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IN THE MATTER OF THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH HALVERSON, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF NEVADA.

THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH HALVERSON, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF NEVADA,

Appellant,

VS.

NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE,

Respondent.

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COMES NOW Respondent, NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE, by and through its appellate counsel, Dorothy Nash Holmes, Esq. of Fahrendorf, Viloria, Oliphant & Oster, L.L.P., who hereby files this emergency motion asking this Court to determine whether Appellant currently lacks the capacity for self-representation on this appeal, and to determine the status of *pro hac vice* counsel, and to enter an Order Shortening Time to Respond to the instant motion. This motion is based upon the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the attached affidavit of counsel which is incorporated by reference herein, all exhibits filed with this motion, and all documents and pleadings on file in this case, together with any evidence that may be presented in a hearing on this motion.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### **Statement of Facts**

Appellant Elizabeth Halverson was a judge serving in the Eighth Judicial District of Nevada until she was ordered removed by the Respondent, Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline, in an order entered November 17, 2008. *See* Appellant's Docketing Statement. Approximately three weeks after the completion of the Judicial Discipline Commission's misconduct hearing on Judge Halverson, on or about September 4, 2008, she was beaten by her husband and severely injured. *See* news articles attached as Exhibit 1 hereto, and incorporated by reference herein. Her husband was initially charged with attempted murder but in a negotiated plea made with the District Attorney of Clark County, Ed Halverson subsequently entered an Alford plea to a felony charge of Domestic Battery (see Blackstone print-out of charges, Exhibit 2 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein). He was sentenced to 3-10 years in prison. *See* Court Docket, attached hereto as Exhibit 3, and incorporated by reference herein.

According to her own statements made in television interviews at the time of her husband's sentencing on January 14, 2009, due to her injuries Elizabeth Halverson cannot read or write; has difficulty seeing because one eye closes on its own; has double-vision; cannot concentrate; cannot read a brief or "help in my own defense;" and lacks the ability "to think or work." She was reported to have stated in the sentencing hearing that she suffered brain damage in the attack. In one of the television interviews she stated that "it takes a long time to recover from brain injuries" and in another she said that she was told by her doctors that one must "wait at least nine month to take tests to determine if her injuries will last forever." *See* Affidavit of Dorothy Nash Holmes, Esq., attached hereto as Exhibit 4 and incorporated by reference herein.

A simple examination of her signature before and after the attack illustrates the apparent effect of

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Fahrendorf, Viloria, Oliphant the beating on her. See comparison of signature pages of appellant, Exhibit 5 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

According to statements made to Respondent's counsel on March 11-12, 2009 by Michael Alan Schwartz, *pro hac vice* counsel associating with Elizabeth Halverson in this case, Judge Halverson has damaged eyesight and neurological problems, has difficulty focusing and concentrating, cannot write without great difficulty, and at times experiences labored and difficult communication. Mr. Schwartz told Respondent's counsel that he is greatly concerned about the ability of Judge Halverson to assist him in her appeal. He further stated that she is living alone and having an extremely difficult time taking care of herself, due to her physical injuries and limitations. He stated that he does not see how she could possibly attend an oral argument in Carson City, Nevada. He stated that, in his opinion, she cannot currently practice law, due to her injuries. *See* Exhibit 4 hereto.

Elizabeth Halverson, being an attorney, purports to represent herself in this appeal of her removal from the bench, taken pursuant to NRAP 3D. Elizabeth Halverson represented herself before the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline in the hearing held to determine if she had committed misconduct warranting her removal. She associated out-of-state counsel, Michael Alan Schwartz, of Michigan, and he applied and was admitted *pro hac vice*. Apparently, Mr. Schwartz is continuing in that capacity for purposes of this appeal, although to Respondent's knowledge, he has not yet filed a motion for his first appearance, pursuant to SCR42 (8)<sup>1</sup>.

