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# INTRODUCTION

2	This Reply Brief addresses the State Bar of Nevada's
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4	"Answering" Brief which intentionally and completely failed to
5	respond to any of Petitioner's valid legal arguments, and
6	thereby conceded and admitted all of Petitioner's many
7	indisputably proven contentions. United States Constitution;
8	U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV; Nevada Rules of Professional
9	Conduct Rule 3.3 ("RPC 3.3") (Candor Toward the Tribunal); NRAP
11	31(d)(2); <u>Turner v. State</u> , 383 So.2d 489, 491 (Miss. 1980)
12	("failure to respond is tantamount to confession of error and
13	will be accepted as such."). The State Bar of Nevada apparently
14	believes it is above the law, lies and omits throughout its
15	entire submitted document, responds to none of
16 17	Petitioner/Appellant's meritorious contentions, and openly
18	refuses to recognize, acknowledge, or obey the indisputable
19	actual law of the Nevada Supreme Court - and the United States
20	of America. <u>See</u> ANSWERING BRIEF; EXHIBIT 1 of OPENING BRIEF =
21	12/14/16 ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO STRIKE in Nevada Supreme
22	Court Case #57979; SCR 7; U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV.
24	The State Bar of Nevada just expects and relies upon its
25	Corporate parent, the Nevada Supreme Court, to kindly ignore and
26	validate all of its pervasive unconstitutional misconduct and
27	intentional lawbreaking. Id.

The State Bar's "Answering" Brief is totally unresponsive and answers nothing. Id.; RPC 3.3; NRAP 31(d)(2). Contrary to the State Bar's obvious and repeated lies, every contention offered by Petitioner throughout the entire Opening Brief is properly raised and fully supported by the record which is extensively and properly cited. In addition to discussion of the unconstitutionally-missing written decision, the only items offered "outside" the record are the two(2) exhibits to the Opening Brief which were unconstitutionally hidden from the hearing panel and absent from the ROA solely because of the dishonesty and professional misconduct of Bar Counsel. RPC 3.3.

## LEGAL ARGUMENT

During its fraudulent sham 2017 hearing against Petitioner, the State Bar of Nevada (1) proceeded without jurisdiction or authority using a Complaint filled with proven lies and dishonest/void exhibits, (2) offered false testimony under oath against Petitioner, and (3) blatantly lied about the facts and the law to its illegally hand-picked sham tribunal. ROA Volume I pp. 3-149, 201-216, 234-235; ROA Volume II pp. 263-264, 267, 271, 279-280, 284-299; EXHIBIT 1 of OPENING BRIEF (omitted from ROA due to professional misconduct of Bar Counsel); RPC 3.3. Yet none of the above clearly demonstrated and proven facts was deemed worthy of any comment or rebuttal whatsoever by Bar

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Counsel in its "answering" brief. So now - everything is undisputed, in addition to being indisputable. U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV; OPENING BRIEF; ANSWERING BRIEF.

I.

#### NO WRITTEN DECISION

The easiest fact demanding the immediate dismissal of this void 2017 joke/farce/sham is the undisputed fact that the required written decision was never filed by the 2015 Formal Hearing Panel in this case. ROA Volume I pp. 193-202; DRP Rule 22 (now rule 16); DRP Rule 39 (new rule 34); SCR 103(6)(c); SCR 105(2)(e)("The hearing panel shall render a written decision within 30 days of the conclusion of the hearing"). "U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV. The absence of any 2015 written decision in the ROA is part of the record and final proof of the State Bar of Nevada's blatantly illegal and unconstitutional Star Chamber prosecution of this void matter. Id. Jurisdiction does not exist, due process has been intentionally violated and ignored, and the State Bar of Nevada doesn't even attempt any excuse or explanation. See ANSWERING BRIEF (no mention whatsoever of this properly raised issue); United States Constitution; U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV; Goldberg v. Kelly, 397 U.S. 254, 271 (1970); Alderson v. Gilmore, 13 Nev. 1 Not even a transcript of the unconstitutional September 2015

Formal Hearing was ever filed.

