IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

No. 36661

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VICKIE LYNN CONNELLY,

Petitioner,

vs.

THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ELKO, AND THE HONORABLE JACK B. AMES, DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondents,

and

RAY CONNELLY,

Real Party in Interest.

ORDER DENYING PETITION

FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS OR PROHIBITION

This is an original petition for a writ of mandamus or in the alternative a writ of prohibition challenging the district court's order directing the parties to participate in a mandatory mediation and child advocacy program.

We have considered this petition, and the answers thereto, and we are not satisfied that this court's intervention by way of extraordinary relief is warranted at this time.¹ Accordingly, we deny the petition. <u>See</u> NRAP 21(b); State ex rel. Dep't Transp. v. Thompson, 99 Nev. 358,

¹Based upon the answers filed in this matter, it appears that the circumstances under which the mandatory mediation was to be conducted was limited in scope by the district court. Accordingly, the proposed method of mediation is consistent with the relief sought by the petition. Further, pursuant to FDCR 5(5)(a)(1), mediation is confidential and as such is conducted without the presence of counsel.

662 P.2d 1338 (1983); see also Smith v. District Court, 107 Nev. 674, 818 P.2d 849 (1991).

It is so ORDERED.²

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cc: Hon. Jack B. Ames, District Judge Stringfield Law Office Nancy L. Porter Elko County Clerk

 2 In light of this order, we vacate the portion of our August 31, 2000, order imposing a temporary stay.

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