

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

H. BRUCE COX AND SUE ANN COX,
HUSBAND AND WIFE,
Petitioners,

vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
CLARK; AND THE HONORABLE
ELIZABETH GOFF GONZALEZ,
DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondents,

and

MICHAEL GAUGHAN AND PAULA
GAUGHAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE,
Real Parties in Interest.

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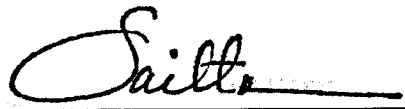
ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS


This original petition for a writ of mandamus challenges a district court order denying summary judgment.

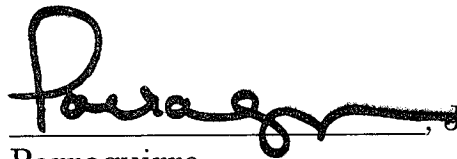
Extraordinary writ relief “may only be issued in cases ‘where there is not a plain, speedy, and adequate remedy’ at law.” Sonia F. v. Dist. Ct., 125 Nev. ___, ___, 215 P.3d 705, 707 (2009) (quoting NRS 34.330). As an appeal from the final judgment is usually an adequate legal remedy that precludes writ relief, Pan v. Dist. Ct., 120 Nev. 222, 88 P.3d 840 (2004), this court will generally not intervene to consider writ petitions challenging district court orders denying motions to dismiss, unless “pursuant to clear authority . . . the district court is obligated to

dismiss an action,” Smith v. District Court, 113 Nev. 1343, 1344-45, 950 P.2d 280, 281 (1997), or “an important issue of law needs clarification and public policy is served by this court’s invocation of its original jurisdiction.” Sonia F., 125 Nev. at ___, 215 P.3d at 707. “The interests of judicial economy . . . will remain the primary standard by which this court exercises its discretion.” Id. at 1345, 950 P.2d at 281; see also County of Clark v. Upchurch, 114 Nev. 749, 752-53, 961 P.2d 754, 756-57 (discussing judicial economy as follows, “courts must also consider whether speedy resolution of the issue might promote economy in the litigation process or might lead to meaningful pretrial settlement.”) (citation omitted). Having reviewed the petition and supporting documents, we are not persuaded that this court’s extraordinary intervention is warranted in this matter. NRAP 21(b)(1); Smith v. District Court, 107 Nev. 674, 818 P.2d 849 (1991). Accordingly, we

ORDER the petition DENIED.


Saitta, J.
Saitta


Hardesty, J.
Hardesty


Parraguirre, J.
Parraguirre

cc: Hon. Elizabeth Goff Gonzalez, District Judge
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