84, 85 (1878) ("the findings of the [tribunal] cannot be considered unless they are included"). In truth, and indisputably as far as the legal record before this appellate Court is concerned, the September 10, 2015 Formal Hearing in the case below was never lawfully held, and the required written decision was never filed by the hearing panel. ROA Volume I pp. 193-202; SCR 105(2)(e)("The hearing panel shall render a written decision within 30 days of the conclusion of the hearing"). Notably, in the case below, Petitioner/Appellant never waived any of his rights, and never made any appearance2 after September 10, 2015. U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV. Procedurally, the case below remains at exactly the same place it was two(2) years ago. ROA Volume I pp. 199-202. Except now, the required written decision is twenty-three (23) months late, the case has finally been proven void by the Nevada Supreme Court itself, and the State Bar of Nevada tries to overcome these mere facts by just ignoring/pretending/lying about them. See EXHIBIT 1 of OPENING BRIEF = 12/14/16 ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO STRIKE in Nevada Supreme Court Case #57979. The State Bar of Nevada simply expects its Corporate parent, the Nevada Supreme Court, to kindly ignore, validate, and endorse all of its pervasive unconstitutional misconduct and lawbreaking.

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<sup>2</sup> Except telephonic Special Appearances to contest jurisdiction.

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THE STATE BAR JUST LIES & LIES & LIES

The false allegations in the always-bogus Bar Complaint against James A. Colin have been finally officially proven as false, illegal, and void by the Nevada Supreme Court itself, yet the State Bar of Nevada openly refuses to respect that legal ANSWERING BRIEF. On December 14, 2016 a fact. Id.; SCR 7; specially-appointed body of the Nevada Supreme Court finally ruled on Petitioner's September 30, 2014 Motion to Strike, after the Motion had been pending for more than two(2) full years. EXHIBIT 8 of Bar Complaint - ROA Volume I pp. 126-141. Supreme Court also ruled on the April 7, 2014 Motion to Strike that that had years ago been illegally denied through the willful judicial misconduct of disqualified Mark Gibbons. EXHIBIT 6 of Bar Complaint - ROA Volume I pp. 70-79. Both Motions to Strike were GRANTED, and Gibbons' bogus "orders" were finally exposed as indisputably void and illegal. See EXHIBIT 1 of OPENING BRIEF = 12/14/16 ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO STRIKE in Nevada Supreme Court Case #57979.

Hallelujah! The Nevada Supreme Court on 12/14/16 finally obeyed the law and ruled to be true exactly what Petitioner had been openly and repeatedly asserting for years while trying to save his death-sentenced client, since well before day #1 of

this still-ongoing unconstitutional nightmare/farce. Id.; e.g. ROA Volume I pp. 71-79, 127-141; See also Verified Answer filed July 17, 2015 - ROA Volume I pp. 159-169, ¶¶ 3, 8, 11 ("Mark Gibbons' action signing any March/September 2014 'Order' in case #57959 was blatantly wrong, totally illegal, completely unauthorized, and 100% ineffective, resulting in only a VOID order under United States law."). But, although the State Bar of Nevada's allegations against James A. Colin in the Bar Complaint have been affirmatively exposed as false by official ruling of the Nevada Supreme Court, the State Bar of Nevada, nevertheless, refuses to even acknowledge, let alone respect, the law! See ANSWERING BRIEF pp. 1-3, 10-13; ROA Volume 1 pp. 3-149.

Instead of obeying the law, the State Bar of Nevada openly rejects due process, dishonestly maintains its knowingly false allegations in its intentionally erroneous Bar Complaint, lies to the Court and its illegally hand-picked sham tribunal, and now attempts to unconstitutionally railroad Petitioner by not arguing the law, but instead just relying on the Nevada Supreme Court to kindly validate and endorse all of its lies and pervasive unconstitutional lawbreaking. Id.

The State Bar of Nevada's behavior in this case is not that of a lawyer with integrity, but a fearless liar with a lawless mandate. ROA Volume I pp. 18-20; See also ARGUMENT III, infra.