Appellant's Opening Brief in her appeal is due to be filed in the Nevada Supreme Court by Tuesday, March 17, 2009, which is the reason this motion is filed as an emergency motion seeking expedited relief.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Respondent believes Mr. Schwartz has not previously filed or argued an appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court and does not know the extent of his familiarity with Nevada Supreme Court Rules or Nevada appellate procedure.

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### Substance of the Motion

Generally, a party may not appear *in propria persona* in an appeal to Nevada highest court. SCR 44 (1). However, NRAP 46(b) provides that a party may file written briefs and papers in an appellate matter "with leave of the Supreme Court." Respondent is not aware of any Order granting Appellant Elizabeth Halverson such leave to represent herself in this appeal of her removal, but presumably it was permitted because she is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada.

A foreign attorney must have an in-state attorney to associate with on a case before he can litigate in Nevada courts. The in-state attorney must be "responsible to the Court for all matters presented" pursuant to NRAP 46(a). The local admitted counsel must sign the briefs and be responsible for their content. If the foreign counsel is associated upon oral argument, the local counsel must be present for the oral argument and responsible for all matters presented on that appeal.

The facts asserted above raise the concern that if Appellant is so incapacitated from her husband's attack that she cannot "help in her own defense" or assist her *pro hac vice* counsel in the appeal, she cannot be "responsible to the Court" in this appeal case. Mr. Schwartz is in Michigan and Elizabeth Halverson is in Las Vegas., and purportedly living alone and having difficulty caring for herself. Presumably, Appellant's issues on appeal will include pre-trial rulings by the Judicial Discipline Commission and that would require Elizabeth Halverson's input because Mr. Schwartz did not enter the case to assist in the hearing until late July, 2008. The hearing was held from August 4 -15, 2008. It is likely that Mr. Schwartz does not even have access to the entire case file, since this case originated in May 2007 and Judge Halverson had

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FAHRENDORF, VILORIA, OLIPHANT & OSTER 1.1.0 three attorneys<sup>2</sup> representing her for a year before she fired them, assumed her own representation and eventually hired him to assist her. *See* Exhibit 4 hereto.

As a practicing attorney, Respondent's counsel has an obligation to notify the Court of anything that raises a substantial question about another lawyer's fitness to practice law. *See* NRPC 8.3 (a). Respondent ask this Court to make a determination, either *sua sponte* or by holding a hearing thereon, or by referral to State Bar Disciplinary Counsel (SCR 104), of whether Appellant Elizabeth Halverson is so incapacitated that she cannot currently effectively practice law (SCR 117) or be "responsible to the Court" for this appeal (NRAP 46). If Elizabeth Halverson is found to be temporarily or permanently incapacitated so that she cannot effectively practice law at this time, this Court should enter an Order that Elizabeth Halverson may not appear *in propria persona* to represent herself in these proceedings.

Inasmuch as the ability of *pro hac vice* counsel to practice law in Nevada for this case is dependent upon the ability of the associating local attorney to effectively practice law, Respondent asks this Court to make a determination whether Mr. Michael Alan Schwartz can appear in this case as *pro hac vice* counsel for purposes of this appeal, and if he can, with what attorney he should or must associate.

Respondent has an obligation to protect the integrity of this appeal and therefore suggests that this Court should temporarily extend Appellant's deadline for filing her Opening Brief until the above-mentioned issues are resolved.

### **Motion for Order Shortening Time to Respond**

Additionally, Respondent further moves this Court for an Order Shortening Time to Respond, pursuant to NRAP 26 (d), so that Mr. Schwartz (if he is able to associate into this case) and/or Elizabeth Halverson, (if she is able to appear and participate) must file an expedited

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> John Arrascada of Reno and Dominic Gentile and William Gamage of Las Vegas.

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FAHRENDORF, VILORIA, OLIPHANT & OSTER L.l. response to this motion, in order than these issues can be addressed and resolved promptly so Elizabeth Halverson's appeal will suffer as little delay as possible.

