IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

HOLDER GROUP RED GARTER, A
NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY,

Petitioner,

VS.

THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE, AND THE HONORABLE STEVEN R. KOSACH, DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondents,

and

TRIBUNE CAPITAL, LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND PETER ARNOLD,

Real Parties in Interest.

No. 49873

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ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

This original petition for a writ of mandamus challenges a district court order denying a motion for partial summary judgment and to expunge a notice of lis pendens.

Real party in interest Tribune Capital, LLC, entered into an "Agreement of Purchase and Sale" to purchase the Red Garter Hotel & Casino from petitioner Holder Group Red Garter, LLC. When the parties failed to consummate the transaction, because escrow did not timely close, Holder Group instituted an action against Tribune and real party in interest Peter Arnold, Tribune's manager (collectively "Tribune"). Tribune answered the complaint and asserted counterclaims against Holder Group, including claims for breach of contract and breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Additionally, Tribune sought

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equitable relief in the form of specific performance¹ and recorded a notice of lis pendens on the Red Garter Hotel & Casino property.

Thereafter, Holder Group moved the district court for summary judgment on Tribune's specific performance "claim" and to expunge the notice of lis pendens. The district court ultimately denied the motion. This petition followed.

A writ of mandamus is available to compel the performance of an act that the law requires, or to control a manifest abuse or arbitrary or capricious exercise of discretion.² Mandamus, moreover, is an extraordinary remedy, and the decision to entertain such a petition is addressed solely to our discretion.³ Further, we generally will not exercise our discretion to consider petitions for extraordinary writ relief that challenge district court orders denying motions for summary judgment, unless summary judgment is clearly required by a statute or rule, or an important issue of law requires clarification.⁴

¹Tribune set forth its request for specific performance as a counterclaim. <u>Cf. United Assn. Journeymen v. Stine</u>, 76 Nev. 189, 211, 351 P.2d 965, 977 (1960) (recognizing that specific performance is an equitable remedy).

²See NRS 34.160; <u>Round Hill Gen. Imp. Dist. v. Newman</u>, 97 Nev. 601, 637 P.2d 534 (1981).

³See Poulos v. District Court, 98 Nev. 453, 455, 652 P.2d 1177, 1178 (1982).

⁴Smith v. District Court, 113 Nev. 1343, 950 P.2d 280 (1997).

It is Holder Group's burden, as petitioner, to demonstrate that this court's extraordinary intervention is needed.⁵ Having considered this petition and its supporting documents, we are not persuaded that our intervention by way of extraordinary relief is warranted.

Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.6

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cc: Hon. Steven R. Kosach, District Judge Molof & Vohl Kummer Kaempfer Bonner & Renshaw/Reno Washoe District Court Clerk

⁵Pan v. Dist. Ct., 120 Nev. 222, 228, 88 P.3d 840, 844 (2004).

⁶NRAP 21(b); <u>Smith v. District Court</u>, 107 Nev. 674, 818 P.2d 849 (1991).