

To: Pro Bono CAP Volunteers
From: Janice Wolf, Directing Attorney, Children's Attorneys Project
Re: Calendar Changes & Objection Procedures
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MEMORANDUM

Under Presiding Judge Hoskin, there will be some procedural changes at juvenile court. Initially the changes may take some getting used to, but hopefully they will make things better and easier in the long run.

The first change has to do with the court calendars. Under the existing system, most of your cases bounce between a hearing master and a judge. For example, if your case is set before Judge Teuton, chances are that some of your hearings may be in front of Hearing Master Kurtz (now replaced by Hearing Master Norheim). Similarly, if your hearings have been in front of Judge Giuliani, chances are you also had hearings before Hearing Master Gibson.

As of the week of December 21, 2015, judges and hearing masters will no longer work as a team. Judge Hoskin has redesigned the juvenile calendars so that each of the three judges and each of the three hearing masters will have their own caseloads and will see the case from intake to termination of wardship. They will each handle their own motions and trials.

*** See the attached the new calendars, showing which judicial officer will be handling what and note the following:

- For those of you who had "West" cases in front of Judge Sullivan, your hearings will move upstairs to Judge Teuton in courtroom 11. In addition to West cases, Judge Teuton will continue to handle all of the sex abuse cases.
- All of the Central cases handled by the Teuton /Norheim team will be handled exclusively by Hearing Master Norheim in courtroom 14. Not much change there.
- Judge Giuliani in courtroom 22 will handle all South cases
- Hearing Master Gibson in courtroom 20 will handle all North cases
- Hearing Master Roys in courtroom 23 (she replaced HM Femiano) will handled all East cases.
- Finally, Judge Sullivan, in courtroom 21, will take over all of the 4 and under cases, as well as mental health and drug court.

The clerks are already calendaring hearings scheduled for after the 21st in front of the new judge or hearing master. If you are unsure of where to go, you may call the Clerk's Office at (702) 455-2591.

It may be confusing in the beginning figuring out where your case will land, but ultimately it should end the confusion of having to bounce between judges and hearing masters.

The second big change is how objections will be handled. Judge Hoskin's procedures are self-explanatory. See attached "Objection Procedures for Dependency Hearing Masters".

Please contact me or your mentor should you have any questions regarding these changes.

Judicial Officer: **Judge Teuton**

Assigned Units: West/Sex Abuse A&B

Week	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		WEST		SEX ABUSE A&B		
	8:30				Adoptions (4)	
	9:00	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)
	9:45	Pleas (5)	Wk 1: AH/TPR Trial (2-3) Wk 2: Calendar Calls (unlimited) Wk 3: J Objections	Pleas (5)	Wk 1: AH/TPR Trial (2-3) Wk 2: Calendar Calls (unlimited) Wk 3: J Objections	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)
	10:30	Disposition (5)		Reviews/Permanency (8)		
	11:15	Motion; Status Check; Initials; Guardianships (5)		Reviews/Permanency (8)	Motion; Status Check; Initials; Guardianships (5)	
	LUNCH					
	1:30	Reviews/Permanency (6)	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)	Disposition (5)	Out-of-Court	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)
	2:30	Reviews/Permanency (6)		Motion; Status Check; Initials; Guardianships (5)	Out-of-Court	
	3:30	Reviews/Permanency (3)			Out-of-Court	

Judicial Officer: **Judge Sullivan**

Assigned Units: 4 & under A&B/Mental Health/Drug Court

Week	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9:00	PPH (3)	PPH (3)	PPH (3)	PPH (3)	PPH (3)
	9:30	AH/TPR Trial (3)	Adoptions (4)	Pleas (5)	AH/TPR Trial (3)	AH/TPR Trial (3)
	10:00			Disposition; Status Check (4)		
	10:30		Initials; Guardianships; Objections (every 3 weeks)			
	11:00			Disposition; Status Check (4)		
	LUNCH					
	1:00				Mental Health/PLR (10)	
	1:30	Out-of-court	Drug Court (50)	Motions (8)		(Adoption Assessment (50) every 8 weeks)
	2:00	Out-of-court		Reviews/Permanency (2)		
	2:30	Out-of-court		Reviews/Permanency (2)		
	3:00	Out-of-court		Reviews/Permanency (2)		
	3:30			Reviews/Permanency (2)		

Judicial Officer: **Judge Giuliani**

Assigned Units: South

Week	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9:00	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)
	9:30	Motion; Status Check; Guardianships; Objections (every 3 weeks) (5)			Adoptions (5)	
	10:00		Pleas (5)	Pleas (5)		AH/TPR Trial (3)
	10:30	AH/TPR Trial (3)			Motion; Status Check; Guardianships; Objections (every 3 weeks) (5)	
	11:00		Disposition (5)	Disposition (5)		
	LUNCH					
	1:30	Out-of-Court	Reviews/Permanency (5)	Initials (8)	AH/TPR Trial (3)	AH/TPR Trial (3)
	2:00	Out-of-Court	Reviews/Permanency (3)	Reviews/Permanency (3)		
	2:30	Out-of-Court	Reviews/Permanency (3)	Reviews/Permanency (3)		
	3:00		Reviews/Permanency (3)	Reviews/Permanency (3)		

