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**EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF
CIVIL/CRIMINAL DIVISION CASE
REASSIGNMENTS.

Administrative Order: 21-06

The Chief Judge is responsible for supervising the administrative business of the Eighth Judicial District 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 District Court. NRS 3.025; *see also* EDCR 1.30(b). This Court now modifies the following assignments to further foster consistency, efficiency, and fairness.

Accordingly, pursuant to EDCR 1.30(b), effective September 7, 2021, the following departments will have the case assignments set out below:

Civil/Criminal Division Assignments

Department 1 will have an all-civil case assignment. All criminal cases currently being heard by Department 1 will be reassigned to Department 23. Three hundred active civil cases randomly selected from Department 31 will be reassigned to Department 1. Department 1 will continue to preside over Mental Health Court, supervise the Co-Occurring Specialty Court program, supervise civil commitment cases and determine family civil commitment petitions.

Department 2 will retain all currently assigned cases and will continue to have a civil and criminal case assignment. Department 2, along with Department 9, will continue to preside over MAT Re-Entry Court.

1 Department 3 will retain all currently assigned cases and will continue to have a
2 civil and criminal case assignment.

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4 Department 4 will retain all currently assigned cases and will continue to have an
5 all-civil assignment.

6 Department 5 will retain all currently assigned cases and will continue to have a
7 civil assignment and twenty percent of probate cases.

8 Department 6 will have an all-criminal assignment, including homicide. The
9 entire caseload currently being heard in Department 6, including civil, criminal, and
10 minor's compromise claims cases, will be reassigned to Department 17. All criminal
11 cases currently being heard in Department 18 will be reassigned to Department 6.
12 Department 6 will replace Department 17 on the homicide team, and the homicide cases
13 currently being heard in Department 17 are reassigned to Department 6.
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15 Department 7 will retain all currently assigned cases and will continue to preside
16 over matters assigned to the Chief Judge. Department 7 will also continue to preside over
17 Gambling Treatment Diversion Court and manage the criminal settlement conference
18 program.

19 Department 8 will retain all currently assigned cases and will continue to have a
20 civil assignment and twenty percent of probate cases.

21 Department 9 will continue to have a criminal assignment and remain on the
22 homicide team. All criminal cases currently being heard in Department 9 will be
23 reassigned to Department 18. All criminal cases currently being heard in Department 23
24 will be reassigned to Department 9. Department 9 will continue to preside over MAT
25 Re-Entry Court along with Department 2.
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1 Department 10 will retain all currently assigned cases and will continue to have a
2 criminal assignment including homicide cases. Department 10 will remain the homicide
3 team case management and criminal presiding department.
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5 Department 11 will continue to have an all-civil assignment and be designated an
6 all-civil department. Department 11 is no longer designated a business court department.
7 Business court cases currently assigned to Department 11 will be randomly reassigned
8 equally between Departments 22 and 31 in each of the following categories: active cases
9 less than two years, active cases two years old or older, and closed cases. All remaining
10 non-business court cases will remain in Department 11. Two hundred fifty randomly
11 selected civil cases currently being heard in Department 19 will be reassigned to
12 Department 11.
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14 Department 12 will continue to have a criminal assignment, including homicide.
15 All lower court criminal appeals currently being heard by Department 19 will be
16 reassigned to Department 12.

17 Department 13 will retain all currently assigned cases and will continue to have
18 only a civil assignment, including business court. Department 13 will remain a
19 designated all-civil department.

