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5 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
6 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

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8 IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF
9 ADULT GUARDIANSHIPS IN THE SECOND
10 JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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12 **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 08-05**

13 Whereas the Washoe District Court Rules contemplate that a Family Division
14 District Judge shall assume administrative responsibilities over specified case categories,
15 and

16 Whereas adult guardianship cases under NRS Chapter 159 do not fall within a
17 specified case category under WDCR 30, and

18 Whereas the Family Division District Judges have concluded that a specialized
19 adult guardianship docket over which one judge presides may provide enhanced judicial
20 services to guardianship participants, and

21 Whereas the probate case management system set forth in the Washoe District
22 Court Rules is an effective model to emulate, and

23 Good cause appearing,

24 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

25 1. The Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District Court shall designate a
26 Family Division District Judge to serve as the "Adult Guardianship Judge".

27 2. The designated "Adult Guardianship Judge" shall serve at the pleasure of
28 the Chief Judge and shall at a minimum be subject to replacement or continued

1 designation at the beginning of each new term of Chief Judge of the District Court and
2 further shall serve only so long as the Chief Judge of the District Court determines the best
3 interests of the Court will be promoted by the "Adult Guardianship Judge" Model being
4 continued.

5 3. The "Adult Guardianship Judge" shall, with the assistance of a guardianship
6 bench/bar committee whose membership selection will be in a method chosen and
7 implemented by the "Adult Guardianship Judge", develop a pilot program of protocols
8 and rules to effectuate an adult guardianship case management system for the Second
9 Judicial District Court.

10 4. Beginning June 1, 2008, the Clerk of Court shall assign all new adult
11 guardianship cases and all newly re-opened adult guardianship cases to the "Adult
12 Guardianship Judge". Unless further order is entered, all pending and closed
13 guardianship cases will be transferred to the "Adult Guardianship Judge" on January 5,
14 2009.

15 5. No sooner than 12 months and no later than 16 months from entry of this
16 Order, the "Adult Guardianship Judge" shall submit a written report and
17 recommendations to the Chief Judge. The report and recommendations shall include
18 proposed amendments to the Washoe County District Court Rules, if any such
19 amendments are recommended.

20 6. Based upon the recommendation of the Family Division District Judges, I
21 hereby designate the Honorable David Hardy to serve as the Adult Guardianship Judge
22 for the Second Judicial District Court.

23 7. This Administrative Order shall be in effect until December 31, 2009, or until
24 specifically modified or rescinded by subsequent Administrative Order.

25 Dated: April 29, 2008.

26 Connie J. Steinheimer
27 Chief Judge Connie Steinheimer
28 Second Judicial District Court