

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

CHRISTENSEN LAW OFFICES, LLC,
Petitioner,

vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
CLARK, AND THE HONORABLE
SUSAN JOHNSON, DISTRICT JUDGE,
Respondents,

and

ROBERT A. MASSI AND MARGRET
GUIER,

Real Parties in Interest.

No. 53498

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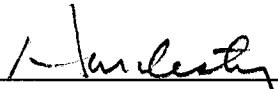
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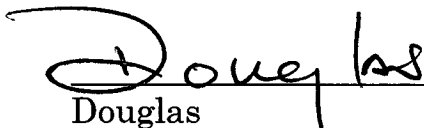
ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS


This original petition for a writ of mandamus challenges a district court order adjudicating an attorney's lien. As directed, real parties in interest filed an answer.

Petitioner asserted a charging lien against real parties in interest, which attaches, if at all, at the time a judgment in the client's favor is entered. Argentena Consol. Mining Co. v. Jolley Urga, 125 Nev. ___, 216 P.3d 779 (2009). Here, the district court adjudicated petitioner's attorney lien at the time of counsel's substitution, before there was any judgment to attach. The adjudication was therefore premature. Id. A writ petition is the proper method for an attorney to challenge an order adjudicating an attorney lien. Albert D. Massi, Ltd. v. Bellmyre, 111 Nev. 1520, 908 P.2d 705 (1995). Writ relief is thus available in this instance. Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition GRANTED AND DIRECT THE CLERK OF THIS COURT TO ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS instructing the district court to vacate its order adjudicating petitioner's attorney lien.


_____, J.
Hardesty


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Douglas


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Pickering

cc: Hon. Susan Johnson, District Judge
Christensen Law Offices, LLC
Susan Frankewich, Ltd.
Eighth District Court Clerk