



1 **BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE**

2 **STATE OF NEVADA**

3 In the Matter of )  
 4 THE HONORABLE MICHELE FIORE, )  
 Justice of the Peace, Pahrump Township )  
 5 Justice Court, Nye County, State of Nevada, ) CASE NO. 2025-108-P  
 6 Respondent. )  
 7 )

8 **PREHEARING ORDER**

9 TO: THE HONORABLE MICHELE FIORE, Respondent  
 10 PAOLA M. ARMENI, ESQ., Counsel for Respondent  
 THOMAS J. DONALDSON, ESQ., Special Counsel

11 The purpose of the hearing will be to determine whether, pursuant to NRS 1.4673, there is clear  
 12 and convincing evidence to show that Respondent violated the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial  
 13 Conduct, as is alleged in the Formal Statement of Charges filed by Special Counsel Thomas J.  
 14 Donaldson, Esq. on or about April 24, 2026, and whether discipline is appropriate.

15 Within ten (10) days after service of this Prehearing Order, the Parties shall exchange certain  
 16 material and information as set forth in the Procedural Rules of the Nevada Commission on Judicial  
 17 Discipline (“PRJDC”) 19.

18 A hearing in this case will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada, on such date(s) to be set by the  
 19 Commission pursuant to PRJDC 18.

20 Not less than thirty (30) days before the hearing, the Parties may submit a written request for the  
 21 Commission to issue subpoenas for the production of documents or to compel attendance or testimony  
 22 of the witnesses, if any, pursuant to NRS 1.466 and PRJDC 20.

23 All pleadings, including accompanying legal memoranda, submitted in support of any motion  
 24 shall be limited to: fifteen (15) pages in length for the opening motion; fifteen (15) pages for the  
 25 opposition; and seven (7) pages for the reply. These limitations are exclusive of exhibits.

26 Not less than twenty-one (21) days before the hearing, the Parties are directed to confer in order  
 27 to reach any possible stipulations narrowing the issues of law and fact, and exchange documents that  
 28 will be offered into evidence at the hearing, and/or stipulate to any or all exhibits to be introduced at the

1 hearing.

2 Not less than fifteen (15) days before the hearing, the Parties shall file all pre-trial motions,  
3 including motions in limine to exclude or admit evidence.<sup>1</sup> No reply shall be permitted if such motions  
4 are filed within twenty-one (21) days before the hearing.

5 Not less than fourteen (14) days before the hearing, the Parties shall prepare and serve  
6 contemporaneously by email written prehearing briefs upon the Commission and the opposing Party.

7 The prehearing briefs shall include:

- 8 a. A brief statement of relevant facts, including any admitted or undisputed facts,  
9 not to exceed one (1) page.
- 10 b. A concise statement, not to exceed two (2) pages, of the Party's allegations or  
11 defenses and the facts supporting the same. Such allegations, defenses and facts  
12 shall be organized by listing each essential element of the allegation or defense  
13 and stating the facts in support of each such element as they relate to the Formal  
14 Statement of Charges.
- 15 c. A statement of any issues of law, not to exceed two (2) pages, supported by  
16 authorities with a brief summary of the relevant rule and without additional  
17 argument. The Parties should emphasize any Commission opinions deemed  
18 relevant and applicable.
- 19 d. The names of each witness, except impeaching witnesses, the Party expects to  
20 call; a clear statement of the expected testimony of each witness and its  
21 relevance; and an estimate of the time the Party will require for the testimony of  
22 each witness. To the extent possible, provide an estimate of time for cross-  
23 examination of the opposing Party's witnesses.
- 24 e. A list of the exhibits expected to be identified and introduced at the hearing for  
25 the purpose of developing the evidentiary record and a concise statement of the  
26 relevancy to the allegations, defenses and facts as stated in the statement  
27 required under paragraph (b) above for each exhibit.
- 28 f. A concise statement of any stipulations regarding the admissibility of an exhibit  
or expected testimony of any witness offered by the opposing Party.
- g. A brief summary of any pre-hearing procedural or substantive motions, not to  
exceed one (1) paragraph. Except for any procedural or substantive motions that  
arise during the hearing, all pre-hearing procedural and substantive motions  
must be submitted in accordance with this Prehearing Order.
- h. Any other appropriate comments, suggestions or information which may assist  
the Commission in the disposition of the case, not to exceed one (1) page.

---

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to PRJDC 38, service of all papers shall be by electronic means ("email"). Furthermore, PRJDC 37 states that time limitations shall be computed pursuant to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure and the Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure.

1 Not less than fourteen (14) days before the hearing, the Parties shall electronically submit to the  
2 Commission their exhibit book(s), consisting of the exhibits, if any, expected to be identified and  
3 introduced as evidence at the hearing. The exhibit book(s) must include an index of the exhibits and be  
4 Bates numbered. Additionally, five (5) bound hardcopies of the exhibit books must be submitted to the  
5 Commission on Judicial Discipline. Each Party is responsible for providing the court reporter with an  
6 unbound set of Bates numbered exhibits. The Parties shall exchange exhibit books in both electronic  
7 and hardcopy format, unless otherwise agreed upon.

8 a) The Special Counsel's exhibit book(s) must be tabbed and identified by numbers.

9 b) The Respondent's exhibit book(s) must be tabbed and identified by letters.

10 Within five (5) days of service of the prehearing brief, the Parties shall submit a concise  
11 statement of any objections to the admissibility of any exhibit identified by the other Party and, to the  
12 extent possible, the expected testimony of any witnesses. Such statement shall not exceed two (2)  
13 pages. If no objection is stated as to any exhibit or expected testimony, the Commission will presume  
14 that there is no objection to the admission of the listed exhibit or expected testimony into evidence.


15 The Parties shall electronically file and serve all documents not later than 5:00 p.m. on the  
16 respective dates outlined herein to the Office of the Commission on Judicial Discipline at  
17 [ncjdinfo@judicial.nv.gov](mailto:ncjdinfo@judicial.nv.gov), and upon the opposing Party.

18 The Honorable Kendra Bertschy is authorized to sign this order on behalf of the full  
19 Commission.

20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

21 DATED this 12th day of May, 2026.

22 STATE OF NEVADA  
23 COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

24   
25 \_\_\_\_\_  
26 Honorable Kendra Bertschy, Commissioner  
27 Presiding Officer  
28

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, I transmitted a copy of the foregoing PREHEARING ORDER, via email and by placing said document in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

Paola M. Armeni, Esq.  
Clark Hill PLLC  
1700 South Pavilion Center Drive, Suite 500  
Las Vegas, NV 89135  
[parmeni@clarkhill.com](mailto:parmeni@clarkhill.com)

Thomas J. Donaldson, Esq.  
Messing Adam Jasmine & Shore, LLP  
1817 N. Stewart Street, Ste. 35  
Carson City, NV 89706  
[tom@majlabor.com](mailto:tom@majlabor.com)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie Carter, Commission Clerk

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28