## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ALEXANDER CURREN, TRUSTEE OF THE ALCAR FAMILY TRUST DATED MARCH 2, 1999, Appellant, vs. DALE JOHNSON AND LUCY LYNNE JOHNSON, Respondents. No. 49376

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## ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This is an appeal from a district court judgment in a real estate contract dispute. Fifth Judicial District Court, Nye County, Robert W. Lane, Judge.

This case concerns a real estate sale contract. Appellant Alexander Curren, as the trustee for the Alcar Family Trust, signed the sale contract on behalf of the trust. After the parties disputed the contract and the district court entered a final judgment in respondents' favor, appellant Curren, as the trustee for the Alcar Family Trust, filed this appeal.

In <u>Salman v. Newell</u>,<sup>1</sup> this court held that "no rule or statute permits a [non-lawyer] to represent any other person, a company, a trust, or any other entity" in either the district court or this court. Additionally, in <u>Salman</u>, we also held that an entity such as a trust may not proceed in

<sup>1</sup>110 Nev. 1333, 1336, 885 P.2d 607, 608 (1994).

SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA proper person before this court.<sup>2</sup> We have also held that a notice of appeal which is the product of the unauthorized practice of law is ineffective to confer jurisdiction on this court.<sup>3</sup>

Here, Curren, a non-lawyer and trustee of the Alcar Family Trust, has filed a notice of appeal on behalf of the Alcar Family Trust. As Curren cannot represent the Alcar Family Trust in this court, his notice of appeal is the product of the unauthorized practice of law, and thus it fails to confer jurisdiction on this court.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, as we lack jurisdiction, we dismiss this appeal.

It is so ORDERED.

J. Gibbons

J. Cherry J.

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Hon. Robert W. Lane, District Judge. cc: Alexander Curren Thomas M. Burns Nye District Court Clerk

<sup>2</sup>See Salman, 110 Nev. 1333, 885 P.2d 607; Guerin v. Guerin, 116 Nev. 210, 993 P.2d 1256 (2000).

<sup>3</sup>Guerin, 116 Nev. 210, 993 P.2d 1256.

<sup>4</sup>Id.

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