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Incline Village – Crystal Bay Justice Court

Announces Expansion of its Virtual Court Calendars

Court has expanded its Virtual Traffic Court to essentially all proceedings allowing Parties and Counsel to appear in Court for all matters using their computer, tablet or phone allowing them to conduct Court business during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

Incline Village, Nevada, March 31, 2020 — The Incline Village-Crystal Bay Township Justice Court announces the expansion of its Virtual Traffic Court Program to all matters and hearings before the Court (except for Jury Trials).

In September 2019, the Court initiated the Virtual Traffic Court Program to allow Defendants to appear in Court for traffic citation arraignments as a way to improve access to the Court. The Court had planned to roll this program out beyond this arraignment calendar, but as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Court was compelled to close the facilities to the public and fast-tracked impletion of this program’s expansion.

Effective the week of March 23, 2020, the Court began handling all its calendared proceedings virtually.

“Instead of the court pushing back all of our matters indefinitely, we are doing our best to operate under our standard calendars. We’re very pleased with the preliminary feedback we’ve

received and most of the parties and their attorneys seemed pleased that we are open and functioning and that they are able to get work done,” said Presiding Judge E. Alan Tiras. Tiras added: “I particularly want to thank the Washoe County District Attorney’s office for their cooperation and assistance during this time.”

“Even if we are compelled to shut down the Courthouse to the Court’s staff, we should still be able to maintain our calendars using the procedures and technology that we’ve adopted during this time. We are all prepared to work from home, if the need requires,” Tiras said.

The Court has been using Zoom for its virtual hearings and proceedings and has added information to its website (www.ivcbcourt.com) describing the process for appearances. Tiras encourages parties to review the instructions ahead of the appearance date to make sure that they are able to fully participate at the hearing.

For more information on the Virtual Court Calendar Program, go to the Court’s website at www.ivcbcourt.com and click on the links on the homepage.

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The Incline Village-Crystal Bay Township Justice Court serves the Lake Tahoe region of Washoe County. Judge Tiras was elected as the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Justice of the Peace in 2006 and was recently re-elected to his third term in office in 2018. The 2013 President of the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction, Judge Tiras was honored to be named “Judge of the Year” for 2013 by that organization.

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For more information on the Virtual Court Calendar Program:

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