IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

WYNN RESORTS, LIMITED,

Petitioner.

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5 THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF 6 VADA. IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK AND THE 7 HONORABLE ELIZABETH GONZALEZ, DISTRICT JUDGE, 8

DEPT. XI.

Respondent,

and

11 ELAINE P. WYNN,

Real Party in Interest.

Case No.: 74063

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(RULING REQUESTED BEFORE **OCTOBER 12, 2017**)

I. INTRODUCTION

Petitioner Wynn Resorts, Limited ("Wynn Resorts" or the "Company") moves this Court for a stay pending disposition of its Petition for Writ of Prohibition or Alternatively, Mandamus (the "Petition"), which seeks to halt the District Court's ordered production of work product protected/privileged communications with its September 14, 2017 Order (the "Order") entered on October 10, 2017. (Ex. 1.) The District Court entered a temporary stay to allow Wynn Resorts to file its writ petition. (Ex. 1 at 2:10-13.) Wynn Resorts filed its petition and then moved to extend the stay on shortened time. During the October 9, 2017 hearing on Wynn Resorts' motion to extend the stay, after hearing that the Supreme Court has not yet directed an answer to the petition, the District Court denied Wynn Resorts' motion to extend the stay, stating that it can seek stay relief from the Supreme Court. Accordingly, with the temporary stay expired, and in accordance with the NRAP 27(e) certificate attached hereto, Wynn Resorts seeks a ruling as soon as possible or by October 12, 2017.

As set forth in the Petition, the District Court's Order compels production of work product protected materials over which Wynn Resorts claims privilege. The District Court concluded that the underlying documents were not protected materials, and applied an interpretation of the work product standard recently adopted by this Court in *Wynn Resorts, Limited v. Eighth Judicial District Court*, 133 Nev. Adv. Op. 52 (2017) that is at odds with this Court's decision and reasoning.

The District Court's ordered production of the work product materials should be stayed pending this Court's review.

II. ARGUMENT

In accordance with NRAP 8, Wynn Resorts now moves this Court for an additional stay as directed by the District Court. In deciding whether to enter a stay, this Court considers: (1) whether the object of the writ petition will be defeated if the stay is denied; (2) whether petitioner will suffer irreparable injury if the stay is denied; (3) whether the real party in interest will suffer irreparable harm if a stay is granted; and (4) whether petitioner is likely to prevail on the merits of the writ petition. NRAP 8(c). No single factor is dispositive and, "if one or two factors are especially strong, they may counterbalance other weak factors." *Mikohn Gaming Corp. v. McCrea*, 120 Nev. 248, 251, 89 P.3d 36, 38 (2004). Here, each factor weighs in favor of a stay.

A. Wynn Resorts' Petition is Meritorious.

Wynn Resorts agrees "discovery matters typically are addressed to the district court's sound discretion." *Las Vegas Sands v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 130 Nev. Adv. Op. 13, 319 P.3d 618, 621 (2014). However, this Court has found two circumstances where its intervention is proper: "when (1) the trial court issues blanket discovery orders without regard to relevance, or [when] (2) a discovery order requires disclosure of privileged information." *Id.*; *see also Valley Health Sys., LLC v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 127 Nev. Adv. Op. 15, 252 P.3d 676, 679 (2011).

In such circumstances, "[e]xtraordinary relief is a proper remedy to prevent improper discovery." *Schlatter v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 93 Nev. 189, 193, 561 P.2d 1342, 1344 (1977) (citation omitted). The reason that such extraordinary relief is appropriate in these circumstances is because forced disclosure of privileged information cannot be remedied later on appeal. *Wynn Resorts*, 133 Nev. Adv. Op. 52 at 9.

