## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ROBERT SPRETNAK, AN INDIVIDUAL No. 51833 AND ELECTOR CITIZEN. Petitioner, vs. HARVARD L. LOMAX, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS FOR CLARK COUNTY. NEVADA; AND DAVID ROGER, CLARK FILED COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES, SEP 0 4 2008 Respondents, TRACIE K. LINDEMAN CLERK OF SUPREME COURT and BRUCE L. WOODBURY, IN HIS DERU CAPACITY AS CANDIDATE FOR CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT A; ROSS MILLER, IN HIS CAPACITY AS NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE. Real Parties in Interest.

## ORDER DENYING AS MOOT PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

This original petition for a writ of mandamus seeks to exclude real party in interest Bruce L. Woodbury's name from the 2008 primary and general election ballots, under the Nevada Constitution's term-limit provision. Real parties in interest filed answers, as directed.

Thereafter, in the context of another proceeding, <u>Secretary of</u> <u>State v. Burk</u>,<sup>1</sup> we determined that Woodbury was not qualified to run for another term in his current office because, at the expiration of his term in 2008, he will have already completed the maximum number of years that

<sup>1</sup>124 Nev. \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_ P.3d \_\_\_\_ (Adv. Op. No. 56, July 25, 2008).

SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA he is allowed to serve under the Nevada Constitution's Article 15, Section 3(2) term-limit provision; thus, we directed that his name be excluded from the 2008 general election ballot. Accordingly, as the relief sought by petitioner Robert Spretnak has been granted in the context of <u>Burk</u>, we deny this writ petition as moot.<sup>2</sup>

It is so ORDERED C.J.

Gibbons

J.

Maupin

Parraguirre

Cherry

J.

Hardesty

J. Douglas J.

Saitta

<sup>2</sup>See <u>University Sys. v. Nevadans for Sound Gov't</u>, 120 Nev. 712, 720, 100 P.3d 179, 186 (2004) (recognizing that "the duty of every judicial tribunal is to decide actual controversies by a judgment which can be carried into effect, and not to give opinions upon moot questions or abstract propositions, or to declare principles of law which cannot affect the matter in issue before it" (quoting <u>NCAA v. University of Nevada</u>, 97 Nev. 56, 57, 624 P.2d 10, 10 (1981))).

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