

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARENTAL  
RIGHTS AS TO B. B.

No. 45186

THE STATE OF NEVADA DIVISION  
OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
RESOURCES,

Petitioner,

vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
CLARK, AND THE HONORABLE  
GERALD W. HARDCASTLE, DISTRICT  
JUDGE, FAMILY COURT DIVISION,

Respondents,

and

TAMARA B., A/K/A TAMARA S.,  
Real Party in  
Interest.

**FILED**

MAY 06 2005

JANETTE M. BLOOM  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *J. Richards*  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER DENYING PETITION


This petition seeks issuance of a writ of prohibition, or in the alternative, mandamus “to prevent the District Court from manifestly abusing its discretion regarding the witness testimony at the termination of parental rights evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin on May 6, 2005.” Specifically, petitioner challenges the district court’s ruling that (1) the mother of the minor witness may be present when the minor testifies by “alternative methods” pursuant to the Uniform Child Witness Testimony by Alternative Methods Act;<sup>1</sup> and, (2) conditionally excluding the

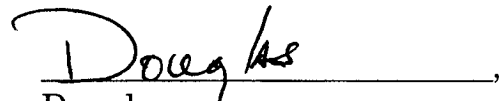
<sup>1</sup> See NRS 50.000 through 50.620.

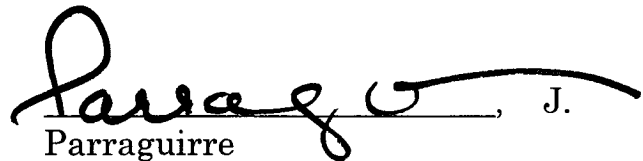
testimony of another witness. Petitioner also requests that this court stay the May 6, 2005, hearing pending our resolution of the petition, and seeks leave to file a transcript of the proceedings held on May 4, 2005, as a supplement to the petition.

We have reviewed the petition and we are not persuaded that this court's intervention by way of extraordinary writ is warranted at this time. Accordingly, no good cause appearing, we deny the petition. Petitioner's request for a stay of the May 6, 2005, hearing and for leave to file a transcript are denied as moot.

It is so ORDERED.

 J.  
Maupin

 J.  
Douglas

 J.  
Parraguirre

cc: Hon. Gerald W. Hardcastle, District Judge, Family Court Division  
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