

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MEHMET SAIT KAR,
Appellant,
vs.
KATHLEEN A. KAR,
Respondent.

No. 65985

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY *R. Malone*
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ORDER REGARDING PRO BONO COUNSEL

This is a proper person appeal from a district court order denying a motion to modify child custody. Both appellant and respondent are proceeding without legal representation in this appeal. Having considered the record and the civil proper person appeal statement filed by appellant, this court has determined that the appointment of pro bono counsel to represent the parties would assist this court in reviewing this appeal. By this order, the court expresses no opinion as to the merits of this appeal.

Pro bono counsel is an attorney who provides legal services without charge for the benefit of the public good. The appointment of pro bono counsel provides attorneys with an opportunity to volunteer legal services in furtherance of their professional responsibility and, at the same time, allows financially eligible litigants access to quality legal representation without cost. Counsel will be appointed for purposes of this appeal only and will participate in oral argument. Currently, the Pro Bono Committee of the Appellate Litigation Section of the State Bar of Nevada (Pro Bono Committee), in conjunction with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, has developed a pro bono appellate program to assist the public and this court. This case is hereby referred to the program

Accordingly, we direct the clerk of this court to transmit a copy of this order and the attached case summary to the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada for financial eligibility screening. If appellant and respondent qualify and do not object to pro bono counsel, the Legal Aid Center in cooperation with the Pro Bono Committee shall locate volunteer attorneys from the program to represent each party. Once the attorneys are located, each attorney shall file a notice of appearance in this court within 60 days from the date of this order. Supplemental briefing and oral argument will be scheduled thereafter. Alternatively, if appellant and/or respondent are not financially eligible or object to pro bono representation, or if volunteer attorneys cannot be located, the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada shall notify this court in writing within 60 days from the date of this order. In such case, oral argument will not be held, and this matter will stand submitted for decision on the appeal statement and record currently before the court. *See* NRAP 34(f)(3).

Ellens, C.J.

**SUPREME COURT
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Docket No. 65985, Kar v. Kar

This is a proper person appeal from a district court order denying a motion to modify child custody. Under a prior district court order, respondent had sole legal and physical custody of the parties' minor child. Appellant filed a motion to modify custody and grant him visitation and to hold respondent in contempt for terminating contact between appellant and the minor child. The district court denied the motion based on an apparent lack of jurisdiction, finding that appellant lives in Turkey while respondent and the child had recently relocated from Nevada to the United Kingdom. On appeal, appellant maintains that the district court had jurisdiction and seeks to reinstate his visitation with the child.