

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ROBERT SCOTLUND VAILE.

Appellant,

vs.

CISILIE A. PORSBOLL f/k/a, CISILIE A VAILE.

Respondent.

SC NO: 52593
DC NO: D-98-230385

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**RESPONDENT'S ANSWER TO PETITION
FOR EN BANC RECONSIDERATION**

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1 effort to evade paying the judgments against him – which exceed \$1,000,000 – and to starve out his
2 ex-wife by forcing her to respond to every pleading with no hope of financial support.

3 This Court’s *Order Directing Answer to Petition For En Banc Reconsideration* filed April
4 23, 2009, appears to confine the issue at hand to the timeliness of Scott’s notices of appeal.

5 Accordingly, this *Answer* is confined to the one issue of Scott’s *Petition for En Banc*
6 *Reconsideration* of the *Order Dismissing Appeal*. If we have misperceived, and the Court actually
7 desires us to address any other matters, we ask that the Court to so direct, and we will submit a
8 supplemental *Answer* accordingly.

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10 **II. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

11 Scott’s recitation of the procedural history is flawed, and in our opinion deliberately intended
12 to confuse and misdirect the Court. Due to the sheer number of filings and writs/appeals by Scott,
13 counsel was forced to create a flow chart to trace events, which is attached as Exhibit CC, for the
14 Court’s convenience. Counsel has only attached documents it considers necessary to the Court’s
15 consideration of the issue specified; the full record is larger. The record here is as follows:

16 The motion that Scott claims to have “revived” the case was Cisilie’s “*Motion to Reduce*
17 *Arrears in Child Support to Judgment, to Establish a Sum Certain Due Each Month in Child*
18 *Support, and for Attorney’s Fees and Costs.*” It was filed November 14, 2007 (not, as he states,
19 November 9, 2007).²

20 On December 4, 2007, Scott filed a *Motion to Dismiss [etc.]*³ Exhibit A.

21 On January 15, 2008, the court held it’s hearing on Cisilie’s *Motion*. Scott filed no
22 opposition, and did not appear. The court issued its *Order*, along with *Notice of Entry of the Order*,
23 on January 15, 2008. Exhibit B & C.

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26 ² Scott claimed in his December 4, 2007, *Motion* that he received Cisilie’s *Motion and Notice of Motion* on November
26, 2007, for the hearing scheduled for January 15, 2008, which still left him more than 50 days to respond.

27 ³ Full title: “*Motion to Dismiss Defendant’s Pending Motion and Prohibition on Subsequent Filings and To Declare this*
28 *Case Closed Based On Final Judgment by the Nevada Supreme Court, Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction, Lack of*
Personal Jurisdiction, Insufficiency of Process, and/or Insufficiency of Service of Process and Res Judicata, and To
Issue Sanctions, or, In the Alternative, Motion to Stay Case.”

1 On January 23, 2008, Scott filed a *Motion to Set Aside Order of January 15, 2008, and to*
2 *Reconsider and Rehear the Matter, and Motion to Reopen Discovery, and Motion to Stay*
3 *Enforcement of the January 15, 2008 Order.* Exhibit D. The district court heard his motion on
4 March 3, 2008, and Scott's motion to set aside was (technically) granted in part.⁴ The amended order
5 was filed March 20, 2008, and noticed on March 25, 2008. As the January 15 order was set aside,
6 it was no longer appealable, pursuant to NRAP 3A(b)(2).⁵

7 On February 14, 2008, Scott filed an *Ex Parte Motion for Order Shortening Time, Order*
8 *Shortening Time,* and his *Notice of Entry of Order.* Exhibits E, F, & G. Scott's *Ex Parte Motion*
9 *for Order Shortening Time,* combined his December 4, 2007, *Motion* with his January 23, 2008,
10 *Motion.* Exhibit A & D.

11 On March 3, 2008, the court heard Scott's *Motion to Set Aside* and his *Motion to Dismiss.*

12 On March 20, 2008, the court issued its *Order* substituting more detailed findings and
13 conclusions than had been in the January 15, 2008, *Order,* setting a sum certain dollar amount for
14 child support, and setting the amount of arrears. The court denied various of Scott's combined
15 *Motions: to Dismiss; to Reopen Discovery; for Insufficiency of Process, and/or Insufficiency of*
16 *Service of Process; to Stay Case; and for Prohibition on Subsequent Filings and to Declare this*
17 *Case Closed.* The court further noted that the *Order* of March 20, 2008, was a final, enforceable
18 order.⁶ Exhibit H.