In this instance, and as addressed in Wynn Resorts' Petition, the District Court denied Wynn Resorts' motion for protective order related to handwritten notes, made by a then-employee of Wynn Resorts, concerning a claim that resulted in the immediate retention of and consultation with legal counsel. The District Court rejected Wynn Resorts' claims of work product, characterizing them as a human resource-type report even though the witness testified that

However, and more problematic, was the District Court's interpretation of this Court's work product standard articulated in *Wynn Resorts*. The District Court stated that Nevada's new standard omits protection for documents created with a dual purpose. The District Court's same misinterpretation of this Court's work product decision in *Wynn Resorts* is the subject of another writ petition pending before this Court, No. 73949. In Case No. 73949, Wynn Resorts challenges the District Court's ruling that the Freeh Report was created for a business purpose and that any dual purpose is not to be considered when assessing work product. These two pending writ petitions concern the same legal issue and challenge; namely, did this Court reject all consideration of the dual purpose nature of a document when considering whether a document constitutes protected work product under the totality of the circumstances standard under the "because of" test. Given that this Court expressly stated in its *Wynn Resorts* decision that "'a document . . . does not lose protection under this formulation merely because it is created in order to assist

in a business decision," 133 Nev. Adv. Op. 52, pp. 25-26 (citing *United States v. Adlman*, 134 F.3d 1194, 1202 (2d Cir. 1998), Wynn Resorts believes that its position and petition are meritorious.

Wynn Resorts' Petition confirms a reasonable likelihood of success on the merits and warrants a stay pending this Court's consideration.

B. Wynn Resorts Will Suffer Irreparable Harm and the Object of the Writ Petition is Defeated Absent a Stay.

"Although irreparable or serious harm remains part of the stay analysis, this factor will not generally play a significant role in the decision whether to issue a stay." *Mikohn Gaming Corp.*, 120 Nev. at 253, 89 P.3d at 39. Nonetheless, this Court holds that the forced disclosure of privileged documents constitutes irreparable harm because the disclosure is irretrievable once made. *See Schlatter*, 93 Nev. at 193, 561 P.2d at 1344. Following production, a party is effectively deprived of any remedy as one cannot unring the bell. This, of course, is true here.

C. <u>Ms. Wynn Suffers No Irreparable Harm by a Stay.</u>

Conversely, staying such an order does not unfairly prejudice Ms. Wynn. Ms. Wynn is not irreparably harmed by being deprived of work product materials to which she – and any other adversary – is not entitled under the law. While she may want protected material, her desire does not overcome Wynn Resorts' privilege and protections.

III. CONCLUSION

This Court should stay the District Court's Order pending resolution of Wynn Resorts' Petition. Wynn Resorts has shown a reasonable likelihood of success, and that it will suffer the irreparable harm of producing protected

documents. The object of the Petition cannot be undone after the fact. A stay is 2 warranted. DATED this 10th day of October, 2017. 3 4 PISANELLI BICE PLLC 5 /s/ Debra L. Spinelli By: _ James J. Pisanelli, Esq., Bar No. 4027 Todd L. Bice, Esq., Bar No. 4534 6 7 Debra L. Spinelli, Esq., Bar No. 9695 400 South 7th Street, Suite 300 8 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 9 Robert L. Shapiro, Esq. (pro hac vice admitted) GLASER WEIL FINK HOWARD 10 **AVCHEN & SHAPIRO LLP** 10250 Constellation Boulevard 11 19th Floor Los Angeles, California 90067 12 Mitchell J. Langberg, Esq. 13 Bar No. 10118 **BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER** SCHRECK LLP 14 100 North City Parkway. Suite 1600 15 Las Vegas, Nevada 89106 Attorneys for Wynn Resorts, Limited, Linda Chen, Russell Goldsmith, Ray R. Irani, Robert J. Miller, John A. Moran, Marc D. Schorr, Alvin V. Shoemaker, Kimmarie Sinatra, D. Boone Wayson, and Allan Zeman 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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NRAP 27(e) CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL

DEBRA L. SPINELLI, ESQ., declares as follows:

