**Electronically Filed** 3/16/2020 1:48 PM Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE CO 1 No. A—16-748919-C Dept 2 IN THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE 3 STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK Electronically Filed 4 Mar 23 2020 11:15 a.m. 5 Elizabeth A. Brown Clerk of Supreme Court STEVE EGGLESTON, Plaintiff 6 Case: No. A-16-748919-C -vs-7 GEORGINA STUART; DEPARTMENT OF 8 FAMILY SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT Dept. No. IX SERVICES, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA; 9 LISA CALLAHAN; BRIAN CALLAHAN 10 Defendants. 11 NOTICE OF APPEAL 12 Notice is hereby given by Steve Eggleston, plaintiff above named, hereby appeals to the 13 Supreme Court of Nevada from the order of dismissal entered on the Motion to Dismiss of 14 15 Defendants Georgina Stuart and Clark County, Nevada, entered September 7, 2018 (dismissing 16 "[t]this litigation, without prejudice..." apparently as to all Defendants, including non-moving 17 Defendants Lisa Callahan and Brian Callahan), and served on plaintiff on September 10, 2018, 18 the Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, entered February 26, 2020, and served 19 on plaintiff the same day, including the denial of the Motion to Disqualify contained therein. 20 Steve Eggleston, Plaintiff, In Pro Per 21 /s/ Steve Eggleston 22 23 Dated: March 15, 2020 Steve Eggleston, plaintiff, In Pro Per Goose Hall, Bourne Farm 24 East Town Lane, Pilton, England BA4 4NX 25 Steve@SteveEgglestonWrites.com +44 (0)7784 850 751 26 27

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- 4. The attorney referenced above (Felecia Galati, Esq.) is licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada.
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- 12. This case has the possibility of settlement.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2020.

Steve Eggleston, Plaintiff, In Pro Per

/s/ Steve Eggleston

Steve Eggleston, plaintiff, in Pro Per Goose Hall, Bourne Farm East Town Lane, Pilton, England BA4 4NX Steve@SteveEgglestonWrites.com P#44 (0)7784 850 751

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IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK

STEVE EGGLESTON,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

GEORGINA STUART; CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA; LISA CALLAHAN; BRIAN CALLAHAN,

Defendant(s),

Case No: A-16-748919-C

Dept No: IX

#### **CASE APPEAL STATEMENT**

- 1. Appellant(s): Steve Eggleston
- 2. Judge: Cristina D. Silva
- 3. Appellant(s): Steve Eggleston

Counsel:

Steve Eggleston Goose Hall, Bourne Farm Eat Town Lane Pilton, England BA4 4NX

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1	4. Respondent (s): Georgina Stuart; Clark County, Nevada
2	Counsel:
3	Felicia Galati, Esq.
4	9950 W. Cheyenne Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89129
5	Respondent (s): Lisa Callahan; Brian Callahan
6	Counsel:
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	Brian and Lisa Callahan
8	300 Ashley Dr. New Lenox, IL 60451
9	New Lenox, IL 60451
10	5. Appellant(s)'s Attorney Licensed in Nevada: N/A Permission Granted: N/A
11	Respondent(s)'s Attorney Licensed in Nevada: Yes
12	Permission Granted: N/A
13	Respondent(s)'s Attorney Licensed in Nevada: N/A Permission Granted: N/A
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15	6. Has Appellant Ever Been Represented by Appointed Counsel In District Court: No
16	7. Appellant Represented by Appointed Counsel On Appeal: N/A
17	8. Appellant Granted Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis**: N/A **Expires 1 year from date filed
18	Appellant Filed Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis: No
10	Date Application(s) filed: N/A
19 20	9. Date Commenced in District Court: December 30, 2016
21	10. Brief Description of the Nature of the Action: TORT - Other
22	Type of Judgment or Order Being Appealed: Dismissal
23	11. Previous Appeal: Yes
24	Supreme Court Docket Number(s): 77168
25	12. Child Custody or Visitation: N/A
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#### 13. Possibility of Settlement: Unknown

Dated This 18 day of March 2020.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

#### /s/ Heather Ungermann

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk 200 Lewis Ave PO Box 551601 Las Vegas, Nevada 89155-1601 (702) 671-0512

cc: Steve Eggleston

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#### IN THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE

#### STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK

Case: No. A—16-748919-C

Dept. No. IX

- 1. Steve Eggleston is the appellant filing this Case Appeal Statement.
- 2. The Judge issuing the first Order appealed from is the Hon. Douglas E. Smith, and the Judge issuing the remaining Orders appealed from is the Hon. Cristina D. Silva. The sole appellant is Steve Eggleston, in Pro Per, Steve Eggleston, plaintiff, In Pro Per Goose Hall, Bourne Farm, East Town Lane, Pilton, England BA4 4NX,
- 3. The Respondents are Georgina Stuart and Clark County, Nevada, represented by Felecia Galati, Esq., Nev. Bar No. 007341, of Olson Cannon, Gormley, & Stoberski, 9950 West Cheyenne Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89129, Phone: 702-384-4012, email: fgalati@ocgas.com, and (out of caution) Respondents Lisa and Brian Callahan, 300 Ashley Dr., New Lenox, IL 60451 (out of caution because they did not file a Motion to Dismiss and have not appeared, but the Order appealed from states "[t]he litigation is dismissed, without prejudice," implying that it was dismissed as to all defendants, including the non-moving defendants who have not appeared in the action and who did not file any motion to dismiss or otherwise of 2

