

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

JULIE A. GOLDBERG, TRUSTEE FOR
THE GOLDBERG FAMILY TRUST,
Appellant,

vs.

WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE,
INC.; AND MTC FINANCIAL, D/B/A
TRUSTEE CORPS,

Respondents.

No. 78881

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This is a pro se appeal from a district court order dismissing appellant's complaint. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Susan Johnson, Judge.

Respondent Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. has filed a motion to dismiss this appeal for lack of jurisdiction. Respondent MTC Financial joins in the motion to dismiss. Respondents contend that the notice of appeal is improper because it is signed on behalf of the Goldberg Family Trust by appellant Julie Goldberg, who is not licensed to practice law in Nevada. Respondents argue that a trust must be represented on appeal by licensed Nevada counsel. Appellant has not opposed the motion.¹

A pro se litigant "is not permitted to represent an entity such as a trust." *Guerin v. Guerin*, 116 Nev. 210, 214, 993 P.2d 1256, 1258 (2000). "[A] trust must be represented by a licensed attorney in Nevada state courts." *Id.* "The proper and timely filing of a notice of appeal is jurisdictional," and this court "cannot treat a notice of appeal, which is the

¹This court may construe the failure to oppose a motion as an admission that the motion is meritorious. *Foster v. Dingwall*, 126 Nev. 56, 66, 227 P.3d 1042, 1049 (2010).

product of unauthorized practice of law, as having been properly filed.” *Id.*
The notice of appeal filed by Ms. Goldberg, who is not authorized to practice
law in Nevada, is invalid. Accordingly, this court lacks jurisdiction over this
appeal and

ORDERS this appeal DISMISSED.

Hardesty, J.
Hardesty

Stiglich, J.
Stiglich

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