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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF
MODIFYING GUARDIANSHIP PROCEDURES
AND ASSIGNMENT OF MINOR'S
COMPROMISE PROCEEDINGS.

Administrative Order: 22-01

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 administrative order (1) revises procedures governing minor guardianship cases by creating separate cases for each proposed protected minor, (2) provides for parties in all guardianship matters to appear by alternative means, (3) and assigns minor's compromise matters to the civil departments.

Separate Case For Each Proposed Protected Minor

The Eighth Judicial District Court accepts the filing of a single minor guardianship petition for more than one proposed protected minor consistent with the provisions of NRS 159A.057. A single petition for a large sibling group can result in a complicated case with varying or competing privacy or best-interest-of-the-child concerns. The Eighth Judicial District Court has determined a benefit to tracking guardianship cases individually per proposed protected minor.

1 Therefore, in order to efficiently manage the administration of justice in minor
2 guardianship cases under NRS 159A, for all petitions filed on or after the effective date of this
3 order with more than one proposed protected minor:
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- 5 • The Eighth Judicial District Court will separate the proposed protected minors'
6 cases by assigning the same "core" numbers, but with differing "sub-numbers";
- 7 • The sub-numbers shall be assigned by age, with the higher age to correlate to the
8 highest sub-number, *e.g.*, the eldest proposed protected minor shall be assigned
9 the highest sub-number and the youngest proposed protected minor the lowest
10 sub-number;
 - 11 ○ For example, for a petition filed with three proposed protected minors, the
12 core numbers and sub-numbers might follow:
13 G-22-12345-M for the 4-year old proposed protected party
14 G-22-12345-M2 for the 6-year old proposed protected party
15 G-22-12345-M3 for the 8-year old proposed protected party
- 16 • The separated cases created from a single petition filing shall be assigned to the
17 same Department;
- 18 • The Eighth Judicial Court shall duplicate the initial pleadings within each case;
- 19 • The petitioner shall not be required to plead for separate cases, as the Eighth
20 Judicial District Court shall automatically separate the cases upon the filing of
21 the petition; and
- 22 • Following the petition, subsequent pleadings for each proposed protected minor
23 shall be filed and maintained in the respective case.
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1 **Appearances by BlueJeans in Guardianship Matters**

2 Guardianship proceedings pursuant to NRS 159 and NRS 159A involve vulnerable
3 populations with underlying medical conditions, limited mobility, and/or ineligibility to receive
4 vaccinations. The Eighth Judicial District Court seeks to ensure access to justice while
5 protecting the health and welfare of all proposed protected persons and all involved parties.
6 Therefore, the Court will hold all guardianship proceedings by telephone or videoconference via
7 BlueJeans, unless otherwise ordered by the guardianship judge.
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9 **Minor's Compromise Proceedings Reassigned to Civil Departments**

10 Eighth Judicial District Court Departments B and F have guardianship assignments
11 pursuant to Administrative Order 20-25. As a result of Administrative Order 19-07 as modified
12 by 20-25, Departments B and F also currently hear NRS 41.200 minor's compromise
13 proceedings. The Eighth Judicial Court has determined that in order to facilitate the quality and
14 efficiency of justice within its court, minor's compromise proceedings should be removed from
15 the departments assigned with guardianship. Therefore, all minor's compromise proceedings
16 filed on or after the effective date of this order shall be randomly assigned to all departments
17 with civil assignments. Those departments are currently Departments 1 through 5, 8, 11, 13
18 through 31, but any future department reassignments shall not affect the order that minor's
19 compromise proceedings will be randomly assigned to all departments with civil assignments.
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1 This Administrative Order shall supersede any prior administrative orders regarding these
2 assignments.

3 This order takes effect on January 6, 2022.

4 Dated this 6th day of January, 2022

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9 **Linda Marie Bell**
10 **District Court Judge**