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Steve Eggleston, Plaintiff, In Pro Per

/s/ Steve Eggleston

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#### **CASE SUMMARY** CASE No. A-16-748919-C

Steve Eggleston, Plaintiff(s)

Georgina Stuart, Defendant(s)

Location: Department 9 Judicial Officer: Silva, Cristina D. Filed on: 12/30/2016

Case Number History:

Cross-Reference Case A748919

Number:

Supreme Court No.: 77168

CASE INFORMATION

**Statistical Closures** Case Type: Other Tort

09/07/2018 Motion to Dismiss by the Defendant(s)

09/07/2018 Dismissed Status:

DATE **CASE ASSIGNMENT** 

**Current Case Assignment** 

Case Number A-16-748919-C Court Department 9 Date Assigned 04/29/2019 Silva, Cristina D. Judicial Officer

PARTY INFORMATION

Lead Attorneys **Plaintiff** Eggleston, Steve

Pro Se

**Defendant** Callahan, Brian

Removed: 07/31/2017

Dismissed

Callahan, Brian

Removed: 09/07/2018

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Callahan, Lisa

Removed: 07/31/2017

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Callahan, Lisa

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**Clark County Department of Family Services** 

Removed: 07/31/2017

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**Clark County Department of Family Services** 

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**Clark County Nevada** 

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DATE **EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT INDEX** 

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12/30/2016	EVENTS  Complaint
	Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve
04/26/2017	Consent to Service By Electronic Means Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina Consent To Service By Electronic Means Through E-Filing Program
05/03/2017	Affidavit of Service  Affidavit of Service
05/03/2017	Affidavit of Service  Affidavit of Service
05/05/2017	Affidavit of Service  Affidavit of Service
05/05/2017	Affidavit of Service  Affidavit of Service
06/09/2017	Motion to Dismiss  Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina; Defendant Clark County Department of Family Services  Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss
06/13/2017	Notice of Hearing Filed By: Defendant Clark County Department of Family Services Notice of Hearing on Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss
06/19/2017	Opposition to Motion to Dismiss  Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss of Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart
06/30/2017	Reply to Opposition  Filed by: Defendant Stuart, Georgina; Defendant Clark County Department of Family Services  Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss
07/31/2017	Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order  Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order Granting Clark County and Georgina  Stuart's Motion to Dismiss
08/01/2017	Notice of Entry of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina Notoice of Entry of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order Granting Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss
08/10/2017	First Amended Complaint  First Amended Complaint for Civil Rights Violations, Child Abduction, Conspiracy,  Defamation
08/24/2017	Answer to Amended Complaint  Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina  Answer to First Amended Complaint

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09/29/2017	Stipulation and Order  Filed by: Defendant Clark County Nevada  Stipulation and Order to Extend the Early Case Conference
11/02/2017	Consent to Service by Facsimile Party: Defendant Stuart, Georgina Consent to Service by Facsimile and/or Electronic Means Through E-Filing Program
11/29/2017	Commissioners Decision on Request for Exemption - Granted  Commissioner's Decision on Request for Exemption - Granted
12/15/2017	Application Rule 16.1 Application for Waiver of In-Person Meet-and-Confer Requirement and/or for Continuance of In-Person Meet-and-Confer Requirement
01/13/2018	Arbitration File  Arbitration File
03/05/2018	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Summons
04/04/2018	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve Affidavit of Service
04/04/2018	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve Affidavit of Service
04/12/2018	Joint Case Conference Report  Joint Case Conference Report
04/12/2018	Demand for Jury Trial  Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve  Plaintiff's Jury Trial Demand
05/14/2018	Scheduling Order  Scheduling Order
05/17/2018	Order Setting Civil Jury Trial  Order Setting Civil Jury Trial
06/21/2018	Substitution of Attorney  Filed by: Defendant Stuart, Georgina; Defendant Clark County Nevada  Substitution of Attorney
07/24/2018	Motion to Dismiss  Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina; Defendant Clark County Nevada  Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss
07/25/2018	Certificate of Service Filed by: Defendant Stuart, Georgina; Defendant Clark County Nevada

