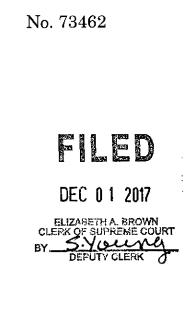
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

PAOLA M. ARMENI; JONAH J. HORWITZ; AND DEBORAH A. CZUBA, Petitioners, vs.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK; AND THE HONORABLE MICHAEL VILLANI, DISTRICT JUDGE, Respondents, and TIMOTHY FILSON, WARDEN; ADAM P. LAXALT, ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA; AND THE

STATE OF NEVADA, Real Parties in Interest.



ORDER DIRECTING ANSWER

This original petition for a writ of mandamus challenges a district court order imposing sanctions on postconviction counsel. Having reviewed the petition, we have determined that an answer would assist the court in resolving the petition. Accordingly, the real party in interest, on behalf of respondents, shall have 20 days from the date of this order to file an answer, including authorities, against issuance of the requested writ.

It is so ORDERED.

Dougins ___, A.C.J.

SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA cc: Hon. Michael Villani, District Judge Federal Defender Services of Idaho Gentile, Cristalli, Miller, Armeni & Savarese, PLLC Attorney General/Carson City Clark County District Attorney American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada/Las Vegas American Civil Liberties Union Foundation/North Carolina The Gersten Law Firm PLLC Yale Law School Ethics Bureau Lambrose Brown Eighth District Court Clerk

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