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3 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
4 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

EFFECTIVE
March 26, 2020

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6 IN RE:

7 (1) CLOSURE OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE
8 IN RENO, NEVADA, TO PUBLIC ACCESS;
9 and (2) SUSPENSION OF COURT
10 COURTESY COPY REQUIREMENTS
11 UNDER LR 9014(e)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-08

13 The President of the United States recently declared a national emergency in response
14 to the public health risk posed by exposure to Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"). The
15 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has classified COVID-19 as a pandemic and
16 advised the general public to take precautions necessary to reduce the possibility of exposure
17 to the virus in order to slow the spread of the disease. The Governor of the State of Nevada has
18 declared a public health emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19 throughout Nevada.
19 During a March 17, 2020 press conference, Governor Sisolak stated that Nevadans should stay
20 home to protect family and the public. On March 20, 2020, Governor Sisolak issued Declaration
21 of Emergency Directive 003, ordering all non-essential businesses to cease operations through
22 April 16, 2020. On March 24, 2020, the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit issued its Policy
23 Regarding Electronic Conduct of Court Proceedings During the COVID-19 Virus Outbreak,
24 stating that "[p]ursuant to its authority under 28 U.S.C. § 332(d)(1), the Judicial Council of the
25 Ninth Circuit determines that there has been an immediate and emergency need for the courts
26 within the Circuit to adopt General Orders and local rules immediately restricting public access

1 to courthouses and court services consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 2071(e) and the Judicial Council
2 confirms court authority to implement those General Orders and local rule changes.”

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4 The Court previously announced a series of operational changes in the Clerk’s Office that
5 became effective on Thursday, March 19, 2020.¹ The Court remains committed to continuing
6 its service to the public during the COVID-19 outbreak, while taking prudent action to protect
7 individuals involved in bankruptcy cases and Court employees from transmission of the COVID-
8 19 virus. To that end, and as a result of the circumstances summarized above:

9 **IT IS ORDERED** that, **effective April 1, 2020**, the Clerk’s Office located within the C.
10 **Clifton Young Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in Reno, Nevada, will be closed to**
11 **the public until further order of the Court.** As of the April 1, 2020 effective date of this Order,
12 no person-to-person assistance will be available at that location, and no drop box will be
13 available for hand delivery of documents for filing. This closure will not preclude parties from
14 filing documents with the Court electronically, by mail, or by courier.

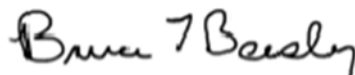
15 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, effective **April 1, 2020**, the requirement of delivering
16 courtesy copies to the Court under LR 9014(e) is **SUSPENDED**. This suspension will remain in
17 effect absent further Court order.

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19 Parties are strongly encouraged to closely monitor the Court’s website for further
20 developments regarding Court and Clerk operations during the COVID-19 pandemic at the
21 following link:

22 www.uscourts.nvb.gov/coronavirus

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27 ¹ That announcement is available for review on the Court’s website at the following link:
<https://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/news-rss/announcements/2020/0317-court-operations-coronavirus/>

1 **IT IS SO ORDERED** this 26 day of March, 2020.
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4 BRUCE T. BEESLEY, CHIEF JUDGE
5 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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