

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

No. 35765

DARLENE C. RICHARDSON N/K/A  
DARLENE C. CITRANO,

Petitioner,

vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR  
THE COUNTY OF CLARK, AND THE  
HONORABLE THOMAS A. RITCHIE, JR.,  
DISTRICT JUDGE, FAMILY COURT  
DIVISION,

Respondents,

and

PETER J. RICHARDSON,

Real Party in Interest.

**FILED**

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BY: *[Signature]*  
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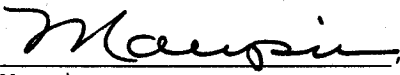
ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR WRIT OF  
PROHIBITION OR MANDAMUS

This is an original petition for a writ of prohibition or mandamus challenging a district court order to show cause for contempt, and requesting this court to direct the district court to refrain from exercising jurisdiction over this matter. The parties' dispute centered on whether the Nevada district court properly had jurisdiction over the parties' custody dispute, or whether the California court that originally entered the parties' divorce should resolve the parties' differences over custody.

On March 14, 2000, we entered a stay and requested an answer. On April 4, 2000, we received a proper person answer. On April 13, 2000, we received a reply to the answer, which states that the petition is now moot because the parties

have entered into a stipulation in the California action.  
Accordingly, as the petition is now moot, we

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

  
Maupin J.

  
Shearing J.

  
Becker J.

cc: Hon. Thomas A. Ritchie, Jr., District Judge,  
Family Court Division  
Patrick T. Nohrden  
Douglas C. Crawford  
Peter J. Richardson  
Clark County Clerk

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<sup>1</sup>We vacate the stay that we entered on March 14, 2000, and direct the clerk of the court to file the answer received on April 4, 2000, and the reply received on April 13, 2000. On March 27, 2000, attorney Douglas C. Crawford filed a document entitled "Substitution of Attorneys" purporting to allow real party in interest Peter J. Richardson to represent himself in place of attorney Crawford. Because the substitution of attorneys does not substitute one attorney for another, we disapprove the substitution. Nevertheless, in the interest of judicial efficiency, we elect to treat the substitution of attorneys as attorney Crawford's motion to withdraw. Cause appearing, we grant the motion. The clerk of this court shall amend the docket in this matter by deleting attorney Crawford as counsel of record for the real party in interest.