brought for any court appearance. Criminal case hearing times will be as designated on
7 the attachment.

8 Defense attorneys will have limited ability to discuss things with their clients
9 during court proceedings. Attorney-client conversations will be facilitated if needed;
10 however, attorneys are cautioned that it will be absolutely necessary to prepare clients for
11 guilty pleas, sentencings and probation revocations prior to court.

12 Attorneys are also encouraged to appear by alternate means. In order to appear by
13 alternate means in a criminal matter, attorneys must e-mail the department at least one
14 judicial day in advance of their appearance and provide the e-mail they intend to use to
15 appear. In case of an emergency that does not allow for one day's notice, attorneys
16 should contact the department.
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18 Only in custody arraignments, release motions, sentencings, probation revocations,
19 and competency hearings will proceed unless a judge determines a different matter needs
20 hearing. Out of custody matters may be decided by the judge or heard at the discretion of
21 the judge if the matter can be heard entirely by alternate means. Otherwise, out of
22 custody matters will be continued.
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24 All in custody specialty court matters for all Criminal Division specialty courts
25 will be heard together in lower level arraignment court on Friday, March 20, 2020, at
26 noon (12:00 p.m.). All status hearings for out of custody participants will be continued
27 for at least 30 days, unless a judge determines that extraordinary circumstances warrant
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1 appearance by alternative means. No jail or community service sanctions will be
2 imposed for program compliance. This does not prevent an arrest of a participant for a
3 probation violation. Specialty court applications may be submitted; however, no new
4 applicants will be accepted to specialty courts at this time.
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6 All three grand juries will be suspended effective at 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, March
7 19, 2020.

8 This order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until
9 modified or rescinded by a subsequent order.
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11 Entered this 18th day of March 2020.
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15 LINDA MARIE BELL
16 Chief Judge
17 Eighth Judicial District Court
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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
VIDEO FROM CCDC 3B TO COURTROOMS					
8:30 – 10:00	T. JONES 14B	WIESE 14A	T. JONES 14B	WIESE 14A	--
10:15 – 11:45	KEPHART 16B	VILLANI 11A	KEPHART 16B	VILLANI 11A	VILLANI (Homicide)
12- 1:30	ELLSWORTH 16D	LEAVITT 14D	ELLSWORTH 16D	LEAVITT 14D	LEAVITT (Homicide)
1:45-3:15	ISRAEL 15C	E. JOHNSON 12A	ISRAEL 15C	E. JOHNSON 12A	--
3:30 – 5:00	DELANEY 15B	ADAIR 11C	DELANEY 15B	ADAIR 11C	ADAIR (Homicide)
LOWER LEVEL ARRAIGNMENT COURT					
8:00 – 10:00 ARRAIGN.	WIESE	BELL	SILVA	T. JONES	BLUTH
10:15-11:45	BLUTH	D. JONES	BLUTH	D. JONES	BELL (Comp.)
12:00- 1:30	--	HOLTHUS	--	HOLTHUS	BELL (Specialty Courts)
1:45 – 3:15	SILVA	HARDY	SILVA	HARDY	HERNDON (Homicide/ Arraignment)
3:30 – 5:00	MILEY	HERNDON	MILEY	HERNDON	--