

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

LANCE DEON HAWES,
Appellant,
vs.
STEVEN L. SEXTON,
Respondent.

No. 46296

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ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

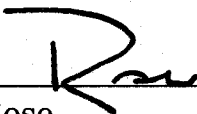
This is a proper person appeal from a district court order dismissing appellant's complaint for legal malpractice against his court-appointed criminal defense counsel. Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County; Robert H. Perry, Judge.

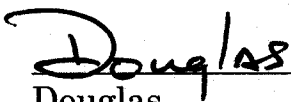
Having reviewed the record and appellant's proper person appeal statement, we conclude that the district court did not err.¹ In particular, appellant did not assert that he has obtained relief from his

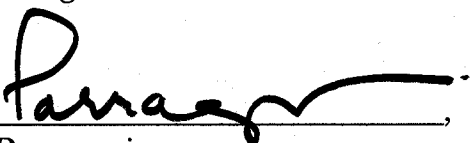
¹See NRCP 12(b)(5); Breliant v. Preferred Equities Corp., 109 Nev. 842, 845, 858 P.2d 1258, 1260 (1993) (noting that, in determining whether a claim has been stated, all inferences must be construed in favor of the non-moving party, and all factual allegations in the complaint must be accepted as true); Edgar v. Wagner, 101 Nev. 226, 699 P.2d 110 (1985) (stating that, in reviewing an order granting a motion to dismiss, this court's task is to determine whether the challenged pleading sets forth allegations sufficient to make out the elements of a right to relief).

conviction, and thus he cannot maintain a legal malpractice action against his criminal defense attorney.² Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.


_____, C.J.
Rose


_____, J.
Douglas


_____, J.
Parraguirre

cc: Hon. Robert H. Perry, District Judge
Lance Deon Hawes
Donald York Evans
Washoe District Court Clerk

²See Morgano v. Smith, 110 Nev. 1025, 1028-29, 879 P.2d 735, 737-38 (1994) (holding that a legal malpractice action against a criminal defense attorney cannot be maintained unless the plaintiff has obtained appellate or post-conviction relief from the conviction or sentence, or otherwise established innocence of the charges).