IN THE DISTRICT COURTS OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

In response to the public health emergency, the following procedures for the District Courts of the Eighth Judicial District are implemented.

1. Telephonic hearings:
	1. All civil/criminal hearings that do not require evidence will be heard telephonically.
	2. All temporary hearings for domestic relations cases shall be heard telephonically. Local Rule 8-9 B. is temporarily modified to provide that the parties shall deliver their affidavits to the court electronically prior to the hearing and the rule shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.
	3. The moving party shall contact the court clerk/bailiff to schedule these hearings and shall be responsible for making the arrangements for the conference call.

1. Court hearings on the record:
	1. Attended court hearings are discouraged and should only be noticed for hearing in emergency situations.
	2. All civil/criminal hearings requiring evidence may be attended only by counsel, the parties and witnesses.
	3. Parties are allowed to appear if they are self-represented litigants.
	4. Counsel and the parties will remain in the hall/lobby area until their case is called. Counsel and the parties shall exit the courtroom immediately upon conclusion of their hearing and shall exit the courthouse if their business before the court for the day is concluded.
2. The use of a written waiver of arraignment and consent to progression of the case is encouraged.
3. No spectators shall be allowed in the courtroom. Only parties, counsel, and named witnesses may be present during court proceedings as provided above.
4. Expanded news media coverage will be allowed as per court rule. However, the court may limit the number of news media personnel for good cause.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2020.

 BY THE COURT:

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Mark Kozisek, Presiding Judge