#### 1 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA 2 Case No.: 68542 CHRISTOPHER D. DAVIS, 3 Electronically Filed 4 Appellant, Eighth Judimin 10 12016 04416 p.m. Case No.: Traction K386 in die (hane 5 V. the Beatri Clerk Dr. Supreme Court 6 Heritage Trust, dated July 28, CAROLINE DAVIS. 7 2000) Respondent. 8 9 CHRISTOPHER D. DAVIS Petitioner, 10 V. 11 Case No. 68948 THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DC OF THE 12 STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE 13 COUNTY OF CLARK; AND THE 14 HONORABLE GLORIA STURMAN, DISTRICT JUDGE 15 Respondents, 16 and 17 CAROLINE DAVIS. 18 Real Party in Interest. 19 **EMERGENCY MOTION UNDER NRAP 27(e) FOR 1) AN ORDER** VACATING, STRIKING OR SETTING ASIDE THE DECEMBER 31, 20 2015/JANUARY 5, 2016 ORDER; 2) AN ORDER REQUIRING THE 21 EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT TO ENTER A PROPER AMENDED ORDER AND 3) AN ORDER TO EXTEND OR ENLARGE 22 TIME IN WHICH TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL OPENING BRIEF 23 24 <u>ACTION NECESSARY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 29, 2016</u> 25 Pursuant to NRAP 27(e), Petitioner Christopher D. Davis ("Christopher") 26

setting aside the December 31, 2015/January 5, 2016 Order in this matter, and for

hereby moves this Honorable Court for emergency orders striking, vacating or

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an order directing the Eighth Judicial District Court ("DC") to enter a properly amended order, and an order to extend the time to file the supplemental opening brief in response thereto. This motion is being requested on an emergency basis because the supplemental opening brief is due on February 5, 2016.

### NRAP 27(E) CERTIFICATE

Petitioners certify that this is an emergency motion requiring relief in less than fourteen days to avoid irreparable harm. Immediate relief is needed, because Christopher is required to respond to an "amended order" by February 5, 2016. He was not required to respond to a "new" order granting post-stay relief raising new issues, causes of action, findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by the DC. The new order was filed on December 31, 2015 in the DC and filed on January 5, 2016 in this Court ("January 5<sup>th</sup> Order") and is an improper divergence from the Certification of Intent to Amend Order filed on October 23, 2015 in the DC ("Certification"), because it far exceeds correcting the erroneous assumption of jurisdiction under a theory of constructive trust. In fact, the January 5<sup>th</sup> Order grants relief to Caroline on her motion to amend based on alleged fraud. It also makes erroneous findings of fact and conclusions of law in violation of the stay imposed by this Court. Furthermore, because it does not identify itself as an "Amended Order", Caroline Davis ("Caroline") seeks to take advantage of the new trust statutes that became effective October 1, 2015 (which were not

 applicable at the time the court took jurisdiction). It is highly prejudicial to Christopher for the grant new issues (i.e. fraud) into this matter that were not applicable when the Appeal and Writ were originally filed.

In light of the post-stay relief granted by the DC, Christopher is without a remedy to file a Motion for Reconsideration of the January 5th Order because of this Court's stay.<sup>1</sup> This Court held that Christopher must respond to an "amended order," by February 5, 2016, not a "new" order granting post-stay relief to Caroline. Therefore, Christopher seeks to have this Court strike, vacate or set aside the new order, require the DC to "enter its amended order pursuant to its certification" as ordered on December 9, 2015,<sup>2</sup> and extend the time in which he is required to file his Supplemental Opening Brief thereto.

A. NRAP 27(e)(3)(a) Telephone Numbers and Office Addresses of The Attorneys for the Parties.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Christopher is likewise also unable to file a Motion for Reconsideration of the October 13, 2015 order for the September 2, 2015 hearing also addressed by the January 5<sup>th</sup> Order because of the stay. Both orders contain multiple errors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Page 4 of December 9, 2015 Order.

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## B. Notification of Parties pursuant to NRAP 27(e)(3)(c)

Christopher notified the DC and parties of his intention to file this emergency motion by e-mail and facsimile.<sup>3</sup> Service of this motion was effectuated as noted below.

# C. Relief requested cannot be sought in the DC because there is a stay in place.

Pursuant to NRAP 27(e)4, the relief requested cannot be granted in the DC due to the stay entered on October 22, 2015. This Court's December 9, 2015 Order authorized only the filing of an amended order in the DC; therefore, relief can only be sought through this Court.

