

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARENTAL  
RIGHTS AS TO B. L. B. AND C. Z. B.

CHRISTOPHER A. B.,  
Appellant.

vs.

AARON L. B.,  
Respondent.

No. 41231

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL


This is a proper person appeal from a district court minute order that denied appellant's request for counsel in proceedings to terminate his parental rights. According to the district court, "the budget currently does not allow for the appointment of counsel." Our review of the documents before us reveals two jurisdictional defects. First, no appeal may be taken from a minute order.<sup>1</sup> Second, and more importantly, an order denying a request for counsel is not substantively appealable. An appeal may be taken only when authorized by court rule or statute,<sup>2</sup> and no rule or statute provides for an appeal from an order

<sup>1</sup>Rust v. Clark Co. School Dist., 103 Nev. 686, 747 P.2d 1380 (1987).


<sup>2</sup>Taylor Constr. Co. v. Hilton Hotels, 100 Nev. 207, 678 P.2d 1152 (1984).

denying a request for the appointment of counsel.<sup>3</sup> As we lack jurisdiction,  
we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, C.J.  
Agosti

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Leavitt

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Becker

cc: Hon. Scott Jordan, District Judge, Family Court Division  
Christopher A. B.  
Burton Bartlett & Glogovac  
Washoe District Court Clerk

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<sup>3</sup>Appellant may, however, seek this court's review through a petition  
for writ of mandamus. See NRAP 21; NRS 34.160; NRS 34.170.