#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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CHRISTOPHER BLOCKSON,

Appellant,

VS.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPELLANT'S OPENING BRIEF AND APPENDIX

(SECOND REQUEST)

COMES NOW the Appellant, CHRISTOPHER BLOCKSON, by and through his attorney of record, Jason C. Makris, Esq., MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPELLANT'S OPENING BRIEF AND APPENDIX (SECOND REQUEST) until December 20, 2019 pursuant to NRAP 26 and NRAP 27.

**DATED** this <u>21<sup>st</sup></u> day of October, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **DECLARATION OF JASON C. MAKRIS, ESQ.**

### I, **JASON C. MAKRIS, ESQ**., do declare as follows:

- 1. Declarant is an attorney duly licensed to practice in the State of Nevada.
- 2. On May 20, 2019, this Court filed a limited remand for designation of Counsel by the Eighth Judicial District Court.
- 3. On May 23, 2019, Caesar Almase, Esq., was initially appointed as Appellant Counsel for Appellant CHRISTOPHER BLOCKSON.
- 4. On June 05, 2019, this Court issued a Briefing Schedule for Appellant to File an Opening Brief and Appendix.
- 5. On August 15, 2019, this Court granted a telephonic extension of time to file Appellant's Opening Brief to August 29, 2019.
- 6. On August 23, 2019 and August 29, 2019, Notices were filed regarding the Transcripts Requested from the Eighth Judicial District Court Reporters in this matter.
- 7. On August 29, 2019, a Notice of Appearance as Appointed Appellate Counsel was filed, which this Court granted on September 04, 2019 and Ordered the Opening Brief filed by October 21, 2019.
- 8. On October 21, 2019, Appellant Filed his Second Request for Extension of time which this court granted, providing until November 21, 2019, in which to file his Opening Brief and Appendix.
- 9. During the interim, I experienced several with the office computer software, after updating it, including issues with the Adobe Software used to prepare the Opening Brief and Appendix in accordance with the NRAP requirements.

- 10. The issues were just resolved, and have not provided Counsel with sufficient time to properly prepare and file the Opening Brief and Appendix.
- 11. I am now asking, based upon the extenuating circumstances supporting good cause, that this Court to provide an additional thirty (30) days Pursuant to NRAP 26 and NRAP 27 and based upon good cause, in which to file the Opening Brief and Appendix.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**DATED** this <u>21st</u> day of November, 2019.

/s/ Jason C. Makris JASON C. MAKRIS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 11192 MAKRIS LEGAL SERVICES, LLC Appointed Attorney for Appellant

### **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

I.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND LEGAL AUTHORITY

RAP 26(b)(1) provides that "[f]or good cause, the court may extend the time prescribed by these rules or by its order to perform any act or may permit an act to be done after that time expires." In addition, where a stipulation with the opposing party may not be obtained, NRAP 31(b)(3)(A) provides the requirements of all information that this Court requires in determining whether to grant an extension of time, including a demonstration of extraordinary and compelling circumstances. See NRAP 31(b)(3)(A)(iv).

Finally, NRAP 26(b)(1)(B) provides that a "[] grant of an extension of time to perform an act under this Rule will bar any further extensions of time to perform the same act unless the party files a written motion for extension of time

demonstrating extraordinary and compelling reasons why a further extension of time is necessary."

As noted in Counsel's declaration, extraordinary and compelling circumstances exist due to the fact the Appellant's Counsel's computer update damaged the Adobe Software used to properly prepare the Opening Brief and Appendix in accordance with the NRAP Requirements. Due to the only recent repair by Counsel's IT personnel, good cause supports the motion for extension of time.

II.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Therefore, Pursuant to NRAP 26 and NRAP 27, good cause supports this Court's granting Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time to file the Opening Brief and Appendix to December 21, 2019.

**DATED** this <u>21st</u> day of November, 2019.

/s/ Jason C. Makris JASON C. MAKRIS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 11192 MAKRIS LEGAL SERVICES, LLC ppointed Attorney for Appellant HRSTOPHER BĽOCKSON

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  I hereby certify that on the 21st day of November, 2019, I served a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
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TIME TO FILE APPELLANT'S OPENING BRIEF AND APPENDIX
(FIRST REQUEST), electronically addressed to the following:
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