

1 JUSTICE COURT, LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP
2 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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4 IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER
5 REGARDING DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE
6 CASE ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 15-04
(As amended on April 21, 2015)

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8 WHEREAS, JCRLV 6.5(b)(13) empowers the Chief Judge to "[r]eassign cases or
9 categories of cases from a department to another department as convenience or necessity
10 requires"; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Chief Judge has determined that the Las Vegas Justice Court's case-
13 assignment policies for Domestic-Violence cases should be clarified and publicized; therefore,

14 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that cases shall be assigned automatically to the
15 Domestic-Violence Department ("DV Department")¹ of the Las Vegas Justice Court based upon
16 the following charges in the Court's case-assignment matrix:

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18 (1) All second-offense and third-or-subsequent offenses of "Battery Which Constitutes
19 Domestic Violence"²

20 (2) All other cases (misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, and felony) involving allegations
21 of domestic violence, if the underlying domestic relationship involves at least one of the
22 following:

- 23 (a) A current dating relationship (regardless of gender);
24 (b) A prior dating relationship (regardless of gender);
25 (c) A current marriage;
26 (d) A former marriage; or
27 (e) Children in common.³

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1 The judge who is currently assigned a DV caseload is Judge Melanie Andress-Tobiasson. However, the
2 case-assignment procedures established by this Administrative Order will remain in effect even if a
3 different judge is eventually assigned to the DV department.

2 See NRS 33.018 (defining acts which constitute "domestic violence"); NRS 200.485 (setting forth penalties
3 for battery which constitutes "domestic violence").

3 If a case involves an allegation of domestic violence, and the case does not implicate one of the
4 aforementioned relationships, the case will maintain its random track assignment.

1 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, notwithstanding the above guidelines, the judge of
2 the DV Department shall have the discretion to transfer a case back to the department of origin if
3 the underlying charges in the particular case are sufficiently serious to warrant such action.
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5 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a case will be retracked from the DV Department
6 to the department of origin if the following occurs:
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- 8 (1) A complaint with multiple counts is filed and assigned to the DV Department
9 pursuant to the case-assignment matrix referenced in this Administrative Order;
- 10 (2) The charge(s) implicating the case-assignment matrix are dismissed, denied
11 prosecution, or otherwise resolved; and
- 12 (3) Other criminal charges from the underlying case remain pending for prosecution
13 against the defendant.

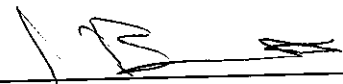
14 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if a case is initially assigned to one of the Criminal
15 departments, and if the DA's Office subsequently adds one or more charges to the case such that
16 the case-assignment matrix referenced in this Administrative Order is implicated, the case will be
17 automatically assigned to the DV Department for further proceedings.
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if a defendant is charged with **both** a charge which implicates assignment to the DV Department **and** a charge which implicates assignment to one of the DUI/Vehicular-Crime Departments, the case shall be automatically assigned to the DV Department.⁴

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Administrative Order shall become effective immediately.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2015.



**Joe Bonaventure,
Chief Justice of the Peace**

⁴ The two judges who are currently assigned a DUI/Vehicular-Crime caseload are Judge Karen Bennett-Haron and Judge Suzan Baucum. However, the case-assignment procedures established by this Administrative Order will remain in effect even if different judges are eventually assigned to the DUI/Vehicular-Crime Departments.