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

*Ann K. Johnson*  
CLERK OF COURT

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

Administrative Order: 20-07

Rule 1.30(b) of the Rules of Practice for the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada (“EDCR”) charges the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court (“EJDC”) 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 6 feet.

Therefore, effective immediately, matters on the Probate Commissioner’s calendar that are opposed or require a hearing will be continued for at least 30 days and will be rescheduled as the court calendar allows. Matters that can be approved without a hearing

1 will be on the approved list if no objection has been electronically filed and served by  
2 9:30 am on the day before the hearing. The approved list may be accessed on the Probate  
3 section of the District Court's website at:  
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5 <http://www.clarkcountycourts.us/departments/probate/>

6 Once on the website, select the weekly probate calendar list.

7 Probate matters on the Probate Judges' calendars will be decided on the papers,  
8 heard by video or telephonic means, or continued at the discretion of the assigned Judge.  
9 If a party electronically files an election to proceed before the District Judge pursuant to  
10 EDCR 4.08, any petitions on file will be reset by the assigned Judge.

11 Scheduling orders in contested matters may be requested by stipulation of the  
12 parties submitted to chambers electronically with an order approving the proposed  
13 schedule. The assigned Probate Judge or Probate Commissioner will set the evidentiary  
14 hearing or other trial in the ordinary course.  
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16 Sale confirmations currently set will be confirmed based on the papers filed with  
17 the court and without the necessity of placing the sale for public bid, unless a notice of  
18 intent to overbid is electronically filed and served 72 hours before the date of the sale  
19 confirmation hearing. Any petition to confirm a sale filed after issuance of this  
20 Administrative Order shall contain, in addition to the statutory requirements, language  
21 advising that notice of intent to overbid must be electronically filed and served 72 hours  
22 before the scheduled hearing. After receiving an electronically filed notice of intent to  
23 overbid, the court will set a remote hearing through video or telephonic means.  
24 Otherwise, the sale will be approved in accordance with the notice. All orders on  
25 approved matters will be electronically filed by the court and electronically served.  
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This order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until modified or rescinded by a subsequent order.

Entered this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



LINDA MARIE BELL  
Chief Judge  
Eighth Judicial District Court