IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

COACH USA, D/B/A CALIFORNIA CHARTER; AND JIMMIE DAVIS, AN EMPLOYEE OF COACH USA,

Petitioners,

vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK, AND THE HONORABLE MICHAEL CHERRY, DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondents,

and

JOSE G. CASTRO,

Real Party in Interest.

No. 34637

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ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

This original petition for a writ of mandamus challenges an order of the district court denying a motion to quash service of process. As the petition raised issues of arguable merit, on August 16, 1999, we entered an order directing the real party in interest, Jose G. Castro, to file an answer to the petition within twenty days from the date of our order. To date, Castro has not filed an answer or otherwise responded to our order.¹ Castro's failure to file an answer notwithstanding, we have considered the petition, and we are not satisfied that this court's intervention by way of extraordinary relief is warranted at this time. Accordingly,

¹Although this court could construe the failure to file an answer as a confession of error, we decline to do so. This failure caused unnecessary review and analysis by the court that could have been provided by counsel. For the failure to file an answer as this court ordered, we sanction attorney Joseph A. Scalia two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), payable to the Supreme Court Law Library. Attorney Scalia shall file proof of payment with the clerk of this court not later than thirty (30) days from the date of this order. we deny the petition. <u>See</u> NRAP 21(b); State ex rel. Dep't Transp. v. Thompson, 99 Nev. 358, 662 P.2d 1338 (1983).

It is so ORDERED.²

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J. Shearing

J.

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cc: Hon. Michael A. Cherry, District Judge Delanoy Schuetze & McGaha, P.C. Joseph A. Scalia II Clark County Clerk Susan Southwick, Law Librarian

²We deny petitioners' request for a stay in light of this order.

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