

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

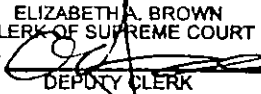
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION  
FOR ADOPTION BY: THOMAS CASS  
AND MIRIAM SANDOVAL CASS

THOMAS CASS AND MIRIAM  
SANDOVAL CASS,  
Appellants.

No. 90703

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*ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL*

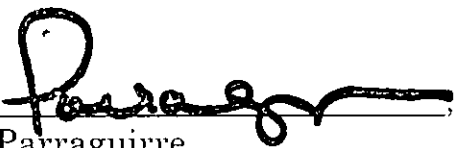
This is a pro se appeal from a district court order denying a petition for adoption without prejudice. Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Division, Clark County; Stacy Michelle Rocheleau, Judge.

Initial review of this appeal reveals a jurisdictional defect. Specifically, the order appealed from is not a substantively appealable final judgment. NRAP 3A(b)(1) (allowing an appeal from a final judgment); NRAP 3A(b)(7) (allowing appeals only from orders that finally resolve child custody issues). The district court's June 17, 2025, order raised questions regarding the biological father's consent to terminate his parental rights. Thus, the district court denied appellants' petition for adoption "without prejudice" and noted that appellants "may re-set their adoption hearing once a new consent of [the] biological father . . . is filed or they may bring him to the hearing to testify regarding his consent." Because the order essentially denied appellants' petition for adoption with leave to amend the petition, it is not a final, appealable order. *See Matter of Guardianship of Rubin*, 137 Nev. 288, 290, 491 P.3d 1, 4 (2021) (construing an order denying a guardianship petition without prejudice as allowing leave to amend the petition, such that the order was interlocutory and not appealable);

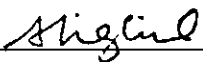
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*Bergenfield v. BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP*, 131 Nev. 683, 685, 354 P.3d 1282, 1284 (2015) (holding that “a district court order dismissing a complaint with leave to amend is not final and appealable”). No other statute or court rule allows for an appeal of the district court’s June 17, 2025, order. *See Brown v. MHC Stagecoach, LLC*, 129 Nev. 343, 345, 301 P.3d 850, 851 (2013) (this court “may only consider appeals authorized by statute or court rule”). Accordingly, this court lacks jurisdiction and

ORDERS this appeal DISMISSED.<sup>1</sup>

 J.  
Parraguirre

 J.  
Bell

 J.  
Stiglich

cc: Hon. Stacy Michelle Rocheleau, District Judge, Family Division  
Miriam Sandoval Cass  
Thomas Cass  
Eighth District Court Clerk

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<sup>1</sup>Given this dismissal, appellants’ motion filed on September 22, 2025, is denied as moot.