IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF J. THOMAS HALE, ESQ.

No. 46168

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL AS MOOT

This is an automatic appeal from the Northern Nevada Disciplinary Board hearing panel's recommendation that attorney J. Thomas Hale be disbarred. On December 15, 2005, however, the state bar notified this court that Hale has passed away. Accordingly, we dismiss as most this appeal from the hearing panel's recommendation.

It is so ORDERED.

Becker, C.J

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