

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

DWIGHT CONRAD SOLANDER,
Appellant,
vs.
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Respondent.

No. 76405

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ELIZABETH A. BROWN
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY S. Young
DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS AND IMPOSING SANCTIONS

On January 18, 2019, this court entered an order conditionally imposing sanctions against counsel for appellant, Lester M. Paredes of Mueller Hinds & Associates, Chtd. for failing to timely file the transcript request form, the opening brief, and the appendix. This court noted, however, that the sanction would be automatically vacated if Mr. Paredes filed either the required documents or a motion for an extension of time within 11 days. This court further cautioned Mr. Paredes that failure to comply with the order or any other filing deadlines would result in his removal as counsel in this appeal and his referral to the State Bar of Nevada for investigation pursuant to SCR 104-105.

On February 4, 2019, attorney Craig Mueller, of Mueller Hinds & Associates, Chtd., filed timely motions for extensions of time to file the documents on behalf of appellant. Mr. Mueller informs this court that Lester Paredes is no longer with the law firm and states that Mr. Paredes failed to inform the office of the conditional sanction order or of the fact that he had not filed the opening brief and appendix before he left the office.

Cause appearing, the motions for extensions of time are granted. The clerk of this court shall file the transcript request form received on February 5, 2019. Appellant shall have until March 6, 2019, to file and serve the opening brief and appendix. Thereafter, briefing shall proceed in accordance with NRAP 31(a)(1). The clerk shall remove Mr. Paredes as counsel of record for appellant.

Finally, Mr. Paredes failed to respond to this court's conditional sanction order as directed. Accordingly, the conditional sanction imposed against Mr. Paredes is not automatically vacated. Mr. Paredes shall have 11 days from the date of this order to pay the \$250 sanction to the Supreme Court Library. Further, because it appears that Mr. Paredes's conduct in this appeal may constitute violations of RPC 1.3 (diligence), 3.2(a) (expediting litigation), and 8.4 (misconduct), failure to comply with this order will result in Mr. Paredes's referral to the State Bar of Nevada for investigation pursuant to SCR 104-105.

It is so ORDERED.

Hardesty, J.
Hardesty

Stiglich, J.
Stiglich

Silver, J.
Silver

cc: Mueller Hinds & Associates
Attorney General/Carson City
Clark County District Attorney
Supreme Court Librarian
Lester M. Paredes