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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK OF THE COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF)
Guardianship Case)
Transfers and Assignments)
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Administrative Order: 15-06

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, Presiding Judge Charles Hoskin began examining the overall management of the adult guardianship caseload in July of 2014; and,

WHEREAS, in September of 2014 the Court directed its information technology division and Clerk of the Court to begin the development of a case management report to track and document the number of adult guardianship cases; and,

WHEREAS, the case management report was also designed to assist in advancing the current guardianship compliance monitoring program by automating the tracking of timeliness of filings and non-compliance including but not limited to tracking orders appointing guardian, proof of blocked accounts, filing of general letters of guardianship, guardian acknowledgment of duties, filing of inventory/appraisal and record of value, annual accountings and reports of guardian; and,

WHEREAS, during the Court’s examination and research of guardianship, the Court adopted the National Association for Court Management’s Guide to Plan, Develop, and Sustain a Comprehensive Court Guardianship and Conservatorship Program; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, the Court recognized that in order to achieve the goals outlined in this plan
2 there would be a need to invest in a sustainable, comprehensive guardianship compliance program;
3 and,

4 **WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2015, the Court requested approval for a new position from
5 Clark County Management to establish a guardianship compliance administrator; and,

6 **WHEREAS**, upon further input from community partners and an examination of the
7 vulnerabilities presented in the early stages of a guardianship case, the Court amended its request to
8 Clark County Management to include three additional positions, which included two guardianship
9 investigators and an additional compliance officer; and,

10 **WHEREAS**, the Court has also examined the assignment of the guardianship caseload using
11 a hearing master/judge model and has communicated with state and nationally respected judicial
12 experts and has determined that such cases should be assigned to a single District Judge.

13 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b)(5), that all adult guardianship
14 cases shall be transferred to Department G of the Family Division.

15 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b)(5), that all adult guardianship
16 cases prospectively filed with the Court shall be assigned to Department G of the Family Division.

17 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b)(5), that the Department G
18 District Judge of the Family Division shall preside over all adult guardianship proceedings.

19 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b)(5), that Department G's existing
20 caseload shall be reassigned to and equitably distributed among all the remaining judicial
21 departments that are assigned civil domestic cases in the Family Division.

22 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that the aforementioned transfers and assignments shall take
23 effect on June 1, 2015.

24 Entered this 21st day of May, 2015.

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28 DAVID BARKER
 Chief Judge
 Eighth Judicial District Court