### Conclusion

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Based on the foregoing, this Court should determine if Appellant Elizabeth Halverson has the current capacity to effectively practice law and represent herself in this appellate proceeding, and if she has the capacity to be the attorney "responsible to this Court" so that a foreign attorney can associate with her on this appeal. This Court should temporarily extend Appellant's time to file her Opening Brief until the above-requested determinations are made, and this Court should shorten the time for Appellant to respond to this motion so as to avoid delay and expedite the resolution of the issues raised herein.

### **AFFIRMATION**

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030, the undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any person.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

FAHRENDORF, VILORIA, OLIPHANT & OSTER, L.L.P.

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### Judge Halverson's Husband Jailed on Attempted Murder Charges

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had tried to kill her.

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Suspended Judge Elizabeth Halverson is reported to be in the hospital.

"He took care of her, cooked for her, did everything for her," said Richard Isitt, who has known the couple for three years. He speculates that Edward Halverson just "snapped."

The husband of suspended Nevada state Judge Elizabeth Halverson has been jailed on attempted murder and domestic violence charges after

Clark County jail records show 49-year-old Edward Halverson was being held Friday pending a court appearance on felony attempted murder, battery with a deadly weapon and battery with substantial bodily harm

The arrest happened just before 11 p.m. Thursday. Halverson reportedly underwent surgery for her injuries. Police say she suffered severe injuries to her face, chest and upper arm area and told officers that he husband

police say he attacked his wife with a frying pan.



Edward Halverson is facing battery with a deadly weapon and attempted murder charges

Elizabeth Halverson was suspenced in July 2007 and recently lost a primary bid for re-election. She's been awaiting a decision from the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline about whether she'll be permanently barred from the bench.

The disciplinary panel wrapped up two weeks of hearings last month on allegations that Halverson slept on the bench and belittled her bailiff.

(The Associated Press contributed to this report.)



Edward Halverson's mug shot.



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### Judge Halverson hospitalized, husband jailed after attack

Embattled District Judge Elizabeth Halverson is in the hospital after she was assaulted by her husband, Las Vegas police said this morning. Her injuries are not life threatening.

Police were called to her house late last night to respond to a domestic violence call. Police said her husband, Edward Halverson, 49, hit her with a frying pan.

Edward Halverson was booked into the county jail on one attempted murder, one count battery with substantial bodily harm and one count battery with a deadly weapon.

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Battery-Constitutes Domestic Violence

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# AFFIDAVIT OF DOROTHY NASH HOLMES, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY MOTION FOR COURT TO DETERMINE APPELLANT'S CAPACITY FOR SELF-REPRESENTATION, TO DETERMINE STAUTS OF *PRO HAC VICE* COUNSEL AND MOTION FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME TO RESPOND

STATE OF NEVADA	)
	) ss
COUNTY OF WASHOE	)

Dorothy Nash Holmes, being first duly sworn under oath, according to law, deposes and says:

- 1. I am an attorney who has been licensed to practice law in Nevada since 1977.
- 2. I am Respondent's appellate counsel in the above-entitled action (Case No. 52760) and I also served as the Special Prosecutor for the Judicial Discipline Commission in the case of The Honorable Elizabeth Halverson of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Case No. 0801-1066.
- 3. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein, and those stated in the motion which this affidavit supports; I am competent to testify to the same, and, if called, would so testify.
- 4. I have provided the exhibits attached to said motion and they are accurate copies of the documents they purport to represent.
- 5. The discipline case against Judge Halverson began with Judicial Discipline Commission action in May 2007; Judge Halverson was initially represented by John Arrascada, Dominic Gentile and William Gamage for one year until she fired them and they were permitted by the Commission to withdraw in May 2008, at which time Judge Halverson undertook her own representation until July 21, 2008 when she moved to associate Michael Alan Schwartz, of Michigan, as *pro hac vice* counsel to assist her in her self-representation.
- 6. On March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, I spoke by telephone with Michael Alan Schwartz, the *pro hac vice* counsel that associated with Elizabeth Halverson as she represented herself in her judicial discipline matter that is the subject of the instant appeal; Mr. Schwartz initially contacted me to discuss the possibility of us agreeing to a Joint Appendix to the instant appeal.

