

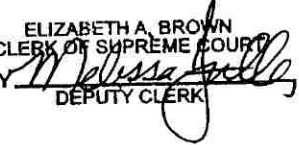
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

VIKTORIYA SOKOL SUNDE,  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
WASHOE AND THE HONORABLE  
EGAN K. WALKER, CHIEF JUDGE,  
Respondents,  
and  
KARLYE HUTCHINSON; NICOLE T.  
HICKS; AND CLIFTON J. YOUNG,  
Real Parties in Interest.

No. 92263-COA

**FILED**

**MAY 06 2026**

ELIZABETH A. BROWN  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY   
DEPUTY CLERK

*ORDER DENYING PETITION*

This is an original petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenging a district court's competency order and attendant proceedings. Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County; Egan K. Walker, Chief Judge.

In her petition, Viktoriya Sokol Sunde claims the district court failed to comply with various provisions of NRS Chapter 433A in finding her incompetent and in ordering her to complete outpatient treatment. She also claims the district court, defense counsel, and Lake's Crossing staff members conspired against her and fabricated competency evaluations in order to find her incompetent.

A writ of mandamus is available to compel the performance of an act that the law requires as a duty resulting from an office, NRS 34.160, or to control an arbitrary or capricious exercise of discretion, *Int'l Game Tech., Inc. v. Second Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 124 Nev. 193, 197, 179 P.3d 556, 558

(2008). A writ of prohibition arrests the proceedings of a tribunal that is acting in excess of, or without, jurisdiction. NRS 34.320. The decision to entertain a petition for extraordinary writ relief is within our sole discretion, and the petitioner has the burden of demonstrating that such relief is warranted. *Pan v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 120 Nev. 222, 228, 88 P.3d 840, 844 (2004).

Having considered the petition and the supporting documents, we conclude Sunde has not demonstrated that extraordinary relief is warranted. The district court did not order Sunde to receive “assisted outpatient treatment” for the purpose of treating mental illness pursuant to NRS Chapter 433A; thus, those provisions do not apply in this matter. *See* NRS 433A.0135 (defining “assisted outpatient treatment”); NRS 433A.335(2) (stating how “[a] proceeding to require a person who is the defendant in a criminal proceeding in the district court to receive assisted outpatient treatment may be commenced”); NRS 433A.343(2) (discussing when a district court may order a defendant in a criminal proceeding to receive assisted outpatient treatment).

Rather, the district court found that Sunde was incompetent pursuant to NRS Chapter 178, that she was not a danger to herself or to society, and that commitment was not required for a determination of her ability to receive treatment to competency and to attain competency, and it ordered her to report to the Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (or a designee) as an outpatient for treatment and for a determination of her ability to receive treatment to competency and to

attain competence pursuant to then-NRS 178.425(3).<sup>1</sup> Based on the information provided to the court, we cannot conclude the district court manifestly abused its discretion in determining Sunde was incompetent or in conducting the competency proceedings. Nor has Sunde demonstrated that the district court was without jurisdiction to enter its July 8, 2025, order remanding her to Lake's Crossing for outpatient treatment or its March 4, 2026, order requiring her to reengage in outpatient treatment. Accordingly,<sup>2</sup> we

ORDER the petition DENIED.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, C.J.  
Bulla

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Gibbons

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Westbrook

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<sup>1</sup>We note that NRS 178.425 was subsequently amended and that this provision is now contained within NRS 178.425(4). *See* 2026 Nev. Stat., ch., 476, § 5, at 3119.

<sup>2</sup>To the extent Sunde raises claims not specifically discussed in this order, we have considered the same and conclude that they do not present a basis for relief. Moreover, in light of our disposition, we deny Sunde's March 11, 2026, motion for stay as moot.

cc: Hon. Egan K. Walker, Chief Judge  
Viktoriya Sokol Sunde  
Clifton J. Young  
Washoe County District Attorney  
Washoe District Court Clerk