Case No. 79124

In the Supreme Court of Nevada

In the Matter of the Parental Rights as to L.L.S., a Minor Child.

TAHJA LUJAN,

Appellant,

vs.

CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES; and L.L.S., a Minor Child,

Respondents.

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MOTION TO PLACE APPEAL IN <u>PRO BONO APPELLATE PROGRAM</u>

The minor child L.L.S. asks this Court to place her appeal in the *pro bono* appellate program developed by the Pro Bono Committee of the state bar's Appellate Litigation Section in conjunction with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. The Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada asked *pro bono* counsel to assist with this appeal because of the significant issues that it raises.

Because L.L.S. already has *pro bono* appellate counsel, the principal effects of granting this motion would be to give her counsel access to the resources of that program, to track this case statistically with the other cases in that program, and to set the matter for oral argument. This appeal would benefit from that program. In particular, the appeal presents two questions that would benefit from oral argument:

(1) whether a hearing master has authority to hear and make recommendations on a motion to terminate parental rights; and (2) whether, in the absence of abuse or neglect, a voluntary placement under NRS 432B.360 triggers the statutory presumptions under NRS 128.109 favoring termination of parental rights.

This Court granted a similar motion in Docket No. 74912, *Paulos v. FCH1, LLC*.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2020.

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I hereby certify that on June 5, 2018, I submitted the foregoing "Motion to Place Appeal in *Pro Bono* Appellate Program" for filing *via* the Court's eFlex electronic filing system. Electronic notification will be

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