

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

VICTOR JORDAN AND DIANNE JORDAN,

No. 35221

Appellants,

vs.

WASHOE COUNTY, A POLITICAL  
SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF  
NEVADA; HELEN ALRICH; STANLEY  
BAILEY AND SHYRL BAILEY; GEORGE W.  
GILLEMOT, TRUSTEE; LEWIS JORDAN  
AND JEANETTE JORDAN; JUSTIN  
LIVINGSTON AND BARBARA LIVINGSTON;  
GORDON MACLEAN AND JANICE MACLEAN;  
ROBERT RUSK AND MARILYN RUSK;  
ROBERT FREEMAN AND MARGIE FREEMAN;  
AND JOHN J. CASEY,

Respondents.

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *J. Richards*  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL


This is an appeal from the district court's order awarding attorneys' fees to respondents as sanctions for appellants' contempt. Our jurisdictional review in this case revealed a potential jurisdictional defect. Specifically, it was not clear that an order of contempt was substantively appealable, as it was not a final judgment nor was it independently appealable pursuant to NRAP 3A(b)(2). Accordingly, on June 30, 2000, we directed appellants to file points and authorities on the issue of whether a contempt order was properly challenged through a direct appeal or through a petition for extraordinary relief. On July 14, 2000, appellants filed a response to this court's order.

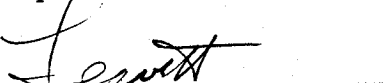
Appellants argue that the district court's order was not a contempt order, but an order awarding attorneys' fees. Appellants argue, relying on federal case law, that the order is a "final judgment" with respect to the issue of attorneys' fees, and so jurisdiction is proper. We disagree.


We have consistently held that there may be only one final judgment in a case. See, e.g., Alper v. Posin, 77 Nev. 328, 363 P.2d 502 (1961). Here, it appears that the final judgment was entered on January 8, 1998. Consequently, the order appealed from is not a final judgment.

We recently considered the issue of whether an order of contempt was appealable, and concluded that as there was no statute or court rule providing for an appeal from such an order, a contempt order was properly challenged through a petition for writ relief pursuant to NRS Chapter 34. See Pengilly v. Rancho Santa Fe Homeowners, 116 Nev. \_\_\_, 5 P.3d 569 (2000). Accordingly, as we lack jurisdiction over this appeal, we

ORDER this appeal dismissed.<sup>1</sup>

  
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Maupin J.

  
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Leavitt J.

  
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Becker J.

cc: Hon. James W. Hardesty, District Judge  
William Munnell, Settlement Judge  
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Thomas J. Hall  
Robison Belaustegui Sharp & Low  
Marshall Hill Cassas & de Lipkau  
Washoe County Clerk

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<sup>1</sup>The motion to transmit original exhibits, filed on June 19, 2000, is denied as moot in light of this order.