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20 ⁴ Setting aside the summary findings of the January 15 order, and substituting for them the much longer and more
21 detailed findings of fact and conclusions of law in the March 20 order, while making the same substantive arrearage
22 orders and increasing the sum of fees awarded to Cisilie.

23 ⁵ Rule 3A(b)(2), in pertinent part: . . . , and from any special order made after final judgment except an order granting
24 a motion filed and served within sixty (60) days following entry of a default judgment, setting aside the judgment
25 pursuant to NRCP 60(b)(1).

26 ⁶ The Court should note that Scott has claimed this *Order* was "unenforceable." In fact, he is actually (again) suing this
27 law firm in Virginia at the present time, claiming that he could not be made to actually pay the child support arrears found
28 to be owing because he requested reconsideration (rehearing) of the order after it issued. Of course, such a motion is
not a tolling motion (see *Nardozzi v. Clark County Sch. Dist.*, 108 Nev. 7, 823 P.2d 285 (1992)), "a Motion for rehearing
cannot reasonably be construed as a motion to alter or amend the judgment pursuant to subsection (e) of [NRCP 59]".
To the degree the order was substantively appealable, Scott had only 30 days of notice of its entry within which to appeal
it, regardless of his filings. NRAP 4. And, of course, such a *Motion for Reconsideration* has no impact on the finality
and enforceability of an order. See NRCP 62 (stays of enforcement); *State ex rel. P.C. v. District Court*, 94 Nev. 42,
574 P.2d 272 (1978) (there is no such thing in this State as an automatic stay of enforcement by simply filing a *Notice*
of Appeal, or any motion in the district court – the argument that there should be an automatic stay is "torture [of] our

1 On March 25, 2008, *Notice of Entry* of the March 20, 2008, *Order* was filed. Exhibit I.

2 On March 31, 2008, Scott filed his *Motion for Reconsideration and To Amend Order or*
3 *Alternatively, For A New Hearing and Request to Enter Objections and Motion To Stay Enforcement*
4 *of the March 3, 2008 [sic] Order*. Exhibit J.

5 On May 5, 2008, Scott filed a motion entitled *Renewed Motion for Sanctions*. Exhibit K.
6 The same day, Cisilie filed her *Motion for Examination of Judgment Debtor*.

7 On May 10, 2008, the court issued the requested *Order for Examination of Judgment Debtor*,
8 relating to the hundreds of thousands of dollars Scott had been found to owe in child support arrears
9 and attorney's fees, scheduling the examination for June 11, 2008. Exhibit L.

10 On June 11, 2008, the court held a hearing on Scott's March 31 motion filing that sought
11 reconsideration of the *Order* actually filed March 20.⁷

12 On July 7, 2008, Scott filed a *Petition for Writ of Mandamus*, challenging the district court's
13 authority to compel him to appear for an examination of judgment debtor, Supreme Court Case No.
14 51981. The Court directed that Cisilie *Answer* on July 9, 2008; we did so on her behalf, and Scott's
15 petition was denied October 13, 2008. Exhibits M & T.

16 On July 11, 2008, the district court held its hearing on Scott's *Motion for Sanctions*; Scott's
17 request to examine the child support penalty calculation methodology was continued to July 24,
18 2008.⁸

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20 prevailing rules of court," would "render the language meaningless," and "would do untold mischief to the effective
21 administration of justice.")) Rather, to prevent enforcement of an order, a party must specifically request a stay and post
22 a supersedeas bond. If the stay is not granted, the *Order* remains enforceable by all lawful means – including execution
and garnishment, until and unless it is reversed. Scott's confusion – or deliberate mis-statement – as to the difference
between an order "final" for enforcement purposes and one appealable under the rules is obvious.

23 ⁷ At this hearing Ms. Muirhead, made her appearance in an *unbundled* capacity for Scott, and made an oral request for
24 the Judge to recuse as she was running against her in the coming election. This request was denied. Ms. Muirhead then
25 attempted to have the judge recuse because she had been named in interrogatories in a Virginia proceeding between
26 Robert Scotlund Vaile v. Willick Law Group, et. al., Case No. 6:07cv00011. This request was also denied. It should
27 be noted that Scott hired Ms. Muirhead specifically because she was running against Judge Moss in the upcoming
28 election with the intent to force a recusal. Ms. Muirhead aided in this attempt by openly requesting the recusal. While
Ms. Muirhead's actions were sanctionable under this Court's decision in *Millen v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court*, 118 Nev.
1245, 148 P.3d 694 (2006), no sanctions were imposed by the court.

