

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ALFRED T. SAPSE,  
Appellant,

vs.

STEROIDOGENESIS INHIBITORS  
INTERNATIONAL, INC., A NEVADA  
CORPORATION, AND HUTCHISON &  
STEFFEN, LTD.,  
Respondents.

No. 37946

JAN 14 2003

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This is a proper person appeal from an order granting plaintiff/appellant's counsel's motion to withdraw and entering judgment for counsel's fees and costs in the amount of \$22,314.11.<sup>1</sup> We do not have jurisdiction over this appeal, however, and we must therefore dismiss it.

The order and judgment for attorney fees and costs resolves the attorney lien issue between appellant and his former counsel, but the action itself is still pending. Although the record suggests that appellant abandoned the case, he took no formal action; four claims still technically remain pending against Steroidogenesis Inhibitors International, Inc., and five claims remain pending against the John Doe defendants. The order/judgment is not an appealable final judgment,<sup>2</sup> and it is not


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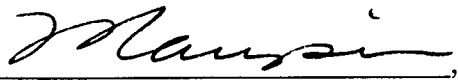
<sup>1</sup>We direct the clerk of this court to correct the caption on the docket to conform with the caption on this order.


<sup>2</sup>NRAP 3A(b)(1); see Rust v. Clark Cty. School District, 103 Nev. 686, 747 P.2d 1380 (1987) (a notice of appeal filed before the entry of a final written judgment fails to vest jurisdiction in this court).

otherwise substantively appealable.<sup>3</sup> This court has jurisdiction to consider an appeal only when the appeal is authorized by statute or court rule.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Rose

  
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Maupin

  
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Gibbons

cc: Hon. Nancy M. Saitta, District Judge  
Alfred T. Sapse  
Marquis & Aurbach  
Hutchison & Steffen, Ltd.  
Clark County Clerk

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<sup>3</sup>NRAP 3A(b)(2).

<sup>4</sup>Taylor Constr. Co. v. Hilton Hotels, 100 Nev. 207, 678 P.2d 1152 (1984).