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ROBERT SCOTLUND VAILE,

Petitioner,

VS.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK, AND THE HONORABLE CHERYL B. MOSS, DISTRICT JUDGE, FAMILY COURT DIVISION,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case No: 55446
District Court Case No: 98 D230385

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# REQUEST TO FILE REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO STAY CASE

Robert Scotlund Vaile, Petitioner, respectfully requests permission to file his reply memorandum in support of motion to stay the case in the lower court, including the rulings entered by the lower court in hearing on March 8, 2010 for good cause as described herein.



## REPLY MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO STAY CASE

### I. RELEVANT HISTORY REGARDING THE PENDING WRIT PETITION

In an October 26, 2010 hearing before the family court below, Defendant's counsel represented to the court that a 2003 judgment for attorney's fees against Petitioner had been renewed in accordance with the law. Based on those representations, the family court ordered Mr. Vaile to interplead funds to the Court in payments of those attorney's fees on threat of criminal contempt. Within weeks of the October 26, 2009 hearing, it was revealed the 2003 judgment had not, in fact, been renewed under Nevada law.

At a hearing on February 3, 2010, the lower court signed an order vacating the writ of garnishment against Mr. Vaile's employer, Deloitte & Touche LLP, which was based on the lapsed 2003 judgment. Nevertheless, the family court still issued an order requiring Mr. Vaile to interplead funds in support of the expired 2003 judgment for attorney's fees stating simply that the order issued in the October 26, 2010 hearing still "stands." On February 17, 2010, Petitioner requested this Court to intercede to prevent him from being jailed or allowing the family court to force him into bankruptcy by requiring payment of funds that he did not have, and to stay the action in the family court.

On February 19, 2010, this Court issued an order for a temporary stay of the family court's order that required Mr. Vaile to deposit funds with the district court, and required real party in interest to respond. Despite this Court's order, the family court, on

 February 25, 2010, entered a written order requiring Mr. Vaile to deposit those funds with the district court on threat of contempt.

In opposition to the request to stay the case in this Court, real party in interest's counsel, the Willick Law Group, argued that the family court was justified on October 26, 2009, and February 3, 2010 in ordering Mr. Vaile to pay funds in support of the expired judgment, based on a filing that Willick made to the family court on February 1, 2010. See Exhibit "I" of Respondent Real Party in Interest's Appendix. This filing requested registration of a federal court default judgment against Mr. Vaile for torts alleged by Porsboll in connection with Mr. Vaile returning his children to the United States under the direction of the family court. As of the February 3, 2010 hearing, Mr. Vaile had not received the request for registration, and the matter was not heard at the hearing on February 3, 2010.

A hearing on this registration and other matters took place in the lower court on March 8, 2010. Petitioner was present at the hearing. At this hearing, the family court determined that neither this Court's decision in *Landreth*, or NRS 3.233 prevented the registration and enforcement the federal court tort judgment in family court. In order to avoid the prohibitions in this Court's stay of the lower court's ruling requiring monetary payment from Mr. Vaile, the family court ordered Mr. Vaile's employer, Deloitte & Touche, LLP (a non-party in the action, present at the hearing only to observe) to withhold from Mr. Vaile's earnings the same \$1,174 that it ordered at the February 3,

Landreth v. Malik, 125 Nev. Adv. Op. No. 61, December 24, 2009.

2010 hearing, for the same 2003 judgment for attorney's fees. Deloitte & Touche, LLP is currently under a Temporary Restraining Order in California from withholding any of Mr. Vaile's earnings.

Other matters brought by the Willick Law Group were also heard at the March 8, 2010 hearing. Because the California court stayed<sup>2</sup> the proceedings in California based on *forum non conveniens*, the family court determined that all of Mr. Vaile's causes of action in California had been transferred to her court for adjudication, and then proceeded to rule on the merits of Mr. Vaile's California claims, over the objections of Mr. Vaile that he had never asserted his claims before that court. The family court determined that the fact that the defendants in the California action were not parties before the family court was no hindrance to her authority to rule on the merits of the California case.<sup>3</sup> Without allowing discovery or the presentation of *any* evidence, the family court ruled that Mr. Vaile's claims before the California court were without merit, and awarded attorneys fees to all California defendants in that action.

Finally, based on the Willick Law Group's request for a declaratory judgment to assist that firm's principal in litigation in Virginia against Mr. Vaile's previous attorney, the court reframed its previous order, advising that the March 20, 2008 order in this case was final until October 2008, directly contrary to this Court's decision on the matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The California court's *forum non conveniens* order was actually stayed by operation of law in California based on an appeal of that matter.

<sup>3.</sup> Real party in interest had previously been dismissed from the California action.

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#### II. ARGUMENT

When without legal basis, the Willick Law Group continually reverts to the "bad guy" argument. The argument is basically that since Mr. Vaile is a bad guy in their book, the law should not be applied to him. They then pretend to quote him as claiming defiance of the Nevada courts, attempt to reframe his actions as being in vexatious, and call him a liar. All this in an attempt to evade facts on point and the legal issues that this Court requested through a response.

Based on the simple facts of this matter, the Willick Law Group's February 1, 2010 request to register a federal court tort order in the family court could not have provided a basis for the lower court to order Mr. Vaile to make payments towards an attorney fee award. The mail service of the request was not even received by Mr. Vaile until *after* the lower court had ruled, and the lower court did not take up the matter until March 8, 2010. This matter could not be more clear.

The only possible explanation under Respondent's theory is that the lower court was ordering Mr. Vaile to make payments in anticipation that the Willick Law Group would be able to justify the order (as the court requested) after the fact, or that the lower court is buying the bad guy argument and not applying the law in this case. Either case requires this Court's mandamus power.

In this case, the family court has ignored this Court's decision in 2002 holding that the Nevada courts had neither personal jurisdiction of the parties, nor subject matter jurisdiction in the case, issuing precisely the opposite findings. While recognizing this

Court's precedent to the contrary, the family court has issued retroactive child support arrearages resulting in many tens of thousands of dollars against Mr. Vaile. The lower court has issued written orders that directly contradict this Court's stay, and entered orders that attempt to avoid the clear mandates of this Court regarding payments by Mr. Vaile. It must be clear that the lower court is willing to do to great lengths to make rulings against Mr. Vaile, and will not allow the mandates of this Court, Nevada statutes, or due process stand in the way. Because of these actions, Mr. Vaile respectfully requests that this Court stay the proceedings in the lower court, including enforcement of the rulings of March 8, 2010, until the matters before the Court on appeal and on writ petition are resolved.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of March, 2010.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I am the Petitioner in this action, and that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request to File Reply in Support of Motion to Stay Case and Reply Memorandum in Support of Motion to Stay Case, by placing the document in:

U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid; or

National courier (Fedex or UPS) with expedited delivery prepaid,

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