

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MACRINO SANCHEZ-JAEN,
INDIVIDUALLY,
Appellant,
vs.
MARIA MCBRIDE,
Respondent.

No. 86756

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

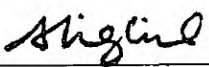
This is an appeal from a final judgment and post-judgment order awarding attorney fees. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Timothy C. Williams, and Sean K. Claggett, Judges.


Following an automobile accident, respondent Maria McBride prevailed at arbitration on a complaint filed against appellant Macrino Sanchez-Jaen. After Sanchez-Jaen requested a trial de novo, but before trial was held, this court amended the Nevada Short Trial Rules to increase the amount a short trial judge could award in attorney fees from \$3,000 to \$15,000. *See In re the Creation of a Comm. To Study the Rules Governing Alternative Dispute Resolution and Nev. Short Trials*, ADKT 0595 (Order Amending the Rules Governing Alternate Dispute Resolution and Nevada Short Trial Rules, Oct. 26, 2022); NSTR 27(b)(4). Following trial, the short trial judge awarded McBride \$15,000 in attorney fees, and the district court entered judgment consistent with the short trial judge's award. Sanchez-Jaen appeals, arguing that the new \$15,000 fee cap should not have been applied, but instead, the short trial judge should have been bound by the old rule capping attorney fees at \$3,000.

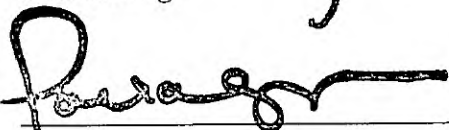
We recently held, under similar facts, that the amendments to NSTR 27(b)(4) did not affect a party's substantive rights and, therefore, the

short trial judge did not err by applying the new \$15,000 attorney fee cap. See *Griffith v. Rivera*, 140 Nev., Adv. Op. 60, ___ P.3d ___ (2024). Here, there are no distinctions in the record which lead us to a different result. Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.


_____, J.
Stiglich


_____, J.
Pickering


_____, J.
Parraguirre

cc: Hon. Sean K. Claggett, District Judge, Pro Tem
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