


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MICHAEL DAMON RIPPO,  
Appellant,  
vs.  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
Respondent.

No. 53626

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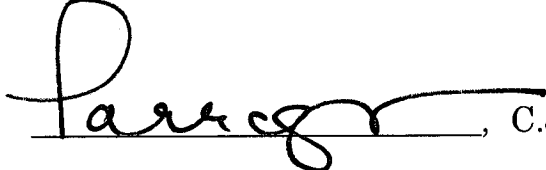
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION

This is an appeal from a district court order denying a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus in a death penalty case. Respondent has filed a third motion for an extension of time until March 22, 2010, to file an answering brief. Although we grant the motion, respondent is cautioned that no further extensions of time shall be permitted absent demonstration of extreme and unforeseeable circumstances. Counsel's caseload will not be deemed such a circumstance. Cf. Varnum v. Grady, 90 Nev. 374, 528 P.2d 1027 (1974). Respondent shall have until March 22, 2010, to file an answering brief.

It is so ORDERED.

, C.J.

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