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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF)
The Formation of the)
Homicide Team Pilot Project)

Administrative Order: 17-05

WHEREAS, Rule 1.30(b) 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 (“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, the Court desires to form a pilot project to examine the potential benefits of centralizing the management for cases wherein a defendant has been charged with a “homicide crime,” with the intent of improving efficiency in the management and timely disposition of such cases, and,

WHEREAS, a “homicide crime” case, for purposes of this order, is limited to cases involving a crime of Open Murder, First Degree Murder, Second Degree Murder, Voluntary Manslaughter and/or Involuntary Manslaughter, as those crimes are delineated in NRS 200.010 through NRS 200.260, as well as any associated offenses charged within the same case.

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1 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED**, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b), to form a Homicide
2 Team consisting of four district judges, with one to function as the Homicide Team Case
3 Management Judge and three to function as Homicide Team Members.

4 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b), that all pending criminal
5 cases wherein a defendant is charged with a “homicide crime” shall be re-assigned to the
6 Homicide Team effective immediately.

7 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b), that all new criminal
8 cases wherein a defendant is charged with a “homicide crime” shall be assigned directly to
9 the Homicide Team.

10 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that the term “homicide crime” shall not, for the
11 purposes of this order, encompass offenses such as attempts, in violation of NRS 193.330,
12 accessories, in violation of NRS 195.030, conspiracies, in violation of NRS 199.480 and
13 solicitations, in violation of NRS 199.500, unless such crimes are associated with, and
14 charged within the same case as, a charge of Open Murder, First Degree Murder, Second
15 Degree Murder, Voluntary Manslaughter and/or Involuntary Manslaughter.

16 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b), that the Homicide Team
17 Case Management Judge shall be responsible for intake review and assignment of all
18 homicide cases, and shall further be responsible for coordinating with the Homicide Team
19 Members, the motion practice, status conferences, evidentiary hearings, all other pretrial
20 matters, sentencing hearings and applicable post-conviction matters.

21 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b), that the Homicide Team
22 shall prioritize homicide crime cases over all other cases in their caseloads.

23 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b), that the Homicide Team
24 shall set firm trial dates for all homicide crime cases and shall grant a continuance only upon
25 a finding of good cause therefor.

26 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b), that the Homicide Team
27 Case Management Judge shall assign the team’s cases to the Homicide Team judges for trial;
28 however, if a case is ready for trial and no team members are available to conduct the trial,

1 the Homicide Team Case Management Judge may assign the case to another district judge in
2 the Civil/Criminal Division.

3 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that beginning on July 1, 2017, the following judges
4 shall serve on the Homicide Team:

5 Douglas Herndon Homicide Team Case Management Judge

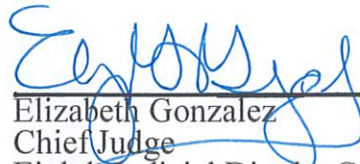
6 Valerie Adair Homicide Team Judge

7 Eric Johnson Homicide Team Judge

8 Jennifer Togliatti Homicide Team Judge

9 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that on July 1, 2017, all civil cases assigned to the
10 Homicide Team Judges be randomly reassigned among judges hearing civil cases.

11 Entered this 12th day of April, 2017.

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14 Elizabeth Gonzalez
15 Chief Judge
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