

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

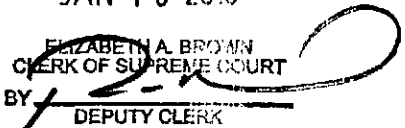
TIMOTHY FILSON, WARDEN; ADAM  
P. LAXALT, ATTORNEY GENERAL  
FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA; AND  
THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Real Parties in Interest.

No. 73462

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*ORDER GRANTING MOTION*

This original petition for a writ of mandamus challenges a district court order imposing sanctions against counsel for the convicted petitioner in a death penalty postconviction proceeding.

Petitioners have filed a motion for leave to file a reply to the real party in interest's answer to the petition. Real party in interest, the State of Nevada, has filed an opposition, arguing that there is no procedural right to file a reply to an answer, and that petitioners' proposed reply does not add anything more than reiteration of the petition.

Although NRAP 21, which governs extraordinary writ practice, is silent regarding the filing of a reply, NRAP 1(c) requires that the rules of appellate and writ practice be "liberally construed . . . to promote and facilitate the administration of justice by the court." We conclude that a

reply to the answer will serve the interests of justice in this original writ proceeding.

Accordingly, we grant petitioners' motion, and we direct the clerk of this court to detach the reply from the motion filed on January 3, 2018, and to file it separately.

It is so ORDERED.

, C.J.

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