## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

TOMMY C. SCHROEDER, Appellant, vs. MARK L. GLYMAN, INDIVIDUALLY AND D/B/A MARK L. GLYMAN, M.D., D.D.S., A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, Respondent. No. 58603

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## ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is an appeal from a district court order dismissing a medical malpractice action. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Kathleen E. Delaney, Judge.

Having considered the parties' arguments and the record on appeal, we conclude that the district court did not abuse its discretion by dismissing the complaint, pursuant to NRCP 16.1(e)(2), based on appellant's failure to timely file a case conference report. See Arnold v. <u>Kip</u>, 123 Nev. 410, 414, 168 P.3d 1050, 1052 (2007) (explaining that this court reviews the district court's dismissal under NRCP 16.1(e)(2) for an abuse of discretion). First, the district court did not abuse its discretion by failing to consider lesser sanctions, as NRCP 16.1(e)(2) specifically provides for dismissal when the case conference report is not timely filed, and the district court's order reflects that the court understood that dismissal was not mandatory. Second, the district court appropriately considered the entire length of the delay in this case because the case conference report should have been filed within 30 days after the case conference. <u>See NRCP 16.1(c)</u>. Finally, in making its decision, the district

SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA court weighed the appropriate factors, including the length of the delay, the effect of the delay on the timely prosecution of the case, and the lack of good cause to excuse the delay.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.

J.

Gibbons

J. Douglas J.

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cc: Hon. Kathleen E. Delaney, District Judge Stephen E. Haberfeld, Settlement Judge Lewis & Associates, LLC Hutchison & Steffen, LLC Eighth District Court Clerk

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>To the extent that appellant argues that the district court's dismissal of the case was inconsistent with the medical/dental panel's conclusion that good cause existed to waive the rule requiring malpractice actions to be brought within two years, appellant did not present this argument to the district court, and thus, we decline to address it on appeal. <u>See Mason v. Cuisenaire</u>, 122 Nev. 43, 48, 128 P.3d 446, 449 (2006) ("Generally, failure to raise an argument in the district court proceedings precludes a party from presenting the argument on appeal.").