# D. Facts and Argument Showing the Existence and Nature of the Claimed Emergency (NRAP 27(e)(3)(b)

Caroline's initial petition filed in the DC did not allege any claims (hereinafter "Original Petition") but requested the court take jurisdiction over the following alleged parties: the Beatrice B. Davis Family Heritage Trust dated July 28, 2000 ("FHT"), its trustee, trust protector, and investment trust advisor, and all

other parties seemingly related to the FHT in an effort to obtain documents from various parties related to the FHT.<sup>4</sup> Notably, the only acts alleged against Christopher were his actions in an individual capacity, as the beneficiary of another trust sitused and litigated in Missouri, or as the sole manager of a Missouri limited liability company.<sup>5</sup> All other references to Christopher in the Original Petition were to allege his purported capacities in relation to the FHT.<sup>6</sup> The Original Petition did not allege any acts done by any party in Nevada, and neither Christopher nor Caroline are Nevada residents.<sup>7</sup>

The Original Petition was mailed to various parties, but, notably, personal service was not effectuated on any party.<sup>8</sup> After Christopher received the Original Petition by mail, Christopher filed a motion to dismiss based upon the lack of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Letter dated January 5, 2016 attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Original Petition attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Exhibit 2, Page 7-8; Paragraphs 23, 24. The District Court was also made aware that there is a lawsuit in Missouri and it noted that Christopher at least had contact with those states. See September 2, 2015 Transcript attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 3, Page 17:6-20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Exhibit 1, Page 3, 8; Paragraphs 12, 26 respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Declaration of Christopher Davis attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 4 and Court Minutes with Caroline's address attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Second Amended Notice of Hearing, filed March 5, 2015, Pages 3-4, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 6. This Court can also take judicial notice under NRS 47.130 that a summons and/or citation has never been issued or served in this matter.

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jurisdiction over FHT<sup>9</sup> and because personal service was not effectuated (e.g. there was insufficiency of service of process) on parties that were requested to provide documents unrelated to the FHT.<sup>10</sup>

At the hearing on the motion to dismiss, despite the fact that FHT's trust protector and drafter of the FHT conceded that the first trust amendment was deficient (which allegedly created the change of situs to Nevada), <sup>11</sup> the DC took jurisdiction over the FHT pursuant to the first amendment and purportedly over Christopher pursuant to a theory of constructive trust, which was suggested and argued for the first time during the hearing by Caroline's counsel. <sup>12</sup> Christopher

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Christopher argued that the Alaskan Trustees were indispensable parties because no trustees have a duty to account to another trustee pursuant to the FHT and the change in situs had not been properly effectuated under the terms of the FHT because a beneficiary had not consented and the resigned trustee had not received the advice of its own counsel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Motion to Dismiss and Reply attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 7 and 8, respectively.

See Page 31:17-20 of April 22, 2015 Hearing attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See Exhibit 9, Page 30:6; and June 24, 2015 Order attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 10. The District Court simply assumed that certain acts had taken place in Nevada by Christopher but did not make any findings of any acts that had actually been performed in this jurisdiction- See Exhibit 9, Page 49:23-25, Page 50:1. The District Court did not make findings of personal service pursuant to NRS § 14.065 or established constitutional principles regarding jurisdiction in any of Christopher's alleged roles. It also included hand-written interlineations into the June 24, 2015 Order, derived from ex-parte communications with Caroline's counsel, which asserted jurisdiction over parties admittedly outside this Court's jurisdiction. See Exhibit 3, Page 79:9-14, 21-23, Page 81:12-25.

filed a petition for reconsideration of the DC's June 24, 2015 Order knowing that there was an improper assertion of jurisdiction.<sup>13</sup> Caroline filed a motion to amend the June 24, 2015 Order because she also recognized the defect in the Court's reasoning, however she based her arguments upon alleged fraud pursuant to NRCP 60(b)(3).<sup>14</sup> Notably, Caroline had to withdraw her misrepresentations on the record based upon notice that NRCP 11 sanctions would be sought.<sup>15</sup> Even at the September 2, 2015 hearing on these pleadings, the DC openly conceded that it was "wrong" to accept Caroline's counsel's theory of constructive trust as "the FHT is not a constructive trust" and acknowledged that FHT Holdings, LLC, was not a party.<sup>17</sup>

After the Writ was filed and the Emergency Motion for Stay was requested from this Court in the Appeal, the DC signed the Certification, submitted ex-parte

<sup>21 | 13</sup> See Petition for Reconsideration attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 11.

