

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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ELIZABETH C. HOWARD,
an individual,

Case No. 72685

Appellant,

vs.

SHAUGHNAN L. HUGHES,

Respondent.

ELIZABETH C. HOWARD,
an individual,

Case No. 72965

Appellant,

vs.

SHAUGHNAN L. HUGHES,

Respondent.

**RESPONDENT, SHAUGHNAN L. HUGHES',
OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S MOTION TO EXTEND TIME
TO FILE OPPOSITION TO REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL**

COMES NOW, Respondent, SHAUGHNAN L. HUGHES ("HUGHES"), by and through his counsel, ALLISON MacKENZIE, LTD., and hereby opposes Appellant's Motion to Extend Time to File Opposition to Request for Dismissal as follows:

Counsel for Appellant seeks leave to file yet another late document. His reason this time is that he believes a response to HUGHES' request for dismissal is premature because Appellant has sought leave to file a late response to this Court's Order to Show Cause. As noted in HUGHES' opposition to that first request to file a

1 late document, this behavior continues a pattern of conduct going back to the very
2 beginning of this case in the district court and such behavior should be thwarted now
3 before HUGHES is forced to incur yet more fees and costs as a result of Appellant's
4 counsel's inability or refusal to follow the rules.

5 Furthermore, counsel for Appellant could have sought the relief he seeks now in
6 a timely fashion by simply filing a motion to extend the time to respond to HUGHES'
7 request for dismissal prior to expiration of the deadline thereof. NRAP 27(a)(3)
8 provides that a party has 7 days to file a response to the motion. The request for
9 dismissal was filed on August 31, 2017. Counsel for Appellant waited until more than
10 double the allowed time had lapsed before requesting an extension of time on
11 September 15, 2017. That alone is grounds for denial of the requested extension.

12 There are other problems with Appellant's Motion to Extend Time. For
13 instance, in the Motion Appellant states that "this Court entered an Order to Show
14 Cause, giving Appellant to and including August 25, 2017 in which to respond" and
15 that on "August 31, 2017, Appellant filed her Motion to Extend Time to File
16 Response to Order to Show Cause." Motion, p. 2, ll. 4-5 and ll. 12-14. However, in
17 Exhibit 1 to her Motion, Appellant contends that "Appellant filed the Motion [to
18 Extend Time] **before the deadline to Respond to the Order.**" Motion, Exhibit 1, p.
19 1, ll. 13-15 (emphasis added). These are contradictory statements and the second is
20 clearly false. The deadline to respond to the Order to Show Cause was August 25,
21 2017 and the Motion to Extend Time was not filed until August 31, 2017, six days
22 late.

23 For these reasons, and as a further sanction to counsel for Appellant, HUGHES
24 respectfully requests that Appellant's Motion to Extend to Time to File Opposition to
25 Request for Dismissal be denied and that the appeal docketed at Supreme Court No.
26 72965 be dismissed pursuant to the terms of this Court's July 26, 2017 Order to Show
27 Cause.

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1 Respectfully submitted this 18th day of September, 2017.

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Pursuant to NRAP Rule 25(c), I hereby certify that I am an employee of ALLISON MacKENZIE, LTD., Attorneys at Law, and that on this date I caused the foregoing document to be served to all parties to this action by:

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