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Respondent.

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE TO FILE APPELLANT'S OPENING BRIEF AND APPENDIX

Pursuant to NRAP 26(d) and 31(b)(3), Appellant requests an extension of forty-five days, up to and including September 22, 2014, in which to complete and file his Opening Brief and Appendix. Appellant's Opening Brief and Appendix is currently due to be filed on August 27, 2009. This is the second extension requested for this brief. A prior stipulation was granted, moving the deadline for the Opening Brief and Appendix from July 8, 2014 to August 7, 2014.

A combination of various circumstances compel counsel to request this extension of time. First, Steven T. Jaffe and multiple associates are involved in representing a long-standing client-John Davis Trucking—in a federal case involving a collision with an Amtrak train. There are tens of millions of dollars at issue in this trial. While the parties were hopeful that the matter could be resolved prior to trial, no resolution was reached, and Mr. Jaffe is now in the midst of a 6-week federal trial in Reno, Nevada. The trial commenced on August 5, 2014 and is scheduled to run through at least September 12, 2014.

In addition to the ongoing trial, two of Steve Jaffe's associates recently left the firm. One of these associates, Kannon J. Smith, Esq., was designated to work on various aspects of this appeal. The other associate was one of the attorneys helping to cover other cases for the team preparing for and conducting the federal trial. The departure of these associates exacerbated the logiam created by the ongoing federal trial.

As a result of the federal trial, Steven Jaffe, lead appellate counsel on this matter, will not be available for final review, revisions, and approval of the Opening Brief until September 12, 2014. As lead

counsel for Mr. Khoury at the trial which resulted in the issues and questions of law which are the subject of this appeal, Mr. Jaffe's input on the Opening Brief is imperative.

Appellant makes this request in good faith, and not for the purpose of harassment or delay.

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