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 KENNETH C. CORY, DISTRICT JUDGE, Respondents, and NORMA KASDAY, Real Party in Interest.

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ORDER DENYING 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 party in interest filed an answer to the petition.¹

Having reviewed the petition, answer, and appendices, we are not persuaded that this court's intervention by way of extraordinary relief is warranted. <u>Smith v. District Court</u>, 107 Nev. 674, 677, 818 P.2d 849, 851 (1991) (stating that writ relief is discretionary with this court). In particular, the separate complaint filed by real party in interest specifically included the attorney's lien at issue in the underlying matter, and petitioner chose to settle that separate action in its entirety.

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¹We grant real party in interest's motion for an extension of time to file the answer, and we direct the clerk of this court to file the answer and appendix provisionally received on December 10, 2009.

Therefore, the district court properly found that the underlying motion was barred by issue preclusion. <u>Five Star Capitol Corp. v. Ruby</u>, 124 Nev. _____, 194 P.3d 709 (2008). Accordingly, we _____ ORDER the petition DENIED.

J. Hardesty

Douglas J.

Pickering J.

cc: Hon. Kenneth C. Cory, District Judge Christensen Law Offices, LLC Patti, Sgro & Lewis Eighth District Court Clerk

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