

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ALAN BLANCHARD,
Appellant,
vs.
CIRCUS CASINOS, INC. D/B/A CIRCUS
CIRCUS RENO,
Respondent.

No. 53567

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

TRACIE K. LINDEMAN
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This is a proper person appeal from a district court order denying appellant's motion to amend his complaint.¹ Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County; Steven R. Kosach, Judge.

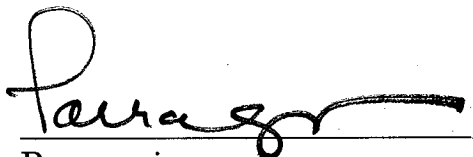
This court has jurisdiction to consider an appeal only when the appeal is authorized by statute or court rule. Taylor Constr. Co. v. Hilton Hotels, 100 Nev. 207, 209, 678 P.2d 1152, 1153 (1984). No statute or court rule authorizes an appeal from an order denying leave to amend; thus, the challenged order is not substantively appealable on this basis. See NRAP

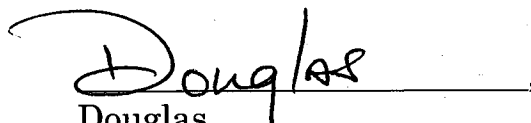
¹On April 13, 2009, appellant filed a "notice of withdrawal," apparently seeking to voluntarily dismiss his appeal, but on May 26, 2009, appellant filed an opening brief, which appears to address issues other than those pertinent to the appealed order. It is thus unclear whether appellant wishes to voluntarily dismiss this appeal. Nevertheless, since we lack jurisdiction over this appeal, it must be dismissed regardless of appellant's wishes. See, e.g., Rust v. Clark Cty. School District, 103 Nev. 686, 747 P.2d 1380 (1987) (noting that jurisdictional rules go to the very power of this court to act).

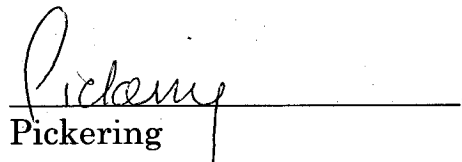
3A(b) (listing orders and judgments from which an appeal may be taken).

Accordingly, we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.


Parraguirre, J.


Douglas, J.


Pickering, J.

cc: Hon. Steven R. Kosach, District Judge
Alan Blanchard
Rands, South, Gardner & Hetey
Washoe District Court Clerk