

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

DERRICK LAMAR MCKNIGHT,  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
CLARK; AND THE STATE OF  
NEVADA,  
Respondents.

No. 72400

**FILED**

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY S. Young  
DEPUTY CLERK

*ORDER DENYING PETITION*

This is an original petition for a writ of mandamus seeking an order directing the district court to appoint counsel for petitioner and allow him to file a supplemental postconviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus. We note petitioner has appealed from the denial of his postconviction petition and that appeal is pending in Docket No. 72178. Because petitioner can challenge the district court's denial of the appointment of counsel in his pending appeal, he has a plain, speedy, and adequate remedy at law and, therefore, this court's intervention by way of an extraordinary writ is not warranted. See NRS 34.170. Without deciding upon the merits of any claim raised in this petition, we decline to exercise original jurisdiction in this matter, see NRS 34.160, and we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

Silver, C.J.  
Silver

Tao, J.  
Tao

Gibbons, J.  
Gibbons

cc: Derrick Lamar McKnight  
Attorney General/Carson City  
Clark County District Attorney  
Eighth District Court Clerk