

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARENTAL
RIGHTS AS TO S. L. H.,

ROGER W. H.,
Appellant,

vs.

KARRIE E.; GRACE M. E.; AND
RODNEY E.,
Respondents.

No. 41926

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY *J. Richard*
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This is a proper person appeal from an amended district court order terminating appellant's parental rights.

Our review of the record reveals a jurisdiction defect. Under NRAP 3A(a), only an aggrieved party may appeal from a judgment or order. A party is "aggrieved" within NRAP 3A(a)'s meaning when a district court's order adversely and substantially affects either a personal or property right.¹

In the present matter, the district court entered an order terminating appellant's parental rights on August 19, 2002. Appellant timely appealed from the order. On April 9, 2003, this court affirmed the district court's order terminating appellant's parental rights.² Thereafter, on July 22, 2003, the district court entered an amended order. In the

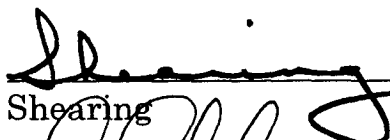
¹Valley Bank of Nevada v. Ginsburg, 110 Nev. 440, 874 P.2d 729 (1994).

²In re: Parental Rights as to S. L. H., Docket No. 40529 (order of affirmance).

amended order, the district court inserted a paragraph that directed the State of Nevada, Human Resources Department to remove appellant's name from the child's birth certificate and granted the child's request to change her legal name. Accordingly, the district court's July 22, 2003 amended order does not adversely affect appellant's rights, as his parental were previously terminated by the August 2002 order. Appellant is not aggrieved by the July 2003 order, and therefore lacks standing to appeal. Because we lack jurisdiction, we

ORDER this appeal DISMISSED.³


_____, J.
Becker


_____, J.
Shearing


_____, J.
Gibbons

cc: Hon. Charles M. McGee, District Judge, Family Court Division
Washoe Legal Services
Roger W. H.
Washoe District Court Clerk

³Although appellant was not granted leave to file papers in proper person, see NRAP 46(b), we have considered the proper person documents received from appellant.