

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

JOSEPH WELDON SMITH,

No. 38594

Petitioner,

vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
CLARK, AND THE HONORABLE LEE
A. GATES, DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondents,

And

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Real Party in Interest.

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ORDER DENYING PETITION

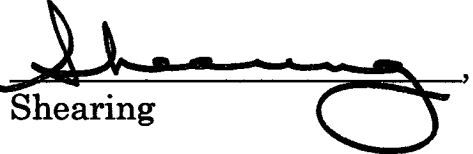
This is a proper person petition for a writ of mandamus. Petitioner seeks a writ directing District Court Judge Lee A. Gates to resolve petitioner's motion below for an order "declaring all proceedings a nullity."

We have reviewed the documents on file with this court, and we conclude that our intervention by extraordinary writ is not warranted.¹ We are confident that the district court will resolve the matter pending


¹See NRS 34.160.

below as expeditiously as its calendar will permit. Accordingly, we deny the petition.

It is so ORDERED.²


_____, J.
Shearing


_____, J.
Rose


_____, J.
Becker

cc: Hon. Lee A. Gates, District Judge
Attorney General/Carson City
Clark County District Attorney
Karen A. Connolly
Joseph Weldon Smith
Clark County Clerk

²We have considered all proper person documents filed or received in this matter, and we conclude that the relief requested is not warranted.