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DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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In the matter of
Judge Elizabeth Halverson,

) Administrative Order No. 07-3

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CLERK OF COURT

**ORDER PROHIBITING JUDGE ELIZABETH HALVERSON FROM ENTERING
THE REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

On March 30, 2007, Chief Judge Kathy Hardcastle established an Executive Committee consisting of Judge Art Ritchie, Judge Stewart Bell, and Judge Sally Loehrer. The Committee was directed to meet and review issues that have arisen with Judge Elizabeth Halverson in Department 23.

On April 6, 2007, the Executive Committee recommended that Judge Halverson's bailiff be reassigned based upon potential personnel issues in the judge's department. Approving the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Chief Judge authorized Court Administration to reassign Judge Halverson's bailiff and to assign an administrative bailiff to Judge Halverson's department. Judge Halverson informed Court Administration that she only required bailiff services within the courtroom, and she specifically declined the use of a bailiff to escort her to and from her vehicle.

On May 9, 2007, Court Executive Officer Chuck Short went to Judge Halverson's chambers to discuss an unrelated personnel matter. Upon entering Judge Halverson's office, Chuck Short attempted to discuss the matter with Judge Halverson, but Judge Halverson refused to open the door from her inner chambers.

Subsequently, a 9-1-1 call was made to Metro Dispatch from Judge Halverson. Pursuant

to security protocol, Metro Dispatch notified the RJC Dispatch center. Upon receiving the notification, a deputy bailiff went to Judge Halverson's office to investigate. Despite the 9-1-1 call, Judge Halverson indicated that she was not to be disturbed. The bailiff also encountered two unauthorized and unknown individuals who claimed that they were Judge Halverson's personal bodyguards and that they were there to protect her while she was in the Regional Justice Center.

Judge Halverson failed to consult with building security or advise the Chief Judge of her security needs. In addition, Court Administration was unaware of the judge hiring any private security until May 9th, 2007.

Any modifications to security protocol at the Regional Justice Center must be approved by the Chief Judge. However, additional security for Judge Halverson was never authorized by the Chief Judge. The Clark County Courthouse is served by a total of 100 bailiffs, marshals, and Capital police who patrol and maintain security inside and outside the building. The Regional Justice Center is considered a high security environment and must maintain protocols to ensure the safety of all judges and individuals working in the building.

Judge Halverson's actions in utilizing unauthorized and unknown bodyguards constitute a breach of courthouse security which creates a potential danger to the judges, the public, and the occupants of the Regional Justice Center.

Moreover, Judge Halverson has committed various other actions which have placed an unwarranted strain on the limited resources of the court and have unduly interfered with courthouse business.


Her repeated expressions of distress, her repeated claims that "everyone is against her,"

and her repeated claims that she cannot trust anyone in Court Administration lead the Court to believe that disruptive behavior and threats to courthouse security will continue.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective immediately, in order to protect public safety and to prevent further interference with the orderly administration of justice in the courthouse, Judge Elizabeth Halverson is ordered to be barred from the Regional Justice Center until such time as she agrees to meet with the Executive Committee of Judges to discuss these issues and to provide assurances that her disruptive behavior and threats to courthouse security will no longer continue.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, until further notice, Nickolas Starling, Steve Fortune, and any other private bodyguards who are attempting to provide protection to Judge Halverson in the Regional Justice Center will be required to leave the building or they will be immediately arrested. Moreover, the Court will not recognize these individuals as employees of the Eighth Judicial District Court unless hiring protocols for the Eighth Judicial District Court are followed.

DATED this 10th day of May, 2007


KATHY A. HARDCASTLE
Chief District Judge