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5 **DISTRICT COURT**

6 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

7 OUR NEVADA JUDGES, INC.,
8 Petitioner,

9 vs.

10 MOAPA VALLEY JUSTICE COURT;
and GREGORY SCOTT MILLS,
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,
Respondent.

Case No.: A-26-946148-W
Dept. No.: XI

**ALTERNATIVE WRIT OF
MANDAMUS AND ORDER TO
SHOW CAUSE**

Hearing: 6/3/26 at 945 am

11 Currently before the Court is Petitioner Our Nevada Judges, Inc. (“ONJ”)
12 petition for writ of *mandamus* filed May 8, 2026 and submitted to the Court for
13 consideration.

14 On March 22, 2026, Alex Falconi, the Founding Director of ONJ, filed a
15 media request seeking permission to provide electronic coverage of hearings on
16 several matters before the Moapa Valley Justice Court, which Justice of the Peace
17 Gregory Mills denied, consistent with SCR 230(1). ONJ subsequently requested a
18 copy of the JAVS recording, which the Moapa Valley Justice Court refused to
19 release, apparently as a matter of policy. It does not appear to be in dispute that
20 Mr. Falconi and ONJ are a member of the press. *Falconi v. Eighth Judicial Dist.*
21 *Court*, 543 P.3d 92, 94 (2024). See also *Nester vs Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct.*, 141

1 Nev. Adv. Op. 4 (2025). See also *Our Nev. Judges, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist.*
2 *Court*, 555 P.3d 777 (Nev. 2024)(unpublished). Having reviewed the Moapa
3 Valley Justice Court’s response, it is readily apparent that no sealing order has
4 been relied upon in refusing to release the court records requested by ONJ. Judge
5 Mills’ denial of the SCR 230(1) request is not under review. It is, however,
6 manifest abuse of discretion for the Moapa Valley Justice Court to refuse to
7 release the J.A.V.S. recordings.

8 It has been “recognized that direct appellate review is often not available to
9 the press, and thus, writs for extraordinary relief may be necessary to challenge a
10 denial of access.” *Falconi, Id.* See also NRS 34.160 and NRS 34.170. See also
11 Nevada Constitution Article VI Section 6; NRS 34.160. See *Round Hill Gen. Imp.*
12 *Dist. v. Newman*, 97 Nev. 601, 637 P.2d 534 (1981).

13 The Supreme Court’s holding in *NY Times Co. v. Dist. Ct.*(Doe 1 trust), 141
14 Nev. Adv. Op. 71 (Dec. 23, 2025) requires statutory, constitutional, and common
15 law principles be considered before a court can seal a record. In this case, no
16 sealing order exists, and the Moapa Valley Justice Court refuses to release JAVS
17 as a sweeping policy. "It is not unrealistic even in this day to believe that public
18 inclusion affords citizens a form of legal education and hopefully promotes
19 confidence in the fair administration of justice." *State v. Schmit*, 273 Minn. 78,
20 87-88, 139 N. W. 2d 800, 807 (1966). “Instead of acquiring information about
21 trials by firsthand observation or by word of mouth from those who attended,
people now acquire it chiefly through the print and electronic media. In a sense,
this validates the media claim of functioning as surrogates for the public.”

1 *Richmond Newspapers*, 448 U. S. 525, 573 (1980). "People in an open society do
2 not demand infallibility from their institutions, but it is difficult for them to accept
3 what they are prohibited from observing." *Richmond Newspapers*, 448 U. S., at
4 572.

5 This Court has also considered the time-sensitive nature of ONJ's request
6 given it is a member of the press, the lack of any sealing order or particularized
7 basis for denial of its release, and has determined that issuance of alternative writ
8 relief is consistent with *City of Reno v. Dist. Ct.*, 142 Nev. Advance Opinion 13
9 (2026). This is especially appropriate because it gives ONJ an opportunity to file
10 a subsequent writ petition in the event parties file a motion to seal or Judge Mills
11 enters a sealing order *sua sponte*.

12 **THEREFORE**, in accordance with, NRS 34.190(2), the Moapa Valley
13 Justice Court is HEREBY PLACED ON NOTICE that it has apparently violated
14 statutory, constitutional, and common law principles in refusing to release court
15 records to ONJ, and is HEREBY COMMANDED to release the J.A.V.S. videos
16 of the March 23, 2026 hearings in 25CCV000648, 25CCV000649, and
17 25CCV000645, forthwith. In the alternative, The Moapa Valley Justice Court
18 shall appear before this Court on 3rd of June, 2026,
19 945 am
20 and show cause, if any it has, why this Court should not issue a peremptory writ
21 of *mandamus*.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that to the extent the Justice of the Peace
2 Gregory Mills has forbid the Clerk of the Moapa Valley Justice Court from
3 release court records, he is to reverse his instructions to the Clerk or, in the
4 alternative, appear before this Court alongside the Moapa Valley Justice Court
5 and show cause why a peremptory writ should not issue.

6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that ONJ shall serve a copy of its writ
7 petition and this alternative writ of mandamus upon the Moapa Valley Justice
8 Court and Justice of the Peace Gregory Mills forthwith.

9 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that ONJ shall notify this Court promptly
10 upon the Moapa Valley Justice Court and Judge Mills' compliance with the
11 alternative writ so that the show cause hearing can be vacated.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2026



DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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Anna Albertson
District Court Judge

15 Respectfully Submitted,

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