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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF )  
Civil Commitments )  
Case Reassignments )  
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Administrative Order: 17-06

**WHEREAS**, Rule 1.30 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, EDCR 1.60 gives the Chief Judge authority to assign or reassign all cases pending in the district; and,

**WHEREAS**, an Administrative Order was executed in 1998 by then Presiding Family Division District Court Judge Gloria Sanchez assigning Judge William Voy to oversee the civil commitment docket; and,

**WHEREAS**, access to justice is essential for our citizens and the entire Clark County community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Supreme Court created a permanent Access to Justice Commission in June of 2006 to promote equal civil justice; and,

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1           **WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the leadership of the Eighth Judicial District  
2 Court to advocate and promote the advancement of access to justice through timely  
3 resolution and efficient case management as well as pursue adequate resources to achieve  
4 this end; and,

5           **WHEREAS**, in 2006, the Eighth Judicial District Court advanced the notion to the  
6 state legislature that proper access to justice requires an adequate ratio of the number of  
7 judicial departments/officers to new case filings per year; and,

8           **WHEREAS**, this ratio, in turn, would allow the court to meet case resolution standards as  
9 set forth by the American Bar Association; and,

10           **WHEREAS**, with all cases combined that year, the judges averaged 2,782 new filings per  
11 judge which resulted in a request to add ten additional judges, six of which would be dedicated to  
12 the family court; and,

13           **WHEREAS**, the 2007 Nevada Legislature approved six additional judges, five of which  
14 were dedicated to the family court; and,

15           **WHEREAS**, the Eighth Judicial District Court reported 2,422 new case filings per judge in  
16 2009 and therefore continued its access to justice efforts by requesting an additional nine judicial  
17 departments, seven civil and two family court; and,

18           **WHEREAS**, the 2009 Nevada Legislature approved all nine departments and by 2011 the  
19 Eighth Judicial District Court reported 2,042 new case filings per judge; and,

20           **WHEREAS**, the Eighth Judicial District Court believed that this new case filing ratio to  
21 judge, in addition to the utilization of hearing masters, was a sufficient number to achieve timely  
22 access to justice; and,

23           **WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2010, then Chief Judge Arthur Ritchie assigned an additional  
24 family court judge from civil domestic to hear juvenile dependency matters and on March 21, 2013,  
25 then Chief Judge Jennifer Togliatti assigned an additional family court judge from civil domestic to  
26 hear juvenile dependency matters; and,

27           **WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2015, then Chief Judge Dave Barker assigned an additional family  
28 court judge from civil domestic to hear adult guardianship matters; and,

