

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

STEVEN SAMUEL BRAUNSTEIN,
Petitioner,

vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
CLARK, AND THE HONORABLE
KATHY A. HARDCASTLE, DISTRICT
JUDGE,

Respondents,

and

THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Real Party in Interest.

No. 53127

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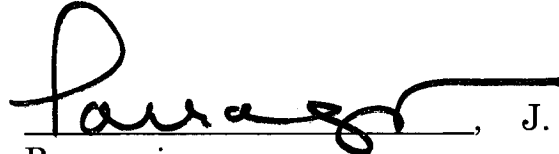
ORDER DENYING PETITION

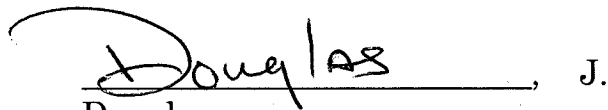
This is a proper person petition for a writ of mandamus, or alternatively, a writ of prohibition. Petitioner challenges the validity of the judgment of conviction and sentence. We have reviewed the documents submitted in this matter, and without deciding upon the merits of any claims, we decline to exercise our original jurisdiction in this matter. NRS 34.160; NRS 34.170; NRS 34.320; NRS 34.330. A challenge to the validity of the judgment of conviction and sentence should be raised in a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed in the district

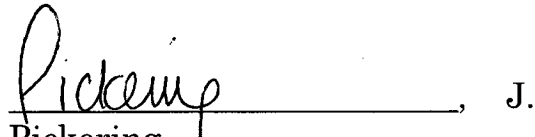
court in the first instance.¹ See NRS 34.724(2)(b); NRS 34.738(1).

Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

 J.
Parraguirre

 J.
Douglas

 J.
Pickering

cc: Hon. Kathy A. Hardcastle, District Judge
Steven Samuel Braunstein
Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto/Carson City
Clark County District Attorney David J. Roger
Eighth District Court Clerk

¹We express no opinion as to whether petitioner could satisfy the procedural requirements of NRS chapter 34.