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2010-03

DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL CASES)
AMONG COMMISSIONERS HEARING) ADMINISTRATIVE
DISCOVERY MATTERS IN THE) ORDER 2010-03
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT)
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING THE
ASSIGNMENT OF DISCOVERY MATTERS**

WHEREAS NRCP 16.3 permits the court to appoint one or more discovery commissioners to assist in the management of civil cases.

WHEREAS the Eighth Judicial District Court Rule 1.30 (b)(18) provides that the chief judge assure that court duties are timely and orderly performed.

WHEREAS the executive committee of the district court submitted a report to the Nevada Supreme Court dated June 9, 2009, regarding the need for two commissioners to hear discovery matters in the Eighth Judicial District Court.

WHEREAS the executive committee of the district court has determined that the assignment of all discovery matters to one commissioner in the civil criminal division is not an efficient process given the number of civil case filings, and given the volume of discovery matters.

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WHEREAS the assignment of discovery matters to be heard by two commissioners in the civil criminal division is a more efficient process given the volume of discovery matters and will better serve the needs of the litigants and the district court.

NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the chief judge shall designate two commissioners to hear discovery matters. "Discovery matters" as used in this Administrative Order includes all discovery issues after the issuance of an initial scheduling order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the designated commissioners shall hear discovery matters for as long as the chief judge and the executive committee determines that the interests of the district court are promoted by the use of two commissioners for the hearing of discovery matters.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Commissioner Bonnie Bulla and Commissioner Chris Beecroft shall be assigned to hear discovery matters.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Commissioner Bonnie Bulla shall continue to perform all of the functions outlined in EDCR 2.55(b).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that based on the recommendation of the civil presiding judge, Commissioner Bonnie Bulla shall be assigned to hear discovery matters filed or submitted on or after March 1, 2010, filed in the following judicial departments: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 25

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that that based on the recommendation of the civil presiding judge, Commissioner Chris Beecroft shall be assigned to hear discovery matters filed or submitted on or after March 1, 2010, filed in the following judicial departments: 4, 8, 12, 17, 21, and 24.


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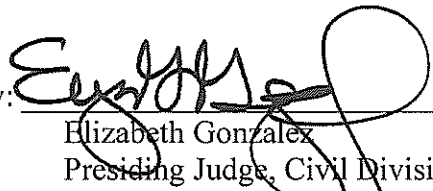
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if one of the commissioners hearing discovery matters is disqualified or recuses from a case, the discovery matters in that case will be heard by the other Commissioner hearing discovery matters.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Administrative Order will not affect those cases in which a district court judge has designated the matter as complex pursuant to NRCP 16.1(f) or otherwise assumed the responsibility for handling discovery matters in a particular case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Administrative Order shall be in effect on March 1, 2010, and shall continue until modified or rescinded by a subsequent Administrative Order.

DATED 23 day of February, 2010.

By: 
T. Arthur Ritchie, Jr.
Chief Judge

By: 
Elizabeth Gonzalez
Presiding Judge, Civil Division