

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MARK BLACKWOOD,  
Petitioner,

vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
CLARK; AND THE HONORABLE  
REGINA M. MCCONNELL, DISTRICT  
JUDGE,

Respondents,

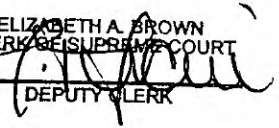
and

MELANIE BLACKWOOD,  
Real Party in Interest.

No. 91215

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*ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS*

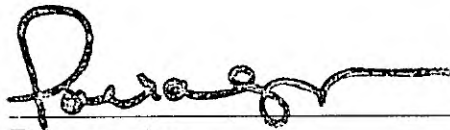
This emergency petition for a writ of mandamus seeks to compel the district court to address, without delay, emergency motions concerning child custody. Petitioner asserts that real party in interest's appeal in Docket No. 90713 has caused a standstill in the underlying proceedings, jeopardizing the children's health and safety.

A writ of mandamus is available to compel a legally required act or to control a manifest abuse of discretion. *Halverson v. Miller*, 124 Nev. 484, 487, 186 P.3d 893, 896 (2008); see NRS 34.160. Whether a petition for writ relief will be entertained rests within this court's sound discretion. *D.R. Horton, Inc. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 123 Nev. 468, 474-75, 168 P.3d 731, 736-37 (2007), and it is petitioner's burden to demonstrate that this court's extraordinary intervention is warranted, *Pan v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 120 Nev. 222, 228, 88 P.3d 840, 844 (2004). Notably, a writ of mandamus is available only when petitioner has no plain, speedy, and adequate legal remedy. *Id.* at 224, 88 P.3d at 841; see NRS 34.170.

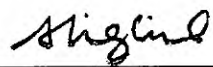
Having reviewed the petition and supporting documents, we are not convinced that our extraordinary intervention is warranted. In particular, petitioner has an adequate legal remedy in the form of an emergency motion in the appeal. *See* NRAP 27(e). Indeed, we note that petitioner already has filed a nonemergency motion for remand in the appeal. Further, to the extent that petitioner seeks an order directing the district court to temporarily place the children with petitioner, we decline to do so in favor of letting the district court resolve such requests in the first instance. We note that, even after an appeal is filed, the district court retains jurisdiction to issue an emergency order, should such be required. *Mack-Manley v. Manley*, 122 Nev. 849, 856, 138 P.3d 525, 530 (2006). We further note that, despite seeking this court's immediate review, petitioner failed to provide any citations to the multi-volume appendix in support of his factual assertions, hindering this court's prompt review; in any future petitions, counsel should take care to support factual assertions with citations to the appendix.

As petitioner has an adequate legal remedy, we decline to intervene and thus

ORDER the petition DENIED.

 J.  
Parraguirre

 J.  
Bell

 J.  
Stiglich

cc: Hon. Regina M. McConnell, District Judge, Family Division  
Lynn Conant  
Ghandi Deeter Blackham  
Eighth District Court Clerk