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7. During our discussions, Mr. Schwartz expressed his concern that Elizabeth Halverson is not currently capable of practicing law due to the injuries she suffered at the hands of her husband in September when he beat her with a frying pan.

- Mr. Schwartz told me that Elizabeth Halverson has problems reading, writing, 8. focusing, concentrating and that due to eye damage, she has double vision and cannot see well. He also stated that sometimes he has trouble communicating with her and that she has neurological problems.
- Mr. Schwartz also said that he was writing the brief for her appeal but was not sure 9. if she would be able to read it or appear at oral argument or assist him in any way due to her injuries and current condition; he stated that she is living alone and is not really able to care for herself currently, is unable to drive or get to her previous P.O. Box to pick up legal mail and he does not feel she can provide true input into her appeal at this time.
- 10. I then went to the internet and watched television interviews on Las Vegas Channels 5 (Fox) and 13 (KTNV) with Elizabeth Halverson on January 14, 2009, the day her husband was sentenced; in those interviews she stated the following:
  - that it takes a long time to recover from brain injuries;
  - that doctors can not determine until nine months after the attack if her injuries will be permanent or not;
  - that she can't read or write or think;
  - that she cannot read a brief or "help in my own defense;"
  - that she cannot think or work;
  - that she cannot concentrate;
  - that she cannot see because one eye closes on its own all the time;
  - that she has double vision:
  - that she cannot drive;
  - that "once she is well again she will go back to lawyering."

- 11. Based upon the foregoing, I have concerns that Elizabeth Halverson is currently unfit to practice law, due to her temporary or permanent incapacitation, and that she therefore cannot serve as her own counsel in her appeal, even with the assistance of Michael Schwartz.
- 12. I have read the attached motion and know the contents thereof; the same is true of my own knowledge, except for those matters therein contained stated upon information and belief and, as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2009.

DOROTHY MASH HOLMES, ESQ.

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this / day of March, 2009.

SANDRA R. MICELI

Notary Public - State of Nevada

Appointment Recorded in Washoe County

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1 Elizabeth L. Halverson Nevada Bar No. 4662 3850 E. Flamingo Rd. #152 Las Vegas, Nevada 89121-6227 (702) 436-4521 3 (702) 450-9227 Fax Respondent in Propria Persona 4 5 BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE 6 7 8 9 In the Matter of the 10 HONORABLE ELIZABETH HALVERSON. District Judge, Eighth Judicial District 11 Court, County of Clark, State of Nevada, 12 13 Respondent. 14 15 16

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CASE NO. 0801-1066

REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO ASSOCIATE COUNSEL

COMES NOW, the Respondent, Elizabeth Halverson in propria persona and files her REPLY

MOTION TO OPPOSITION TO ASSOCIATE COUNSEL based on the following Points and Authorities.

STATE OF NEVADA

DATED this 25th day of July, 2008

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23.	Attach copies of the last-filed version of all district court.	complaints, counterclaims, and/or cross-claims filed in t
24.	Did the judgment or order appealed from liabilities of ALL the parties to the action is	adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the rights a below:
	YesXNo	
25.	If you answered "No" to the immediately	previous question, complete the following:
	(a) Specify the claims remaining pending belo	ow:
	(b) Specify the parties remaining below:	
	(c) Did the district court certify the judgment 54(b):	nt or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NI
	Yes	ach a copy of the certification or order, including any notic
	(d) Did the district court make an express de for delay and an express direction for the	termination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just recentry of judgment:
	YesNo	
26.	If you answered "No" to any part of que order is independently appealable under N	estion 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (NRAP 3A(b)):
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	I declare under penalty of perjury that I ha	ve read this docketing statement, that the information prov to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and t
E	lizabeth Halverson	Elizabeth Halverson
	Name of appellant	Name of counsel of record
•••••	Date	Signature of counsel of record
	Clark Courty, NV	
*****	State and county where signed	