

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

PETER JASON HELFRICH,
Appellant,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 67425

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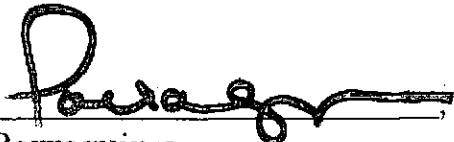
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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

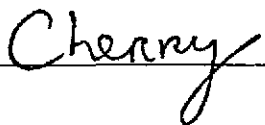
This is an appeal from a district court order dismissing appellant's complaint for malpractice. Our review of the documents before this court pursuant to NRAP 3(g) reveals a jurisdictional defect. Specifically, it appears the district court has not yet entered a final written order, and the notice of appeal was prematurely filed. The district court held its hearing on February 11, 2015, at which time it dismissed the case. To date no written order appears to have been entered. Thus, this appeal is premature and we lack jurisdiction over the appeal at this time. See NRAP 4(a)(6) (providing that "[a] premature notice of appeal does not divest the district court of jurisdiction" and that this court "may dismiss as premature a notice of appeal filed after the oral pronouncement of a decision or order but before entry of the written judgment or order"); *Rust v. Clark Cnty. Sch. Dist.*, 103 Nev. 686, 688-89, 747 P.2d 1380, 1381-82 (1987) (explaining that oral rulings are ineffective for appeal purposes and that a written order or judgment must be filed before a district court ruling can be appealed).

Appellant may file an appeal after an appealable, written order or judgment is filed. Because we lack jurisdiction over this appeal, we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.


_____, J.
Parraguirre


_____, J.
Douglas


_____, J.
Cherry

cc: Chief Judge, The Fifth Judicial District Court
Hon. David R. Gamble, Senior Judge
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