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THE STATE BAR OF NEVADA LIES TO THE COURT ABOUT THE PROCEDURAL HISTORY OF THE CASE

The State Bar of Nevada claims: "Appellant made various objections to the Panel Chairs appointed in this matter, which were heard and denied by the Chair of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board, Luke Puschnig. Id. at 00215-00216." ANSWERING BRIEF p. 3. But this claim is an outrageously false outright fabrication! ROA Volume I pp. 213-216 (IT IS ALSO ORDERED that all previous Panel Chair appointments are rescinded or cancelled."). Nothing whatsoever was "heard and denied" by Puschnig, as his orders themselves reveal by making no such claim. Id. Indeed, Bar Counsel Phil Pattee identically lied to his sham tribunal when he falsely told them: "We had to go through several motions and hearings and appointments -- Mr. Colin objected, filed various objections." ROA Volume II p. 267, lines 19-21. But where is any proof of the Bar's outrageously false assertions?? Where in the record are these alleged various filed motions/objections that Puschnig heard and ruled on??? Nowhere. No motions were ever filed. ROA Volumes I & II. In truth, Luke Puschnig specifically refused to hear any motions and "nevertheless" without any authority whatsoever illegally unilaterally hand-picked Thomas Sheets to be designated "panel chair" from among the four (4) then-serving

 panel chairs. ROA Volume I pp. 170, 201, 213, 215; <u>See</u> pending Verified Petition for Writ of Prohibition, Nevada Supreme Court Case #72628; Verified OPENING BRIEF p. 11 & EXHIBIT #2.

Ultimately, it appears Bar Counsel just made up this outrageous lie to pretend for the Supreme Court and the sham tribunal that Petitioner actually received some semblance of due process below. ROA Volume II p. 264 ("Because actually what we're doing here is talking to the Supreme Court."). But in reality, James A. Colin did not receive due process, as the actual truthful record clearly and repeatedly reveals. ROA; U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV. This intentional lack of due process from the State Bar of Nevada, and Bar Counsel's repeated lawlessness and lies concerning due process, are exactly why a Writ of Prohibition was/is so necessary in this case. Id.

Bar Counsel follows up his whopper of a lie with another falsehood/omission when he claims "An Initial Case Conference was held on November 21, 2016." ANSWERING BRIEF p. 3. In fact, Petitioner made a very brief telephonic Special Appearance to contest the jurisdiction and authority of illegally-appointed Thomas Sheets, but quickly disconnected the phone call after it became apparent that Petitioner had been misled by the Bar, and that Sheets was present to obstruct truth, not to address any of the controlling jurisdictional issues. See Case #72628, pending Verified Petition for Writ of Prohibition, footnote #5. That's

what really happened, but Bar Counsel never bothers to mention a Special Appearance, and not surprisingly, Sheets has no recollection whatsoever of what actually happened. ROA Volume II p. 268 ("Oh.").

#### B.

# THE STATE BAR OF NEVADA LIED TO ITS SHAM TRIBUNAL AND NOW LIES TO THE COURT ABOUT THE LAW

It is astonishing how much dishonesty is packed into the State Bar of Nevada's 13 page non-responding brief. ANSWERING BRIEF. The lies and omissions begin on line 14 of page 1, and continue unabated until line 6 of page 13 when Bar Counsel has the audacity to invoke the "integrity of the bar." See, e.g. RPC 3.3(a); RPC 3.3(d) (no exception to integrity during trial in absentia); ROA Volume II pp. 291-292.

The State Bar of Nevada sets the tone and begins its Brief by playing dumb with an outright lie:

it appears that Appellant is demanding that this Court void its prior orders and essentially dismiss any disciplinary proceedings against him.

ANSWERING BRIEF p.2 (emphasis added).

Indeed, this ignorant Bar statement alone proves that the State Bar of Nevada doesn't understand the case or respect the law, and that this disgracefully bogus sham it is illegally prosecuting must be finally dismissed by the Supreme Court.

EXHIBIT 1 of OPENING BRIEF = 12/14/16 ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO

STRIKE in Nevada Supreme Court Case #57979; SCR 7; U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV.

Here is the actual truth:

The Nevada Supreme Court has <u>already</u> recognized and stricken the void "orders" of Mark Gibbons and THE LAW demands that any disciplinary proceedings against James A. Colin be dismissed.

Id. Enough said, finally.