⁸ On July 11, 2008, in open court and during a hearing, Scott filed a "Supplemental Brief" for the first time putting into
question the methodology of calculation of the sum of penalties under NRS 125B.090. This is why this Court's *Order*
filed October 13, 2008, noting that matters had not been finally resolved and any appeals filed prior to that date were

1 On August 14, 2008, Scott filed another *Petition for Writ of Mandamus*, Supreme Court Case
2 No. 52244, regarding the district court's ruling refusing to disqualify this firm as counsel, and again
3 Cisilie was directed to *Answer*. That petition was denied on March 5, 2009. Exhibits Q & AA.

4 On August 15, 2008, the district court issued its *Order for the Hearing Held June 11, 2008*.
5 All of Scotlund's substantive requests were denied. *Notice of Entry* was filed on September 11,
6 2008. Exhibit N & O. This order partially resolved the matters raised in Scott's March 31 motion
7 filing, and deferred others for later resolution.

8 On August 26, 2008, Scott petitioned the United States Supreme Court for a Writ of
9 Certiorari, which was denied on November 3, 2008. Exhibit W.

10 On September 14, 2008, Scott filed his *Notice of Appeal* in this Court, Case No. 52457,
11 seeking to appeal the orders issued August 15, 2008, and March 20, 2008. This appeal was
12 dismissed October 13, 2008, on the basis that the orders were not substantively appealable. Exhibit
13 P & U. Scott's appeal of the March 20 order, even if the order *had* been an appealable order, was
14 filed some 143 days after his appeal time had run. An untimely notice of appeal fails to vest
15 jurisdiction in this Court.⁹

16 On October 9, 2008, the district court issued and entered its *Notice of Entry of Findings of*
17 *Fact, Conclusions of Law, Final Decision and Order*, finding that Scott did indeed have to pay child
18 support and awarding Cisilie an additional \$15,000 in attorney's fees. Exhibit R.

19 On October 10, 2008, Scott filed what he titled a *Renewed Notice of Appeal*, Supreme Court
20 Case No. 52593, *again* seeking to appeal the orders issued August 15, 2008, and March 20, 2008.
21 Exhibit S. This Court dismissed that appeal on January 15, 2009, noting that the attempted appeal
22 of the March 20, 2008, order was untimely, and (again) that the order issued August 15, 2008, was
23 not substantively appealable. Exhibit X.

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26 from substantively non-appealable orders, was correct. Of course, the March 20, 2008, *Order* reducing to judgment sums
27 of support, interest, and penalties, remained completely enforceable during the pendency of the motion seeking to
determine that question. *State ex rel. P.C. v. District Court, supra*.

28 ⁹ *Whitman v. Whitman*, 108 Nev, 949, 840 P.2d 1232 (1992), *cert. denied*, 508 U.S. 964, 113 S.Ct. 2941, 124 L. Ed. 2d 690 (1993).

1 As detailed above, both orders (March 20 and August 15) were already the subject of Scott's
2 earlier-filed and then-still-pending appeal, as the Court's dismissal of Scott's earlier appeal was not
3 filed until October 13, which fact *also* made Scott's purported appeal premature and ineffective.¹⁰
4 It is contrary to fundamental judicial procedure to permit two actions to remain pending between the
5 same parties upon the identical cause.¹¹ Additionally, as the Court noted in the dismissal, the orders
6 being appealed were not substantively appealable as they were subject to review and modification.

7 Scott claims to have next filed what he titled an *Amended Notice of Appeal*, dated November
8 1, 2008, seeking to appeal the October 9, 2008, *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Final*
9 *Decision and Order*, and (*again*) the *Orders* filed August 15, 2008, and March 20, 2008. This
10 purported "amended appeal" does not appear in the record, and was not apparently ever filed.¹²
11 Exhibit V.

12 On November 4, 2008, Scott filed in this Court his *Motion to Allow Full Briefing and Motion*
13 *to Extend Time for Filing of Transcript Request*. Supreme Court Case No. 52593. As noted above,
14 this Court issued its *Order Dismissing Appeal* on January 15, 2009. Exhibit X.

