IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

JEFFREY A. DICKERSON; AND AGUSTINA SIMON GONZALEZ, Petitioners,

VS.

THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE; AND THE HONORABLE JEROME POLAHA, DISTRICT JUDGE, Respondents,

and
VICTOR P. REPUBLICANO, JR.; AND
VIVIAN SIMON,
Real Parties in Interest.

No. 60435

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ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS OR PROHIBITION

This is an original petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenging a district court order disqualifying petitioner Jeffrey A. Dickerson from serving as counsel for petitioner Agustina Simon Gonzalez in the underlying matter.

A writ of mandamus is available to compel the performance of an act that the law requires as a duty resulting from an office, trust, or station, or to control an arbitrary or capricious exercise of discretion. See NRS 34.160; International Game Tech. v. Dist. Ct., 124 Nev. 193, 197, 179 P.3d 556, 558 (2008). This court may issue a writ of prohibition to arrest the proceedings of a district court exercising its judicial functions when such proceedings are in excess of the district court's jurisdiction. See NRS 34.320. Whether a petition for extraordinary relief will be considered is purely discretionary with this court. Smith v. District Court, 107 Nev. 674, 677, 818 P.2d 849, 851 (1991). Having considered the petition,

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answers, and reply, we conclude that our intervention by way of extraordinary relief is not warranted. <u>Id.</u> at 679, 818 P.2d at 853. Accordingly, we deny the petition.

It is so ORDERED.¹

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cc: Hon. Jerome Polaha, District Judge Jeffrey A. Dickerson Downey Brand LLP Vivian Simon Washoe District Court Clerk

¹The clerk of this court is directed to return, unfiled, the status report submitted by proper person real party in interest Vivian Simon, which was provisionally received in this court on December 18, 2012. Accordingly, we deny as moot petitioners' December 21, 2012, motion to strike that document.