Judicial Officer: **Master Gibson**

Assigned Units: North

Week	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8:30		Adoptions (4)			
	9:00	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)
	10:00	Pleas (5)	Initials; Guardianships (8)	Pleas (5)	Motion; Status Check; Guardianships (5)	Trial (2-3)
	11:00	Disposition (5)	Initials; Guardianships (7)	Disposition (5)	Motion; Status Check; Guardianships (5)	
	LUNCH					
	1:30	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)	Reviews/Permanency (6)	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)	Out-of-Court	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)
	2:30		Reviews/Permanency (6)		Out-of-Court	
	3:30		Reviews/Permanency (6)		Out-of-Court	

Judicial Officer: **Master Norheim**

Assigned Units: Central

Week	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8:30		Adoptions (4)			
	9:00	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)
	10:00	Pleas (5)	Motion; Status Check; Guardianships (5)	Pleas (5)	Initials; Guardianships (8)	Trial (2-3)
	11:00	Disposition (5)	Motion; Status Check; Guardianships (5)	Disposition (5)	Initials; Guardianships (7)	
	LUNCH					
	1:30	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)	Reviews/Permanency (6)	Out-of-Court	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)
	2:30		Reviews/Permanency (6)	Out-of-Court		
	3:30		Reviews/Permanency (6)	Out-of-Court		

Judicial Officer: **Master Roys**

Assigned Units: East

Week	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8:30		Adoptions (4)			
	9:00	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)	PPH (10)
	10:00	Pleas (5)	Initials; Guardianships (8)	Pleas (5)	Motion; Status Check; Guardianships (5)	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)
	11:00	Disposition (5)	Initials; Guardianships (7)	Disposition (5)	Motion; Status Check; Guardianships (5)	
	LUNCH					
	1:30	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)	Out-of-Court	Reviews/Permanency (6)	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)	AH/TPR Trial (2-3)
	2:30		Out-of-Court	Reviews/Permanency (6)		
	3:30		Out-of-Court	Reviews/Permanency (6)		

Objection Procedures for Dependency Hearing Masters

The following procedures are intended to assist all litigants appearing before the Eighth Judicial District Court in understanding the procedures for objecting to Hearing Master's decisions in the Dependency case type. These procedures are intended to supplement, but not supersede, the procedures and objection period found within EDCR 1.46 while insuring timely redress by the District Court of decisions made by Hearing Masters serving in that case type. These procedures will continue to insure that the parties maintain the opportunity for a District Court Judge to render the dispositional decision in any matter. *In re A.B.*, 128 Nev. Adv. Op. 70, 291 P.3d 122, 127 (2012).

Waiver of Objection/Immediate Orders

Following any decision by a Hearing Master, all parties present will be given the opportunity to either waive, or not waive, their right to object to the Master's decision. If all parties waive their right to object, the Master's Recommendation shall immediately be treated and finalized as an order from the District Court. If any party chooses not to waive their right to object, the Recommendation shall be noticed to all parties and an Objection may be taken during the objection period. If the objection period lapses without Objection, the Recommendation shall then be entered as an order of the District Court.

Termination of Parental Rights

All Objections in Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) matters within the Dependency arena will be heard by the Presiding Judge. Any objection taken from a TPR decision, after notice, will be set on Department E's calendar for Tuesday at 10:30 within two (2) weeks of the objection being taken. If the objection period lapses without Objection, the Recommendation shall then be entered as an order of the District Court.

Abuse and Neglect

The District Judges assigned to Dependency shall rotate, on a weekly basis, the assignment hearing the Objections resulting from Abuse and Neglect cases. The week a specific District Judge is hearing Objections is referred to as their "on-duty" week.

Placement (Emergency) Objections

Any Objections from a Hearing Master's decision concerning the placement of a child or other emergency situation shall, if all parties agree, and the on-duty Judge is available may be heard the same day as the Hearing Master's decision. If the parties do not agree to a same day Objection Hearing on a placement decision, upon the timely filing of an Objection, a hearing before the on-duty District Judge shall be set within two (2) judicial days from the notice of Objection.

Should all parties agree to have an Objection heard the same day, the issue shall be discussed directly following the Hearing Master's decision and the objecting party shall immediately contact the on-duty department to determine the availability of the on-duty

District Judge to hear the Objection on the same day. If the same is available, the objecting party shall verbally notify all parties of the scheduled time for the Objection and proceed to argue the Objection to the on-duty District Judge at the scheduled time.

All Other Abuse and Neglect Objections

All other Abuse and Neglect Objections shall be properly noticed during the objection period and set, during the week which is two (2) weeks from the filing of that Objection. The Objection shall be set before the District Judge on-duty for the week corresponding with the scheduling of that objection.