

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MIGUEL A. RAMIREZ,

No. 38485

Appellant,

vs.

THE STATE BAR OF NEVADA, AND
GERALD D. WAITE, ESQ., STATE
CHAIR,

Respondents.

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BY *J. R. [Signature]*
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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is a proper person appeal from a district court order denying appellant's petition for a writ of mandamus compelling the chair of the State Bar Fee Dispute Committee to enter a ruling on appellant's appeal to the chair from a fee dispute arbitration award. The record reflects that the district court denied appellant's petition as moot, because during the pendency of the district court proceedings the chair entered an order denying the appeal. We agree that the petition was moot, and consequently, the district court's order was proper.¹

We further note that the district court specifically stated that its order was without prejudice to any methods available to appellant to challenge the chair's ruling. Appellant may seek appropriate review of the fee dispute chair's ruling, if he so desires.²

Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.³

Young _____ J.
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Agosti _____ J.
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Leavitt _____ J.
Leavitt

¹See NCAA v. University of Nevada, 97 Nev. 56, 624 P.2d 10 (1981).

²See SCR 86(12) ("There shall be a right to de novo review in the district court of all awards arising out of any fee dispute system . . .").

³Although appellant was not granted leave under NRAP 46(b) to file papers in proper person, we have considered the proper person documents received from appellant. We note that appellant was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in the district court, by order dated March 30, 2001, and so no filing fee is due in this appeal.

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