20 Department 14 will retain all currently assigned cases and will continue to have an
21 all-civil assignment.

22 Department 15 will retain all currently assigned cases and will continue to have a
23 civil assignment and criminal assignment.
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25 Department 16 will retain all currently assigned cases and will continue to have an
26 all-civil assignment, including business court. Department 16 will remain a designated
27 all-civil department.
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1 Department 17 will have a civil and criminal assignment. All homicide cases
2 currently being heard by Department 17 will be reassigned to Department 6. All non-
3 homicide criminal cases currently being heard by Department 17 will be reassigned to
4 Department 19. The entire caseload currently assigned to Department 6 will be
5 reassigned to Department 17.
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7 Department 18 will continue to have a civil and criminal assignment. All criminal
8 cases currently being heard by Department 18 will be reassigned to Department 6. All
9 criminal cases in currently being heard in Department 9 are reassigned to Department 18.
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11 Department 19 will have a civil and criminal assignment. Two hundred fifty civil
12 cases currently being heard by Department 19 will be selected at random and reassigned
13 to Department 11. All criminal cases currently being heard in Department 17 will be
14 reassigned to Department 19. All lower court criminal appeals currently being heard by
15 Department 19 will be reassigned to Department 12. Department 19 will retain current
16 eviction appeal cases. Eviction appeals from the justice courts filed on or after the
17 effective dates of this order will be equally distributed on a random basis between
18 Department 19 and Department 21.

19 Department 20 will retain all currently assigned cases and will continue to have a
20 civil and criminal assignment.

21 Department 21 will retain all currently assigned cases and continue to have a civil
22 and criminal assignment. Beginning on the effective date of this order, eviction appeals
23 from the justice courts will be randomly assigned equally between Departments 19 and
24 21.
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26 Department 22 will continue to have a civil and construction defect assignment
27 and is designated a business court department. Business court cases in Department 11
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1 will be randomly reassigned equally between Department 22 and Department 31.
2 Department 22 will continue to hear construction defect cases as outlined in
3 Administrative Order 18-08.
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5 Department 23 will continue to have a civil and criminal assignment. All criminal
6 cases currently being heard by Department 23 will be reassigned to Department 9. All
7 criminal cases currently being heard in Department 1 will be reassigned to Department
8 23.

9 Department 24 will retain all currently assigned cases and have a civil and
10 criminal assignment. All post-conviction petitions for writs of habeas corpus involving
11 the calculation of credits earned under NRS 209.432 *et seq.* will continue to be assigned
12 to Department 24.
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14 Department 25 will retain all currently assigned cases and continue to have a civil
15 and criminal assignment.

16 Department 26 will retain all currently assigned cases and continue to have a civil
17 assignment. Department 26 will continue to be assigned 60 percent of all probate cases.
18 Department 26 will remain as a designated all-civil department.

19 Department 27 will retain all currently assigned cases and continue to have a civil
20 assignment, including business court. Department 27 will remain the civil presiding
21 department. Department 27 will remain as a designated all-civil department
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23 Department 28 will retain all currently assigned cases and continue to have a civil
24 and criminal assignment.

25 Department 29 will retain all currently assigned cases and have a civil assignment
26 Department 29 will be as a designated all-civil department.
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1 Department 30 will retain all currently assigned cases and continue to have a civil
2 and criminal assignment. Department 30 will continue to preside over the Adult Drug
3 Court Transitional Age Program (TAP) and OPEN Court as well as manage the civil
4 settlement conference program.
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6 Department 31 will continue to have a civil and construction defect assignment
7 and is designated a business court department. Business court cases in Department 11
8 will be randomly reassigned equally between Department 22 and Department 31. Three
9 hundred active randomly selected civil cases currently assigned to Department 31 will be
10 reassigned to Department 1. Department 31 will continue to hear construction defect
11 cases as outlined in Administrative Order 18-08. Department 31 will remain as a
12 designated all-civil department
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14 Department 32 will retain all currently assigned cases and have a civil and
15 criminal assignment. Department 32 will continue to preside over Competency Court.
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17 **Criminal Tracks**

