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IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR CARSON CITY

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STEVE EGGLESTON,

Petitioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA,

Respondent.

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ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR JUDGE OR SENIOR JUSTICE AS MASTER

During November 2020 Steve Eggleston filed a petition for judicial review of an NRS 432B.317 appeal hearing decision. In February of 2021 this Court entered an order sealing the 432B records in the administrative record that is the subject of this judicial review.

Eggleston and Alex Falconi of Our Nevada Judges filed motions to unseal the administrative record which Clark County opposed. The Court ordered Clark County to appear on October 26, 2022 and show cause why the motions should not be granted.

At the October 26, 2022 hearing the Court informed the parties it could thoroughly review the administrative record to determine which, if any, documents should be unsealed, but because of the Court's congested calendar and the upcoming

holidays, the review would likely not be completed until after the first of the year. The Court suggested and the parties agreed to the Court requesting the Administrative Office of the Courts appoint a senior judge or senior justice as a master under NRCP 53 to review the parties' points and authorities regarding unsealing the administrative hearing record that is the subject of this judicial review, to review the administrative record, and to make a written recommendation regarding which, if any, of the documents or parts of documents that are currently sealed, are not confidential and the Court should order be unsealed. This Court will make decisions about whether documents filed hereafter will be sealed or not.

It is not anticipated that the master would need to hold any hearings because the question is which, if any, documents in the administrative record should be unsealed.

The senior judge or senior justice's time will not cause any expense to the parties and will hopefully avoid delay in resolving the motions to unseal.

The parties will review the report and recommendations of the master, so the master will need to write the report and recommendations with that in mind so that the contents of documents or portions of documents that should remain sealed are not disclosed.

It is not anticipated that the master will need to communicate with this Court or the parties on an ex parte basis. If the master feels there is such a need this Court expects the master would provide a written statement as to why he or she believes ex parte communication is necessary, who the master believes the ex parte communication should be with, and a general statement as to the topic(s) that would be discussed. This Court will send a copy of the statement to both parties and Falconi and give each an opportunity to respond to the master's statement.

The administrative record contains 613 pages. It is this Court's hope that a thorough review of the law and the record would be completed within 45 days.

THE COURT ORDERS:

The Judicial Clerk prepare a Request for Assignment of a Senior Judge to the District Court to appoint a senior judge or senior justice as a master under NRCP 53 to review the parties' points and authorities regarding unsealing the administrative hearing record that is the subject of this judicial review, to review the administrative record—613 pages—and to make a written recommendation regarding which, if any, of the documents or parts of documents that are currently sealed, are not confidential and the Court should order be unsealed.

November 3, 2022.

James Wilson
District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of the First Judicial District Court of Nevada; that on the _____ day of November 2022, I served a copy of this document by placing a true copy in an envelope addressed to:

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