

JUSTICE COURT, LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

BY 

1 IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

2 REGARDING DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #24-01

3 CASE ASSIGNMENTS

4 WHEREAS, JCRLV 6.5(b)(14) empowers the Chief Judge to “[r]eassign cases or  
5 categories of cases between departments as necessary”; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas Justice Court's case-assignment policies for Domestic-  
8 Violence cases need to be altered and publicized; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the Las Vegas Justice Court finds it advantageous to use the case  
11 assignment structure as set forth in Rule 2 of the Nevada Rules of Criminal Practice for District  
12 Courts as guidance; and  
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14 WHEREAS, N.R.Cr.P. 2(1) provides for cases to be randomly assigned unless “the  
15 action is brought against a defendant who is the subject of another pending or reopened action in  
16 the court, in which case the action shall be assigned to the department of the most recent other  
17 action” or “assigned as ordered by the chief judge consistent with a plan of court-wide case  
18 management”; therefore,  
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25 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all cases with at least one count of domestic violence  
26 as defined by NRS 33.018 shall be assigned, automatically, to the Court’s Domestic-Violence  
27 Departments (“DV Departments”) based on the DV Department assigned to the original tracking  
28 department for the applicable case.

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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if the defendant is charged with an offense that alleges a charge of domestic violence or any criminal conduct that falls within the purview of this order and said defendant has other active criminal cases in a Domestic Violence department, the new case may be assigned directly to the Domestic Violence department wherein a case against the defendant is already active.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if a case is initially assigned to one of the Criminal departments, and if the DA's Office subsequently adds one or more domestic-violence charges to the case such that the automatic-assignment provisions of this Administrative Order are implicated, the case will be automatically assigned to one of the DV Departments for further proceedings, based on the DV Department assigned to the original tracking department for the applicable case.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if a case involves an allegation of criminal conduct between intimate or former intimate partners, but no charge of domestic violence as defined by NRS 33.018 is alleged, the case will be automatically assigned to one of the DV Departments for further proceedings, based on the DV Department assigned to the original tracking department for the applicable case.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if a defendant is charged with **both** a charge which implicates assignment to one of the DV Departments **and** a charge which implicates assignment to the DUI/Vehicular-Crime Department, the case shall be automatically assigned to one of the

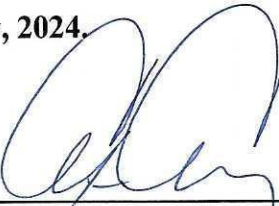
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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Administrative Order shall become effective immediately.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Administrative Order supersedes Administrative Order # 15-04 which is no longer in effect.

**Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.**



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**Cynthia Cruz,  
Chief Justice of the Peace**