



1 December 8, 2022 *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order*,  
2 resolved all outstanding issues then pending between the parties, Troy  
3 Minter and Jennifer Easler; with the exception being an award of attorney’s  
4 fees, which was completed in the January 10, 2023 *Order Awarding*  
5 *Attorney’s Fees and Costs*.  
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8 Defendant filed a *Motion for Relief from Judgment or Order Pursuant*  
9 *to NRCP 60* on January 9, 2023. This Court denied that relief within its  
10 February 14, 2023 *Order*.  
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12 The next filing in the District Court was Petitioner, non-party, Our  
13 Nevada Judges, Inc.’s *Limited Motion to Unseal* (Motion), filed March 4,  
14 2024. The *Motion* was filed simultaneously into two other cases, D-19-  
15 600476-C and D-23-661332-R. No differentiation between the cases was  
16 offered within the *Motion*.  
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19 This Court considered the *Motion*, applied the arguments to the law  
20 cited by the non-party and entered an *Order Denying Limited Motion to*  
21 *Unseal* on April 3, 2024. That *Order* is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and  
22 fully incorporated herein. The *Order* includes findings relating to the law  
23 cited and a conclusion “that the non-party petitioner failed to adequately  
24 support their request.”  
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2 **Answer**

3 The *Order Directing Answer* required this Court to file and serve an  
4 answer, including authorities, against issuance of the requested writ.  
5 Unfortunately, the *Petition for a Writ of Mandamus* was not filed into the  
6 District Court case. Petitioner did, however, following filing, provide this  
7 Court a copy of the *Petition*.  
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9 Petitioner’s *Petition* is much broader, with different citations,  
10 compared to the *Motion* submitted to this Court (and the two other  
11 departments). This Court entered its April 3, 2024 *Order* as a determination  
12 of the limited issue raised and citations made within the *Motion*. Petitioner  
13 referenced several times that the *Motion* was unopposed. Such never  
14 guarantees a “win;” as the Court is tasked with resolving the pending issue  
15 by applying the facts to the cited authority. There were no disputed facts  
16 presented.  
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20 Petitioner, references this Court’s decision in *Falconi v. Eighth Jud.*  
21 *Dist. Ct. in & for Cnty. of Clark*, 140 Nev. Adv. Op. 8, 543 P.3d 92, 95  
22 (2024) several times in the *Petition*. That decision references the process  
23 utilized for a Court to overcome the presumption that family law  
24 proceedings are presumptively open.  
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27 Thus, to overcome the presumption, one must show three things: (1)  
28 closure serves a compelling interest; (2) there is a substantial

1 probability that, in the absence of closure, this compelling interest  
2 could be harmed; and (3) there are no alternatives to closure that  
3 would adequately protect the compelling interest.

4 *Id.*, at 99. The *Motion* neither argued overcoming the presumption or even  
5 referenced the same. Rather, it was supported by inapplicable cites. As a  
6 result, this Court did not perform the analysis referenced in *Falconi* or make  
7 the findings to support the closure. The case at issue is statutorily closed as  
8 it stems from a paternity action. Thus, the question is whether to open the  
9 case.  
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12 Instead, this Court applied the request, made specifically within the  
13 *Motion*, to the cited authority and denied the relief. That analysis is  
14 contained within Exhibit 1 and incorporated as though fully set forth herein.  
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17 Petitioner then argues that this Court must have meant to “rely upon  
18 NRS 126.211 as a basis for the extensive sealing of the underlying matter.”  
19 The instant case, as a case stemming from paternity law, under NRS 126, is  
20 statutorily sealed.  
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22 If requested to make an analysis on whether a portion, or the entirety  
23 of the case, should be unsealed, pursuant to the guidance in *Falconi*, this  
24 Court will do so. Absent such an argument, it would be presumptuous for  
25 this Court to interpret what Petitioner meant to argue, compared to what was  
26 actually argued within the *Motion*.  
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1           Should the Supreme Court be simply interpreting whether this Court  
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3 appropriately issued the *Order Denying Limited Motion to Unseal* on April  
4 3, 2024, based upon what was argued, the *Order* itself should answer that  
5 question.  
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7           However, if the purpose for requesting this *Answer* is to ask this Court  
8 to address the issues within the *Petition*, this Court is reluctant, as much of  
9 what is argued in the request to mandate this Court vacate its *Order* was not  
10 presented as part of the case below.  
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12           The case at issue has been closed, with no action for more than a year.  
13 If the *Falconi* decision was meant to permit unfettered access to highly  
14 sensitive cases without permitting the District Court to consider the  
15 compelling interests at stake, as argued by Petitioner, then such clarification  
16 is needed from the Supreme Court.  
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19           However, if the *Falconi* decision was meant to permit the District  
20 Court to consider “the critical importance of the public's access to the courts  
21 and the role that thoughtful, reasoned judicial decision-making plays in  
22 identifying the compelling interests at stake and determining; (1) if and  
23 when to order closure in any proceeding, be it family, civil, or criminal in  
24 nature; and (2) to what extent such closure should apply,” then, on this  
25 record, the *Petition* should be denied with instructions to the Petitioner to  
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1 support their request more clearly and allow the District Court to consider  
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3 the same. See *Id.* at 99.

4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

5 Dated this 1st day of July, 2024

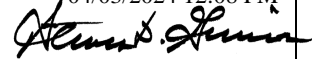
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**DISTRICT COURT  
FAMILY DIVISION  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

MINTER, TROY A.,  
Plaintiff,

Case No.: D-08-402901-C  
Dept.: E

v.

Sch. Hrg.: April 19, 2024

EASLER, JENNIFER R.,  
Defendant.

**ORDER DENYING LIMITED MOTION TO UNSEAL**

This Court has reviewed the calendar for an upcoming hearing and FINDS that NRCPC 1 and EDCR 1.10 state that the procedure in District Courts shall be administered to secure efficient, speedy, and inexpensive determinations in every action. Pursuant to EDCR 5.502(e)(3), this Court can consider a motion and issue a decision on the papers at any time without a hearing.

This Court has read and considered the current underlying pleadings in this matter and has reviewed this file. THIS COURT FINDS that a non-party filed a *Limited Motion to Unseal* on March 4, 2024. As no hearing was requested, the matter was set on this Court's *Chamber Calendar*. No opposition has been offered by either party.



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THIS COURT FURTHER FINDS that the non-party petitioner cites to the *Rules Governing Sealing and Redacting Court Records*; specifically SRCR 3 to support their request. However, SRCR 1(4) specifically states that: “These rules do not apply to the sealing or redacting of court records under specific statutes, such as NRS Chapters ... 125 (dissolution), 126 (Parentage) ...” As such, that rule does not apply to the instant case.

THIS COURT FURTHER FINDS that the non-party petitioner indicates that, pursuant to SCR 230(1), they are seeking review for potential coverage. However, prior to the instant request, this case was closed, with no future actions pending. As such, there is no pending “proceeding” for electronic coverage to apply.

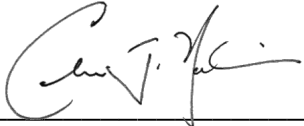
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the non-party petitioner failed to adequately support their request. Thus, the *Limited Motion to Unseal* is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, all existing orders, not in conflict with this Order, shall remain in full force and effect.

CASE CLOSED.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2024



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