See Motion to Amend attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 12.
 Exhibit 12, Page 17 of 18, lines 12-15. Caroline wrongfully accused

Christopher of a allegedly causing the Court to "mistakenly assume jurisdiction over the Trust under the theory of 'constructive trust' and that 'but for'

Christopher's [alleged] intentional misrepresentations, this Court would have properly assumed jurisdiction over the Trust in its entirety as a proceeding in rem." See also Addendum to and Withdrawal of Certain Statements attached

hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 13. <sup>16</sup> Exhibit 3, Page 59:23-25 and Page 60:11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Exhibit 3, Page 79:9-14, 21-23, Page 81:12-25

to the DC by Caroline's counsel.<sup>18</sup> This Court granted Caroline's Motion to Remand based on its review of the Certification and ordered the DC to enter "its amended order pursuant to its certification."<sup>19</sup>

In December 2015, Christopher received a proposed order from Caroline's counsel to be filed pursuant to this Court's December 9, 2015 Order. Christopher's counsel wrote a letter to the DC and Caroline's counsel regarding his request against signing Caroline's Order, because the order had new and erroneous findings of fact and conclusions of law and incorrectly granted Caroline's Motion to Amend pursuant to NRCP 60(b)(3) based on alleged fraud – a finding which was clearly not made by the DC.<sup>20</sup> Despite Christopher's letter, the DC signed this new and erroneous order and it was filed with this Court on January 5, 2016.

Upon review, it was immediately apparent that the caption of the January 5th Order does not identify itself as an "Amended Order" to relate back to the June 24, 2015 Order and contains only a cursory reference to the June 24<sup>th</sup> Order.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Letter dated October 20, 2015 to Judge Sturman, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 14 and Certification of Intent to Amend Order attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 15. The Certification stated the District Court's intent to "enter an order to assume jurisdiction over the Beatrice B. Davis Family Heritage Trust, dated July 28, 2000...de jure as a proceeding in rem pursuant to NRS 164.010..."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See Page 4 of December 9, 2015 Order.

This Court has stated in the context of amending pleadings, that

[W]here an amendment states a new cause of action that describes a new and entirely different source of damages, the amendment does not relate back, as the opposing party has not been put on notice concerning the facts in issue.<sup>21</sup>

By analogy, the January 5th Order grants Caroline's Motion to Amend based on alleged fraud against Christopher and his attorneys (a finding **not** made by the DC) which is a new cause of action or source of damages that does not relate back to the original June 24, 2015 order – as it was raised thereafter. Not only does the January 5th Order violate the stay in this matter by entering erroneous argument, factual findings and conclusions of law after the stay was imposed,<sup>22</sup> the January 5th Order appears to grant relief based on Caroline's NRCP 60(b)(3) fraud motion in violation of *Honeycutt*<sup>23</sup> and *Foster*.<sup>24</sup> These cases allow a "party to alter, vacate, or otherwise change or modify an order or judgment challenged on appeal"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See Letter dated December 15, 2015 to Judge Sturman and Caroline's counsel attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Scott v. Department of Commerce, 104 Nev. 1980 (1988), Nelson v. Las Vegas, 99 Nev. 548, 556, 665 P.2d 1141, 1146, 1983 Nev. LEXIS 491, \*12-13 (Nev. 1983).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> For just one example, the January 5<sup>th</sup> Order makes a conclusion of law that *in personam* jurisdiction over Christopher D. Davis as Manager of FHT Holdings, LLC was proper under *Fulbright*, 342 P. 3d 997 (Nev. 2015) and *Viega GmbH*, 328 P.3d 1152 (Nev. 2014) because he is the current sole manager of FHT Holdings, LLC, despite the fact that no minimum contacts were pled or found and

Holdings, LLC, despite the fact that no minimum contacts were pled or found and personal service of the Original Petition, summons or citation was not effectuated. <sup>23</sup> *Honeycutt v. Honeycutt*, 94 Nev. 79 (1978)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Foster v. Dingwall, 228 P.3d 453 (Nev. 2010)

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<sup>25</sup> Foster, 228 P. 3d at 455.

through the remand procedure<sup>25</sup> – but it does not allow a party to inject new causes

of action or issues into the appeal. This new order appears to be concerted effort

to expose Christopher to "new and an entirely different source of damages" and an

apparent attempt to apply the new trust statutes that became effective on October

Motion for Remand was subsequently granted) intended to correct the

jurisdictional defect on Appeal (the assumption of jurisdiction under the theory of

a constructive trust). The Certification certainly did not put Christopher on notice

that he would be exposed to eight pages of new argument, findings of fact,

conclusions of law, a new cause of action, a new source of damages, or exposure

to two different sets of trust statutes. Because the January 5<sup>th</sup> Order violates the

stay and exposes Christopher to additional issues uncontemplated in the Writ and

Appeal, the January 5, 2016 Order must be stricken, vacated or set aside, and this

Court is requested to order the DC to enter an "amended order pursuant to its

certification." Christopher also respectfully requests this Court extend the time to

file his Supplemental Opening Brief after a proper amended order is entered.

The two-page Certification reviewed by this Court (and for which the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> This new order confirms Christopher as the alleged investment trust adviser and orders him to produce documents in this alleged role and as manager of FHT

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Holdings, raising additional jurisdictional and constitutional issues under the new trust statutes.

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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