## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

INGRID PATIN, AN INDIVIDUAL; AND PATIN LAW GROUP, PLLC, A PROFESSIONAL LLC,

Appellants,

v.

TON VINH LEE,

Respondent.

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## **RESPONDENT'S REPLY TO APPELLANTS' MOTION TO STAY BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

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Indeed, a denial of a summary judgment motion can only be addressed by this Court via a petition for a writ. A writ petition may be denied by this Court without directing an answer. NRAP 21(b). Indeed, this Court "will only consider writ petitions challenging a district court denial of a motion for summary judgment when no factual dispute exists and summary judgment is clearly required by a statute or rule, or an important issue of law requires clarification." Walters v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court, 127 Nev. 723, 727, 263 P.3d 231, 234 (2011). Because Appellants have not pointed to a lack of factual disputes, and cannot show summary judgment is clearly required by statute or rule, they cannot argue that this Court is likely to accept any writ petition.

Because acceptance of any writ petition is speculative at best, Appellants' motion for a stay of the briefing schedule must be denied. Additionally, as this appeal has been pending since March 9, 2016, an undefined, potentially indefinite extension of time is unwarranted.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2017.

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