- 1. I am one of the attorneys representing Petitioner Wynn Resorts, Limited ("Wynn Resorts") on its Petition for Writ of Prohibition or Alternatively, Mandamus (the "Petition") currently pending before this Court.
- 2. I make this certification in support of Wynn Resorts' Amended Emergency Motion under NRAP 27(e) for Stay of Order Granting Motion to Compel Pending Writ Pursuant to NRAP 8. As set forth in the motion, Wynn Resorts filed its Petition concerning the District Court's September 14, 2017 Order, entered on October 10, 2017.
- 3. Because it ordered the production of materials over which Wynn Resorts asserted work product protection, the District Court had entered a temporary stay of the ordered production until Wynn Resorts filed a writ petition and moved to extend the stay. Wynn Resorts' motion to extend the stay was heard on shortened time, and denied during a hearing on October 9, 2017.
- 4. As such, pursuant to NRAP 27(e), relief is needed in less than 14 days as soon as possible or by October 12, 2017 in the face of the District Court's ruling and denial of an extension of the stay.
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15	6. I have notified the clerk of this Court as well as opposing counsel of					
16	the filing of this motion. Opposing counsel was notified of our intent based upon					
17	the District Court's instructions at the October 9 hearing, an email exchange on					
18	October 9, 2017, and during another hearing on October 10, 2017 when discussing					
19	the entry of the underlying order. Opposing counsel has been served with a copy of					
20	this motion.					
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Wynn Resorts, Limited's Motion for Protective Order on Order Shortening Time, came on for hearing on August 14, 2017 and August 25, 2017 ("Motion"). William J. Urga, Esq., of Jolley Urga Woodbury Holthus & Rose, Mark E. Ferrario, Esq., of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, and Scott D. Stein. of Sidley Esq. Austin, LLP appeared behalf of Counterdefendant/Counterclaimant/Crossclaimant Elaine P. Wynn ("Ms. Wynn"). James J. Pisanelli, Esq., Todd L. Bice, Esq., and Debra L. Spinelli, Esq., of Pisanelli Bice PLLC, appeared on behalf of Plaintiff/Counterdefendant Wynn Resorts, Limited ("Wynn Resorts") and Counterdefendants Linda Chen, Russell Goldsmith, Ray R. Irani, Robert J. Miller, John A. Moran, Marc D. Schorr, Alvin V. Shoemaker, Kimmarie Sinatra, D. Boone Wayson, and Allan Zeman (collectively the "Wynn Parties"). J. Stephen Peek, Esq. and Robert J. Cassity, Esq., of Holland & Hart LLP, appeared on behalf of Defendant Kazuo Okada ("Okada"). Randall Jones, Esq., of Kemp, Jones, and Coulthard, LLC and David S. Krakoff, Esq. of Buckley Sandler, LLP appeared behalf of Defendants/Counterclaimants/Counterdefendants on Aruze USA, Inc. ("Aruze USA") and Universal Entertainment Corp. ("Universal") (collectively the "Aruze Parties"). J. Colby Williams, Esq., of Campbell & Williams, appeared on behalf of Counterdefendant/Cross-defendant Stephen A. Wynn ("Mr. Wynn"). Bruce Leslie, Esq. appeared on behalf of non-party Doreen Whennen.

The Court having considered the Motion; the Opposition filed by Ms. Wynn on August 10, 2017; the Reply filed by Wynn Resorts on August 14, 2017; the Supplement to Wynn Resorts' Motion filed on August 18, 2017; the Supplement to Wynn Resorts' Motion filed on August 24, 2017; and the Supplemental Memorandum in Opposition filed by Ms. Wynn on August 23, 2017; as well as the arguments of counsel presented at the hearings on August 14, 2017 and August 25, 2017, and good cause appearing therefor, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Motion is DENIED, as follows:

1. Wynn Resorts' work-product claim over the documents subject to the Subpoena Duces Tecum Ms. Wynn issued to Ms. Whennen on July 14, 2017 (the "Subpoena") is overruled because the document does not appear to be one that, in and of itself, would fit the "because of" test under the Nevada

2	4	District Court, 133 Nev. 52.		
3	2.	The Court vacates its previous suspension of Ms. Whennen's obligation to respond		
4	ı	to the Subpoena, and Ms. Whennen must comply therewith.		
5	3.	The Court acknowledges that there may be an issue about ownership of the notes,		
6	l I	but that is not an issue over which this Court has jurisdiction. If Wynn Resorts		
7	1	pursues a separate action to address the ownership issue, the court presiding over		
8	t	that separate action shall coordinate with this Court related to the subject		
9		documents.		
10	IT IS I	FURTHER ORDERED THAT this Order shall be stayed for 30 days from		
11	August 25, 2017, i.e., through September 25, 2017, to permit Wynn Resorts to file a writ petition			
12	with the Nevada Supreme Court. Once the petition is filed, Wynn Resorts can request an			
13	additional stay from this Court.			
14	IT IS SO ORDERED.			
15	DATED this day of September 2017.			
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