15 On January 28, 2009, Scott filed his *Motion for Rehearing and Reconsideration*, which was
16 denied March 5, 2009, and another appeal, entitled *Second Notice of Appeal*, yet again attempting
17 to appeal the March 20 and August 15 orders, and this time adding the October 9 order. The appeal
18 was itself untimely, as more than 30 days had lapsed since the October 9 order was noticed.¹³ In any
19 event, it was not any more substantively appealable than the various other earlier orders, because it
20 was not a final order, but rather specifically deferred decisions on material issues.

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24 ¹⁰ *Hill v. Warden, Nev. State Prison*, 96 Nev. 38, 604 P.2d 807 (1980); *Chapman Indus. v. United Ins. Co. of Am.*, 110
Nev. 454, 874 P.2d 739 (1994).

25 ¹¹ *Fernandez v. Infusaid Corp., et al.*, 110 Nev. 187, 871 P.2d 292 (1994); *Fitzharris v. Phillips*, 74 Nev. 371, 333 P.2d
26 721 (1958).

27 ¹² From what we know of Scott, this document was probably prepared at some later time, and then sent to us in an attempt
to retroactively claim that an appeal had been "filed" in an effort to evade what Scott perceived to be the filing deadline.

28 ¹³ Scott's *Notice of Appeal* of the October 9, 2008, order came some 111 days later, 81 days after the time allowed to
appeal.

1 On February 27, 2009, the district court issued its *Order for Hearing Held July 24, 2008*.
2 Exhibit Y. *Notice of Entry* was filed March 2, 2009. Exhibit Z.

3 On March 18, 2009, Scott filed his *Petition for En Banc Reconsideration*. The Court issued
4 its *Order Directing Answer to Petition for En Banc Reconsideration* on April 23, 2009.

5 On April 10, 2009, Scott filed what he entitled *Second Amended Notice of Appeal*, appealing
6 the order dated February 27, 2009, the order dated October 9, 2008, the order of August 15, 2008,
7 and the order of March 20, 2008. The Court treated this as a new appeal, and assigned Supreme
8 Court Case No. 53687. No notice of this appeal has ever been served on this office. Presumably,
9 it remains pending, and should be dismissed for the same reasons as stated previously.

10 The final order resolving all deferred issues was not entered by the district court until April
11 17, 2009. Exhibit BB. This order finally ruled on the calculation methodology to be employed for
12 penalties on child support under NRS 125B.090. Because we believe the ruling on that point is in
13 error, we have appealed from that final order.¹⁴ No cross-appeal was filed, and no matters remain
14 pending before the district court.

15 16 III. ARGUMENT

17 A. DEFECTS

18 1. Scott's *Petition for En Banc Reconsideration* is untimely pursuant to NRAP
19 40A(b).¹⁵ The *Order Denying Rehearing* was filed March 5, 2009, and Scott's *Petition for*
20 *En Banc Reconsideration* was due by March 16,¹⁶ but not filed until March 18, 2009, 13 days
21 after the written entry of the panel's decision. The rule requires that such a petition must be
22 made within 10 days of written entry of the panel's decision.

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25 ¹⁴ Case No. 53798.

26 ¹⁵ Rule 40A(b): *Time for filing: effect of filing on finality of judgment*. Any party may petition for en banc
27 reconsideration of a panel's decision within ten (10) days after written entry of a panel decision to deny rehearing. The
three day mailing period set forth in Rule 26(c) does not apply to the time limits set by this rule.

28 ¹⁶ The ten days actually ran March 15, but was extended to March 16 because the 15th was a Sunday. NRAP 40A; NRAP
26(c).

1 2. Scott's allegation that the full court's reconsideration is necessary to secure
2 and maintain uniformity of the court's decisions is not supported by any citations to prior
3 published opinions, nor does it show how the panel's decision is contrary to any prior,
4 published opinions of this court. In fact, it is not so.

5 3. Scott's many requests for reconsideration or rehearings do not indicate any
6 grounds that any proceeding involves a substantial precedential, constitutional or public
7 policy issue, nor does it demonstrate the impact of the panel's decision beyond the litigants
8 involved.

9 4. Scott's *Petition for En Banc Reconsideration* fails specifically to cite any
10 overlooked or misapprehended material fact or a material question of law in the case. It does
11 not suggest that the Court has overlooked, misapplied, or failed to consider a statute,
12 procedural rule, regulation or decision directly controlling a dispositive issue in the case.

