

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

LACY L. THOMAS,  
Petitioner,

vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
CLARK, AND, THE HONORABLE  
MICHAEL VILLANI, DISTRICT  
JUDGE,

Respondents,

and

THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Real Party in Interest.

No. 52351

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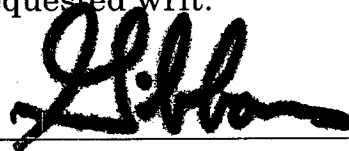
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ORDER DIRECTING ANSWER

This original petition for a writ of mandamus or certiorari challenges an order of the district court denying petitioner's motion to disqualify the Clark County District Attorney's Office from acting as the prosecutor in the underlying criminal case. Having reviewed the petition, it appears that petitioner has set forth issues of arguable merit and may have no plain, speedy and adequate remedy in the ordinary course of the law. Accordingly, the real party in interest, on behalf of respondents, shall have 20 days from the date of this order to file an answer, including authorities, against issuance of the requested writ.

It is so ORDERED.



C.J.

cc: Hon. Michael Villani, District Judge  
Daniel J. Albrechts, Ltd.  
Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto/Carson City  
Clark County District Attorney David J. Roger  
Eighth District Court Clerk