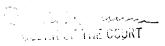
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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF
The Specialty Court Hearing
Master Assignment

Administrative Order: 16-12

WHEREAS, 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 with various responsibilities, such as supervising the administrative business of the Court, 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 Court;

WHEREAS, NRS 3.245 affords district courts the opportunity to appoint hearing masters to perform certain subordinate or administrative duties in criminal proceedings with the approval of the Nevada Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, the Court has recently acquired a hearing master position for the purpose of assisting with specialty court functions, and the use of hearing masters to assist with specialty court functions is contemplated in EDCR 1.48(k)(16);

WHEREAS, this Administrative Order is intended to temporarily define the scope of authority to be delegated to the Specialty Courts Hearing Master until such time as a new local rule can be promulgated.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b), that the Chief Judge may designate the Specialty Courts Hearing Master to preside over Specialty Court calendars, with certain exceptions regarding sanctions involving custody remands and terminations from the program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in the case of custody remands, the Specialty Courts Hearing Master shall immediately afford counsel for the party that is the subject of the remand and counsel for the District Attorney's office the opportunity to object to the remand decision; and, in the event such an objection is lodged with the hearing master in any form by either or both parties, a district judge with a current specialty court docket shall be on call to render a timely ruling on the objection before the remand can be effectuated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in the case of terminations, such proceedings shall be conducted before a district judge with a current specialty court docket during the regularly scheduled calendar unless both counsel for the party that is the subject of the termination and counsel for the District Attorney's Office stipulate that the hearing may be conducted before the Specialty Courts Hearing Master.

Entered this 39 day of December, 2016.

By:
DAVID BARKER
Chief Judge
Eighth Judicial District Court