

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL, NEVADA
APPEAL, AND ASSOCIATED PRESS,

No. 36824

Petitioners,

vs.

THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF STOREY, AND THE
HONORABLE MICHAEL R. GRIFFIN,
DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondents.

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ORDER DENYING PETITION

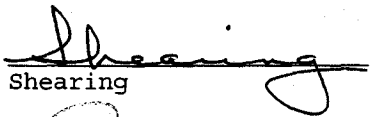
This original petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenges an April 14, 2000, ruling of the district court excluding petitioners from a pre-trial hearing conducted on that same date in a criminal proceeding.

Having reviewed the petition and the supporting documentation, we have concluded that this court's intervention by way of extraordinary relief is not warranted. Specifically, we are not persuaded under the circumstances presented that this court can grant petitioners any effective relief. Nor are we persuaded that future instances of similar district court action will continue to evade this court's review.¹ See NCAA v. University of Nevada, 97 Nev. 56, 58, 624 P.2d 10, 11 (1981) (concluding that "the present controversy is not likely to often recur where the result avoids review").

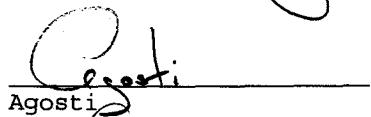
¹Petitioners request this court to order that transcripts of the closed hearing be made available to petitioners and the public free of charge. We are not persuaded that petitioners' ability to review the transcripts in the Office of the Storey County Clerk has been unduly restricted.

We note in particular that this court's rules of appellate procedure contemplate the filing of emergency motions and petitions requesting this court to stay and review district court rulings for which there is no adequate remedy at law. See NRAP 8; NRAP 21; NRAP 25(2). Accordingly, we deny this petition.²

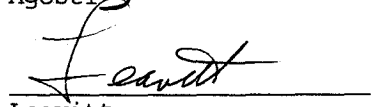
It is so ORDERED.



Shearing J.



Agosti J.



Leavitt J.

cc: Hon. Michael R. Griffin, District Judge
Attorney General
Burton Bartlett & Glogovac
JoNell Thomas
Storey County Clerk

²The Nevada Press Association has filed a motion seeking leave to participate in this matter as amicus curiae. Cause appearing, the motion is granted. The clerk of this court shall file the amicus brief provisionally submitted on October 2, 2000.