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3 IN THE MATTER OF)
4 Access to Justice)
5 For Victims of Child Abuse)
In the Eighth Judicial District Court)

Administrative Order 12-09

6 **WHEREAS** access to justice for victims of child abuse and neglect is an essential
7 function and a priority for the Eighth Judicial District Court; and,

8 **WHEREAS** the Chief Judge has identified various issues potentially impacting
9 access to justice in juvenile dependency matters; and,

10 **WHEREAS** in order to provide the most efficient service and access to justice to the
11 dependency population, the entire dependency system should be examined from referral, to
12 case management/representation, to adjudication, to treatment and permanent placement;
13 and,

14 **WHEREAS** the Eighth Judicial District Court stands committed to this examination
15 and change when necessary; and,

16 **WHEREAS** the establishment of a court-led special committee to examine this issue
17 is in the best interest of the community; and,

18 **WHEREAS** Rule 1.30(b)(16) of the Eighth Judicial District Court Rules (“EDCR”)
19 allows the Chief Judge to appoint standing and special committees of judges as may be
20 advisable to assist in the proper performance of the duties and functions of the court:

21 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that, pursuant to EDCR 1.30 (b)(16), a special
22 committee is hereby established to examine access to justice in the Dependency Court of the
23 Eighth Judicial District Court.

24 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Judges Robert Teuton, Frank Sullivan, Charles
25 Hoskin, and Arthur Ritchie Jr. be appointed to this committee.

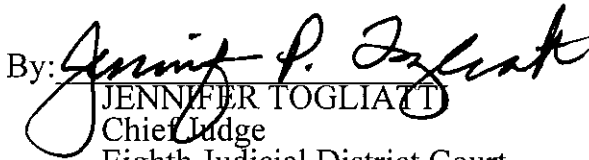
26 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the committee examine issues of court rules,
27 court case management, case assignment, whether case processing delays are related to
28 hearing master resources and duties as defined in EDCR 1.46, timeliness of trials and

1 hearings, judicial resources, statistics and their definitions, statutory timelines, trial stacks,
2 and any other matters relating hereto.

3 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Arthur Ritchie Jr. be appointed as chairperson of
4 this committee. The committee must hold its initial meeting by December 14, 2012. The
5 chairperson shall be responsible for the agenda, coordinating staff assignments through the
6 Court Executive Officer, and preparing reports of findings and recommendations. The
7 chairperson shall invite all community partners to participate in the committee discussion.

8 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, after having thoroughly examined current
9 management practices in the juvenile dependency program and identifying the potential
10 improvements thereto, the committee shall submit a report and recommendation for the
11 Chief Judge to consider. If during the course of its examination the committee discovers a
12 deficiency in the program that it regards as critical, the committee shall notify the Chief
13 Judge forthwith and present suggestions for improvement, if any.

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15 Entered this 5th day of December, 2012.

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17 By: 
18 JENNIFER TOGLIATTI
19 Chief Judge
20 Eighth Judicial District Court
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