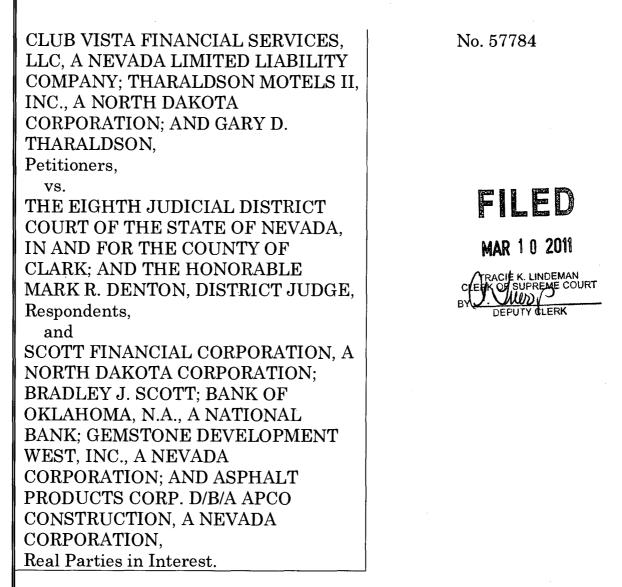
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA



ORDER DIRECTING ANSWER

This original petition for a writ of mandamus or prohibition challenges a district court order striking petitioners' jury demand as to certain claims and bifurcating the trial. Having reviewed the petition, it appears that petitioners have set forth issues of arguable merit and that petitioners may have no plain, speedy, and adequate remedy in the ordinary course of the law. Therefore, real parties in interest, on behalf of

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respondents, shall have 30 days from the date of this order within which to file an answer, including authorities, against issuance of the requested writ.

It is so ORDERED.

Darghes , C.J.

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