

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

LILLIAN J. SONDEGROTH, ESQ.,

No. 35931

Appellant,

**FILED**

vs.

JAN 03 2001

MELODI LEAVITT,

JANETTE M. BLOOM  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *J. R. [Signature]*  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Respondent.

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This is an appeal from an order disqualifying appellant from representing a party in the underlying case in district court. Our preliminary review of the documents transmitted to this court pursuant to NRAP 3(e) revealed a jurisdictional defect. Specifically, counsel is not an aggrieved party who may appeal. See NRAP 3A(a); Albany v. Arcata Associates, 106 Nev. 688, 799 P.2d 566 (1990). Accordingly, on October 9, 2000, we ordered appellant to show cause why this appeal should not be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. Appellant's response was filed on November 22, 2000.

Appellant argues that she is aggrieved by the district court's order, and without citation to authority, asserts that this factor is more important than whether she was a party to the district court litigation. Appellant further argues that this court has allowed appeals by non-parties such as bailbondsmen, and that her appeal should be permitted to proceed.

Appellant's arguments are unpersuasive. The fact that certain non-parties have been permitted to appeal does not help appellant, as this court has clearly held that counsel may not appeal from an adverse district court order. See Albany, 106 Nev. at 690, 799 P.2d at 567. In addition, we

have clearly stated that mandamus is the appropriate remedy in lawyer disqualification matters. See Ciaffone v. District Court, 113 Nev. 1165, 945 P.2d 950 (1997). Accordingly, as we lack jurisdiction, we

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

Young J.  
Young

Rose J.  
Rose

Becker J.  
Becker

cc: Hon. Norman C. Robison, Senior District Judge  
David K. Robinson, Settlement Judge  
Lillian J. Sondgeroth  
Muije & Varricchio  
Clark County Clerk

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<sup>1</sup>All pending motions are denied as moot in light of this order. In addition, while we have received a letter from attorney John Muije stating that he does not represent respondent, he did not provide an address at which respondent could be reached for service. Accordingly, we direct Mr. Muije to serve a copy of this order upon respondent, and to provide proof of service to this court within ten (10) days of the date of this order.