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

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:
FAMILY DIVISION PRO TEMPORE MASTERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-07

WHEREAS, Pro Tempore Part-Time Masters may perform specified duties within the Family Division and Juvenile Court upon specific appointment from the Presiding Judge of the Family Division;

WHEREAS, Pro Tempore Part-Time Masters serve or expect to serve once or only sporadically on a part-time basis under a separate appointment for each period of service or each case heard. See Application IV(A); Opinion: JE04-003 (citing Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct - Terminology);

WHEREAS, in Opinion: JE04-003 the Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics found that use of attorneys as masters on a sporadic basis, with an average of five and no more than twelve appointments per year, fit the definition of a Pro Tempore Part-Time Master within the meaning of Application IV(A);

WHEREAS, Pro Tempore Part-Time Masters are precluded from acting as a lawyer in a proceeding in which they have served as a master or in any other proceeding related thereto. See Opinion: JE04-003;

WHEREAS, Pro Tempore Part-Time Masters are not precluded from practicing law in the Court on which the masters serve;

1 WHEREAS, Pro Tempore Part-Time Masters are subject to the same educational
2 requirements as full-time masters set forth in ADKT 251, NRS 62B.020, and ADKT 168 (training
3 for masters handling domestic violence matters) as applicable;

4 WHEREAS, the Family Division requires a pool of attorneys who meet the qualification
5 and education requirements to serve as Pro Tempore Part-Time Masters from which to make the
6 sporadic specific appointments;

7 WHEREAS, the Family Division shall accept applications to be eligible for Pro Tempore
8 Part-Time Master appointment during the month of June in every even year beginning June 1, 2016,
9 and any other time deemed necessary by the Presiding Judge of the Family Division; and


10 WHEREAS, the current pool of attorneys eligible for specific appointment as Pro Tempore
11 Part-Time Masters is comprised of those attorneys appointed as Special Masters by Administrative
12 Order 2014-03;

13 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

- 14 1. Patricia Halstead, Esq., and Kathleen Noneman, Esq., are eligible for specific
15 appointment as Pro Tempore Part-Time Masters.
- 16 2. The above-named attorneys eligible for appointment as Pro Tempore Part-Time
17 Masters shall serve only upon specific appointment.
- 18 4. The Presiding Judge may develop internal protocols, organizational restructuring,
19 and court master assignments to implement this Order.
- 20 3. This Administrative Order specifically modifies Administrative Order 2014-03.
- 21 4. This Administrative Order shall remain in effect until modified by a subsequent
22 Administrative Order.

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

24 DATED this 24 day of September, 2015

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27 CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE
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