

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT  
SYSTEM OF NEVADA, A PUBLIC  
AGENCY, A PUBLIC ENTITY AND  
COMPONENT OF THE STATE OF  
NEVADA,  
Appellant,

vs.

SHAE E. GITTER, AN INDIVIDUAL;  
AND JARED SHAFER, AS SPECIAL  
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE  
OF KRISTINE JO FRESHMAN,  
Respondents.

No. 69208

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No. 69939

W. CHRIS WICKER; AND WOODBURN  
& WEDGE,  
Petitioners,

vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF  
CLARK; AND THE HONORABLE  
JAMES CROCKETT, DISTRICT  
JUDGE,

Respondents,

and

SHAE E. GITTER; AND JARED  
SHAFER,  
Real Parties in Interest.

No. 69961

*ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES, DIRECTING ANSWER,  
AND REVISING BRIEFING SCHEDULE*

These cases involve (1) an appeal from a final district court order granting PERS survivor benefits (Docket No. 69208); (2) an appeal from post-judgment orders awarding attorney fees and costs (Docket No. 69939); and (3) an original petition for a writ of mandamus challenging the post-judgment order awarding attorney fees (Docket No. 69961). As these matters involve the same district court case and issues arising therefrom and many of the same parties, we conclude that their consolidation is warranted. NRAP 3(b). Accordingly, these cases are hereby consolidated.

Further, having reviewed the writ petition and accompanying documents, we conclude that an answer would assist this court in resolving the petition. Therefore, we revise the briefing schedule as follows. Appellant PERS shall have until May 20, 2016, to file and serve an opening brief addressing the issues raised in both of its appeals. Respondents/real parties in interest Shae Gitter and Jared Shafer shall have 30 days from the date that the opening brief is served within which to file and serve a combined answering brief and answer to the petition. NRAP 21(b)(1); NRAP 31(a)(1)(B). Thereafter, PERS and petitioners W. Chris Wicker and Woodburn & Wedge shall have 15 days from service of the combined answering brief/petition answer to file and serve any reply briefs.

It is so ORDERED.

 \_\_\_\_\_, A.C.J.

cc: Hon. James Crockett, District Judge  
Christopher G. Nielsen  
Woodburn & Wedge  
Bailey Kennedy  
Eighth District Court Clerk