

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

JAIME I. SANDOVAL,
Appellant,
vs.
SUSAN G. SANDOVAL,
Respondent.

No. 47432

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This is a proper person appeal from a district court order awarding child support. Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Court Division, Clark County; N. Anthony Del Vecchio, Judge.

Our preliminary review of the documents before this court reveals a jurisdiction defect. Specifically, the district court has not entered a final, appealable order resolving all of the issues. An appeal may be taken from a final written judgment in an action or proceeding commenced in the court in which the judgment is rendered.¹ A final judgment is one that disposes of the issues presented in the case and leaves nothing for the future consideration of the court except for attorney fees and costs.² Here, the district court has not resolved the child custody issues.

The parties have two minor children. Respondent has resided with the children in Las Vegas, Nevada since August 2003. Appellant lives in Illinois. On June 28, 2005, respondent filed a complaint for child

¹NRAP 3A(b)(1).

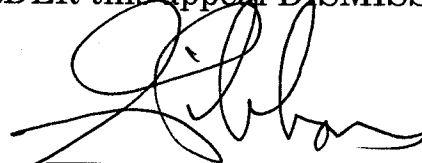
²See Lee v. GNLV Corp., 116 Nev. 424, 996 P.2d 416 (2000).

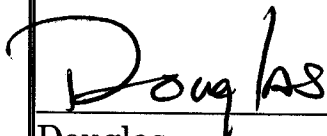
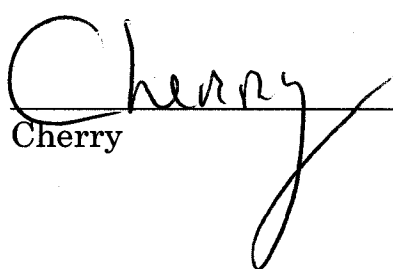
custody, visitation, and support, in the Nevada district court. Appellant opposed respondent's complaint, in part, on the ground that Nevada lacked personal jurisdiction over him. In addition, appellant asked the district court to dismiss the complaint, as a complaint for divorce has been filed in Illinois.

In the interim, a temporary order was entered by the Nevada district court concerning child custody and the return of the oldest child from Illinois to Nevada.

Thereafter, the appellate record shows that a telephonic conference was held between the Nevada and Illinois courts to determine which court has jurisdiction over the child custody issues. The courts agreed that Nevada has jurisdiction. Subsequently, the Nevada district court entered an order directing appellant to pay child support. Appellant has filed a proper person appeal from the child support order. Because the district court has not resolved the child custody issues, however, its child support order is not a final, appealable order, and thus, we lack jurisdiction to consider this appeal. Accordingly, we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.³


_____, J.
Gibbons


_____, J. 
Douglas Cherry, J.

³In light of this order, we deny as moot, appellant's June 15, 2006 motion for stay.

cc: Hon. N. Anthony Del Vecchio, District Judge, Family Court Division
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