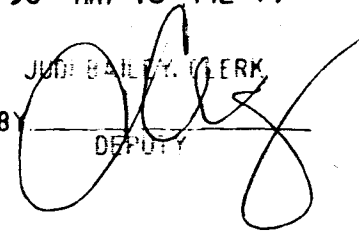


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Dept. No. J

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

In the Matter of the
Role of Court Appointed
Special Advocates in
Cases of Children
Pending Adoption.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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It appearing that there is a variance of opinion as to the role of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA's) in dependency cases in which parental rights have been relinquished or terminated and the subject child or children are pending adoption; and it further appearing that the purpose of assigning a CASA is to allow her/him to advocate for the best interests of the minor child or children; and it further appearing that the role of the CASA is therefore determined by the particular circumstances of each individual case in which a CASA is assigned, and good cause appearing,

It is hereby ordered that in dependency cases in which parental rights of both parents have been terminated or relinquished and the subject child or children are being placed for adoption, the role of the CASA shall be determined as

1 follows:

2 1. At the regularly scheduled periodic review or permanency
3 plan hearing held immediately after termination or relinquishment
4 of the parental rights of the last parent, the Juvenile Master or
5 District Judge presiding over such hearing shall make the
6 following determinations:

7 A. Whether the best interests of the subject child or
8 children require the continued presence of the CASA in the case;

9 B. If the CASA is to remain in the case, any limitation
10 on the activity of the CASA;

11 C. If the CASA is to remain in the case, any limitation
12 on access to information provided to the CASA by the Nevada State
13 Welfare Division or other individuals or agencies involved in the
14 case.

15 2. The Nevada State Welfare Division, the CASA, or any
16 other interested party may request a special hearing to make the
17 determinations set forth above if such hearing appears necessary
18 under the circumstances of the particular case.

19 3. In making the determinations set forth above, the
20 Juvenile Master or District Judge shall make every effort to
21 protect the privacy and confidentiality of prospective adoptive
22 parents to the extent possible in light of the overriding purpose
23 of the Juvenile Court, Nevada State Welfare Division, and CASA
24 to promote permanency and to protect and serve the best interests

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1 of the minor child or children who are the subject of the action.

2 IT IS SO ORDERED.

3 DATED this 10th day of May, 1990.

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Charles M. McJee
DISTRICT JUDGE

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