

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

In the Matter of the: Case No. PR23-00813
MURDOCH FAMILY TRUST Dept. No. PR

ORDER

On March 13, 2026, the probate commissioner filed an order to file directing Our Nevada Judges, Inc. ("ONJ") to file a motion to intervene within three business days. The order was grounded in a "procedural oversight" wherein ONJ filed an oppositional motion without formal intervention standing. On March 24, 2026, ONJ objected to the commissioner's order and requested judicial review.

ONJ directs this Court to the Nevada Rules for Sealing and Redacting Court Records wherein a non-party, i.e., "another person," may participate by motion practice in the process and grounds for unsealing court records.

This Court's review is governed by WDCR 57. This Court concludes as follows:

1. The three-day period for ONJ to file a motion to intervene was unreasonable given ONJ's status as a non-profit news organization not otherwise a party to the action.

2. There is structural tension between SRCR 4(2) and NRCP 24. This Court resolves the tension in favor of ONJ. NRCP 24 was promulgated as a general rule to govern all civil matters and has no specific applicability to the issues presented, whereas SRCR 4(2) was promulgated for the specific policy purposes underlying ONJ's

1 involvement. See e.g., Gaines v. State, 116 Nev. 359, 365, 998 P.2d 166, 170 (2000)
2 (noting within the statutory context, "It is also well recognized that specific statutes take
3 precedence over general statutes"). Further, ONJ has participated in some manner in
4 this dispute for several years and the policy favoring a news organization's right to
5 advocate for public access to judicial records inures to ONJ's interests.

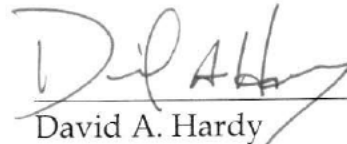
6 3. This Court reverses the probate commissioner's order that it will not
7 consider ONJ's substantive moving papers until ONJ successfully seeks intervention
8 status pursuant to NRCP 24.

9 4. The probate commissioner's recommendation for order, dated March 30,
10 2026, to strike ONJ's opposition is not adopted as an order of this Court.

11 5. The probate commissioner shall consider ONJ's substantive papers and
12 allow ONJ's participation at the June 22, 2026, hearing with standing as "another
13 person" as contemplated by SRCR 4(2).

14 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

15 Dated: May 13, 2026.

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19 District Court Judge
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