18 Judges handling criminal case assignments will hear criminal matters on the
19 following schedule. With the exception of legal holidays, no criminal calendars may be
20 vacated or blocked for the setting of in custody matters. If the judge is unavailable, the
21 judge must make arrangements for coverage. Friday homicide calendars may be held
22 every other week at the discretion of the judge.
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	Monday - Wednesday	Tuesday - Thursday
24 Track 2 (Sciscento)	Ballou (Dept. 24 – 12C)	Wiese (Dept. 30 – 14A)
25 Track 3 (Letizia)	T. Jones (Dept. 10 – 14B)	Clark Newberry (Dept. 21 – 16C/5B)
26 Track 7 (Bennett- Haron)	Villani (Dept. 17 – 11A)	Eller (Dept. 19 – 3E/5A)
27 Track 8 (Zimmerman)	Delaney (Dept. 25 – 15B)	Craig (Dept. 32 – 16D/5D)
28 Track 10 (Vacant)	Israel (Dept. 28 – 15C)	Kierny (Dept. 2 – 16B/12B)
	Holthus (Dept. 18 – 3F)	E. Johnson (Dept. 20 – 12A)

Track 12 (Sullivan)	Lilly-Spells (Dept. 23 – 12D)	Hardy (Dept. 15 – 11D)
Track 14 (Chelini)	Trujillo (Dept. 3 – 11C)	Leavitt (Dept. 12 – 14D)
Outlying	Silva (Dept. 9 – 11B)	Bluth (Dept. 6– 10C)

Criminal In-Custody Calendars (COVID-19 Schedule)

	Video 1			Video 2			Video 3			Video 4	
	M/W	T/Th	F Hom.	M/W	T/Th	F Hom.	M/W	T/Th	F Comp	M/W	T/Th
8:30	T. Jones	Wiese	T. Jones	Trujillo	Craig		Ballou	Hardy	Craig	Villani	Johnson
9:30						Bluth					
11:00	Holthus	Leavitt	Leavitt	Silva	Kierny		Israel	Bluth		Spells	Eller
1:30	Delaney	Newberry	Silva								

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9:30	T. Jones	Wiese		Trujillo	Craig		Ballou	Hardy	Villani	Johnson
12:00	Holthus	Leavitt		Silva	Kierny		Israel	Bluth	Spells	Eller
2:30	Delaney	Newberry								

Lower Level Arraignment Schedule

All of the judges with a criminal assignment will rotate in lower level arraignment to assist with maintaining current time frames in-custody arraignments. Each judge will have one day every four weeks with the exception of legal holidays.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 – 11:00	In-custody arraignments	In-custody arraignments	In-custody arraignments	In-custody arraignments	In-custody arraignments
1:00				Specialty Court in-custody	

Lower Level Arraignment Rotation

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Clark Newberry	Holthus	Bell	Lilly-Spells	Hardy
	-	9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10
	10/4	10/5	10/6	10/7	10/8
	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5
	11/29	11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3

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	3/21	3/22	3/23	3/24	3/25
	4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22
	5/16	5/17	5/18	5/19	5/20
	6/20	6/21	6/22	6/23	6/24
Week 2	Eller	Silva	Leavitt	Israel	E. Johnson
	9/13	9/14	9/15	9/16	9/17
	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15
	11/8	11/9	11/10	-	11/12
	12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10
	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7
	1/31	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4
	2/28	3/1	3/2	3/3	3/4
	3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1
	4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29
	-	5/31	6/1	6/2	6/3
Week 3	Craig	T. Jones	Kierny	Trujillo	Villani
	9/20	9/21	9/22	9/23	9/24
	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22
	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19
	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17
	1/10	1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14
	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11

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2		4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8
3		5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5	5/6
4		6/6	6/7	6/8	6/9	6/10
5	Week 4	Wiese	Bluth	Bell	Ballou	Delaney
6		9/27	9/28	9/29	9/30	10/1
7		10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	-
8		11/22	11/23	11/24	-	-
9		12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23	-
10		-	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21
11		2/14	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18
12		3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18
13		4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15
14		5/9	5/10	5/11	5/12	5/13
15		6/13	6/14	6/15	6/16	6/17

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18 The EJDC Administration will publish the list of cases affected by the

19 aforementioned reassignments on the EJDC website and will further publish an updated

20 Criminal Case Flow Model. This Administrative Order shall supersede any prior

21 administrative orders regarding these assignments.

22 Dated this 3rd day of September, 2021

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Linda Marie Bell
District Court Judge