#### III.

# THIS PROCEEDING HAS HORRIBLY "failed to represent the impersonal authority of law."

This entire matter was caused by a lawless act, and must now finally be dismissed with a Nevada Supreme Court renunciation of lawlessness. ROA Volume I pp. 18-20, 67-69; EXHIBIT 1 of OPENING BRIEF = 12/14/16 ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO STRIKE in Nevada Supreme Court Case #57979; SCR 7; U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV; Offutt v. United States, 348 U.S. 11, 15 (1954). Bar Counsel's loyalty is totally misguided is this unique case, and is not impersonal. The State Bar of Nevada lacks the courage and integrity to respect the truth and argue the real law to its parent, the Nevada Supreme Court. ANSWERING BRIEF. The State Bar is petrified to do or say anything that might anger its parent, so it has ultimately made the cowardly and calculated determination to dishonestly pretend and

represent that the law is different than it really is. <a href="Id.">Id.</a>;

ROA. Bar Counsel fights for its job, and against the law. <a href="Id.">Id.</a>

As a result, the entire Bar proceeding has been an unconstitutional sham and a disgrace, and a total waste of time.

U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV. Any fair-minded Jurist would agree.

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Now, the State Bar has completed its illegally-assigned task: The Fix is in. ROA Volume I pp. 18-20. Id. This case unconstitutionally exists, and the Nevada Supreme Court is finally free to do whatever it wants. SCR 105(3). But really, the Nevada Supreme Court has no legal power to do anything except dismiss this farce. See pending Verified Petition for Writ of Prohibition, Nevada Supreme Court Case #72628. Even if the Nevada Supreme Court somehow now overrules its December 14, 2016 Order, the hearing was still void, dishonest, and unconstitutional at the time it was held, and its illegally hand-picked members were expressly lied to and prevented from making an honestly informed decision. ROA Volume I pp. 199-202; ROA Volume II pp. 284-299. There is no legal way the Court can retroactively legitimize that illegal proceeding that was based upon false evidence and resulted in a totally dishonest panel decision. ROA Volume I pp. 244-251; U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV; SCR 105(2)(e). Accepting this process would entirely bypass due process, and the need for an honest panel decision,

as the panel could be openly lied to, as it was here, and the Supreme Court's *de novo* opinion later simply substituted. SCR 105; U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. V, XIV.

Petitioner's conduct "cannot fairly be considered apart from that of the" Nevada Supreme Court, but it was never lawfully considered by anyone, and Mark Gibbons' and the State Bar's "infusion of personal animosity" against Petitioner has resulted in the unconstitutional existence of this indisputably bogus case. SCR 7; U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV; Offutt v. United States, 348 U.S. 11, 13-16; EXHIBIT 1 of OPENING BRIEF = 12/14/16 ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO STRIKE in Nevada Supreme Court Case #57979; Verified Petition for Writ of Prohibition, Nevada Supreme Court Case #72628. Like the United States Supreme Court held in Offutt, the Nevada Supreme Court has no choice in this case but to remain impersonal and only be concerned with "the fair administration of justice." Offutt, 348 U.S. at 17.

## **CONCLUSION**

The truth and the law must be respected. The case is void.

There exists no foundation whatsoever to support a State Bar of Nevada disciplinary action against member James A. Colin. There exists no referral, there is no victim, there is no grievant, and there is no jurisdiction. This case must be dismissed, and the pending Writ of Prohibition must be promptly issued against the State Bar of Nevada. United States Constitution; U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. I, V, XIV.

**DATED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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### **VERIFICATION**

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Under penalties of perjury, the undersigned declares that he is the attorney who filed the Reply Brief in this matter addressing Respondent's (Non-)Answering Brief in this case.

Undersigned is entitled to relief, and has drafted and read the Reply Brief and knows the contents thereof; that the Reply Brief and all facts contained therein are true of his own knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and that as to such matters he believes them to be true.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I hereby certify that this Reply Brief complies with the formatting requirements of NRAP 32(a)(4), the typeface requirements of NRAP 32(a)(5), the type style requirements of NRAP 32(a)(6), and the type volume requirements of NRAP 32(a)(7) because it has been prepared with Open Office word processor in

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I hereby certify that I have read this Reply Brief, and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, it is not frivolous or interposed for any improper purpose. I further certify that this Reply Brief complies with all applicable

Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure, in particular Nevada Rule of Appellate Procedure 28(e)(1), which requires every assertion in the brief regarding matters in the record to be supported by a reference to the page and volume number, if any, of the transcript or appendix where the matter relied upon is to be found. I understand that I may be subject to sanctions in the event that the accompanying Reply Brief is not in conformity with the requirements of the Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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