

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

CHASEMELLON SHAREHOLDER  
SERVICES, LLC,  
Petitioner,

vs.

THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
DOUGLAS, AND THE HONORABLE  
MICHAEL P. GIBBONS, DISTRICT  
JUDGE,  
Respondents,  
And  
GREIG K. FORS,  
Real Party in Interest.

No. 39848

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ORDER DENYING WRIT OF PROHIBITION

This is an original petition by ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, LLC for a writ of prohibition challenging a district court order denying a motion to quash service of process for lack of personal jurisdiction. ChaseMellon argues the district court lacked personal jurisdiction. We disagree.

Jurisdiction over a nonresident defendant is constitutional when (1) the defendant has "minimum contacts with [Nevada] such that the maintenance of the suit does not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice;"<sup>1</sup> and (2) "the exercise of jurisdiction [is] reasonable."<sup>2</sup> "[I]t is the cumulative significance of all the activities

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<sup>1</sup>Mizner v. Mizner, 84 Nev. 268, 270, 439 P.2d 679, 680 (1968) (quoting Internat. Shoe Co. v. Washington, 326 U.S. 310, 316 (1945)).

<sup>2</sup>Trump v. District Court, 109 Nev. 687, 699, 857 P.2d 740, 748 (1993) (quoting Judas Priest v. District Court, 104 Nev. 424, 426, 760 P.2d 137, 138 (1988)).

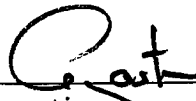
conducted in the jurisdiction rather than the isolated effect of any single activity that is determinative."<sup>3</sup> Further, it is the quality of contacts that confer personal jurisdiction, not the quantity of contacts.<sup>4</sup>

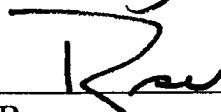
At the time Fors filed suit, ChaseMellon provided transfer services for Nevada corporations; derived approximately \$600,000 per year in revenue from Nevada corporations and \$1,000 per month from Nevada residents; serviced 50,925 shareholders living in Nevada; administered stock option plans involving 4,556 Nevada residents; and maintained an interactive website accessed by Nevada residents.

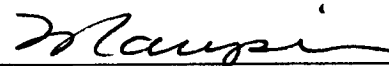
We conclude ChaseMellon had sufficient contacts with Nevada such that the exercise of personal jurisdiction is appropriate.

Accordingly, we

ORDER the writ of prohibition DENIED.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, C.J.  
Agosti

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Rose

  
\_\_\_\_\_, J.  
Maupin

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<sup>3</sup>Trump, 109 Nev. at 700, 857 P.2d at 749 (quoting Abbott v. Harrah, 90 Nev. 321, 324, 526 P.2d 75, 76 (1974)).

<sup>4</sup>Trump, 109 Nev. at 700, 857 P.2d at 749 (citing Brainerd v. Governors of the University of Alberta, 873 F.2d 1257, 1259 (9th Cir. 1989)).

cc: Hon. Michael P. Gibbons, District Judge  
Woodburn & Wedge  
Brooke Shaw Plimpton Zumpft  
Douglas County Clerk