13 5. Scott's appeals *are* in fact untimely, being either premature or late.¹⁷
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15 **B. THE RELEVANT LEGAL STANDARD**

16 Due to the number of filings in this matter by Scott, the weeding out of what is relevant and
17 germane to the issue before the court has required Respondent to create a time line and a flow chart
18 to explain, examine, and properly show the events in this matter, and how they are related.¹⁸

19 *En Banc Reconsideration* of a panel's decision is not favored by the Court, and a motion
20 seeking such reconsideration must show that it is necessary to secure or maintain uniformity of the
21 Court's decisions, or that the proceedings involve a substantial precedential, constitutional, or public
22 policy issue. Scott has not demonstrated that any such issues are present. Mere naked assertions that
23 the Court had misapprehended any material issue of fact or law does not make it so, nor does it
24 warrant a reconsideration of the Court's order denying the rehearing.

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26 ¹⁷ The Court has noted Scott's untimely or late filings. The most recent appeal by Scott was actually premature, in that
27 he filed it seven days before the final decision was rendered by the lower court. That appeal has yet to be noticed to this
28 office. It should also be noted that his time to file a timely appeal from the actual final *Order* – ironically the only
substantively appealable order in the series from which he has attempted to appeal – passed on May 18, 2009.

¹⁸ See Exhibit CC.

1 **C. THE COURT SHOULD DENY *EN BANC RECONSIDERATION***

2 The panel’s decision is not contrary to any prior published opinions. On the face of the
3 documents in this case an *En Banc Reconsideration* of the panel’s decision has no purpose other than
4 to further multiply the proceedings, increase costs unreasonably, and waste the Court’s time. It is
5 vexatious on its face.

6 Throughout the record, Scott has claimed that his motions (in the district court and this
7 Court) have been for “rehearing,” yet he has not once offered any new evidence for the court to
8 consider in arriving at its decision.¹⁹ Scott has not addressed the fact that all the orders he has
9 appealed from are not appealable. His appeals have been from orders that are not final, from orders
10 that have passed the time for appeal, or are premature in appealing an order of which the order had
11 not yet been issued by the court.

12 Not a single appeal filed by Scott was timely or appropriate and the Court’s decisions on the
13 appealability of those orders has been correct.

14 Scott now attempts to argue that there is no jurisdiction for the enforcement of his child
15 support obligation, quoting (over-selectively) from the Court’s 2002 decision,²⁰ but neglecting other
16 relevant portions, such as:

17 Because the voidable decree has not been set aside, the court had colorable personal
18 jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of their marital status. Simply because
19 a court might order one party to pay child support to another in the exercise of its personal
20 jurisdiction over the parties does not permit the court to extend its jurisdiction to the subject
21 matter of child custody and visitation.

22 And, of course, UIFSA’s “Extended Personal Jurisdiction”²¹ provides jurisdiction to impose
23 a child support award whenever someone files papers in a Nevada court submitting himself to the
24 jurisdiction of the court.²²

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¹⁹ *Able Elec., Inc. v. Kaufman*, 104 Nev. 29, 752 P.2d 218 (1988).

26 ²⁰ *Vaile v. Eighth Judicial District Court*, 118 Nev. 262, 44 P.3d 506 (2002).

27 ²¹ See NRS ch. 130, Article 2 (Jurisdiction).

28 ²² NRS 130.201(2): “Submission by the obligor to the jurisdiction of this State by consent, by entering a general
appearance or filing a responsive document having the effect of waiving any contest to personal jurisdiction.”

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I hereby certify that I have read this *Answer To Petition for En Banc Reconsideration*, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, it is not frivolous or interposed for any improper purpose. I further certify that this brief complies with all applicable Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure, in particular NRAP 28(e) which requires every assertion in the brief regarding matters in the record to be supported by appropriate references to the record on appeal. I understand that I may be subject to sanctions in the event that the accompanying brief is not in conformity with the requirements of the Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2009.



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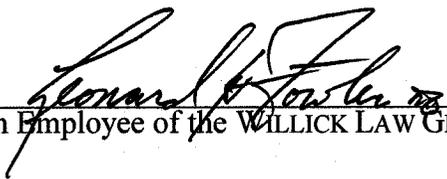
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