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	Certificate of Service of Notice of Motion to Dismiss
08/07/2018	Opposition to Motion  Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve  Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss of Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart;  Nrcp Request for Time to Conduct Discovery
08/21/2018	Reply to Opposition  Filed by: Defendant Stuart, Georgina; Defendant Clark County Nevada  Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart s Reply to Plaintiff s Opposition Motion to  Dismiss; and Plaintiff s "NRCP Request for Time to Conduct Discovery"
09/07/2018	Order Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina; Defendant Clark County Nevada Order on Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss
09/10/2018	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina  Notice of Entry of Order
09/10/2018	Certificate of Service Filed by: Defendant Stuart, Georgina Certificate of Service of Order on Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss
09/20/2018	Motion to Reconsider Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve Motion To Reconsider Defendant's Motion To Dismiss And 9/7/18 Order Of Dismissal Without Prejudice Based Failure To Exhaust Administrative Remedies
10/08/2018	Opposition to Motion Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider Defendants' Motion to Dismiss and 9/7/18 Order of Dismissal
10/09/2018	Notice of Appeal Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve Notice of Appeal
10/09/2018	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve Case Appeal Statement
10/11/2018	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve Case Appeal Statement
10/15/2018	Reply to Motion  Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve  PLAINTIFF'S REPLY RE MOTION TO RECONSIDER DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS/ CONVERT TO SUMMARY JUDGEMENT AND 9/7/18 ORDER
10/18/2018	Motion to Strike Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Strike Plaintiff's Reply to Defendants' Opposition to Motion to Reconsider Defendants' Motion to Dismiss and 9/7/18

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	CASE NO. A-10-748919-C
	Order of Dismissal
10/19/2018	Affidavit of Service  Affidavit of Service
10/19/2018	Affidavit of Service  Affidavit of Service
10/19/2018	Affidavit of Service  Affidavit of Service
10/19/2018	Affidavit of Service  Affidavit of Service
10/31/2018	Request Filed by: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve Request for Transcript of District Court Hearing for Appeal
11/20/2018	Recorders Transcript of Hearing  RECORDER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS: DEFENDANTS CLARK COUNTY AND GEORGINA STUART'S MOTION TO DISMISS. HEARD ON AUGUST 28, 2018
12/13/2018	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve Affidavit of Service
12/13/2018	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve Affidavit of Service
12/13/2018	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve Affidavit of Service
12/13/2018	Amended Notice of Appeal Party: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve Amended Notice of Appeal
02/23/2019	NV Supreme Court Clerks Certificate/Judgment - Dismissed  Nevada Supreme Court Clerk's Certificate/Remittitur Judgment - Dismissed
04/29/2019	Case Reassigned to Department 9  Judicial Reassignment to Department 9 - Judge Cristina Silva
08/07/2019	Supplemental Filed by: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve PLAINTIFF S SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY RE MOTION TO RECONSIDER DEFENDANTS MOTION TO DISMISS AND 9/7/18 ORDER; NOTICE OF NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS; REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF FORMAL RULING ON MOTION TO DISMISS; MOTION TO DISQUALIFY DEFENSE COUNSEL FROM THE CURRENT PROCEEDINGS
08/07/2019	Supplemental Filed by: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve (UNSIGNED) Plaintiff s 2nd 16.1(a)(1) Supplemental Initial Disclosure Dated August 5, 2019

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08/21/2019	Motion to Strike  Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina  Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Strike: (1) Plaintiff's Supplemental Reply Re Motion to Reconsider Defendants' Motion to Dismiss and 9/7/18 Order; (2) Plaintiff's "2nd 16.1 (a)(1) Supplemental Initial Disclosure"; and (3)Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from the Current Proceedings; and/or, in the Alternative, Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from the Current Proceedings
08/22/2019	Motion to Disqualify Attorney Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from Current Proceedings
08/22/2019	Clerk's Notice of Hearing  Notice of Hearing
09/03/2019	Opposition to Motion  Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve  Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant Clark County and Georgian Stuart's Motion to Strike
09/17/2019	Reply to Opposition  Filed by: Defendant Stuart, Georgina  Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants'  "Motion to Strike" Plaintiff's Supplemental Reply Re Motion to Reconsider Defendants' MTD  and 9/7/18 Order; and Replies in Support of MTS Plaintiff's "2nd 16.1(a)(1) Supp. Initial  Disclosure"; MTS Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from the Current  Proceedings
11/01/2019	Recorders Transcript of Hearing  RECORDER'S TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO DISQUALIFY  DEFENSE COUNSEL FROM CURRENT PROCEEDINGS. STATUS CHECK: DECISION ON  MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION. HEARD ON OCTOBER 29, 2019
01/02/2020	Notice of Change of Firm Name Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina Notice of Change of Firm Name
02/26/2020	Order Denying Motion Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration
02/26/2020	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina  Notice of Entry of Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration
02/26/2020	Order Denying Motion Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration
02/26/2020	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Defendant Stuart, Georgina  Notice of Entry of Order
03/16/2020	Notice of Appeal Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve

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Notice of Appeal

03/16/2020

Case Appeal Statement

Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve

Case Appeal Statement

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Case Appeal Statement

Filed By: Plaintiff Eggleston, Steve

Case Appeal Statement

#### **DISPOSITIONS**

07/31/2017

Order of Dismissal (Judicial Officer: Smith, Douglas E.)

Debtors: Georgina Stuart (Defendant), Clark County Department of Family Services (Defendant), Brian Callahan (Defendant), Lisa Callahan (Defendant), Clark County Nevada (Defendant)

Creditors: Steve Eggleston (Plaintiff), Gregory Miles, ESQ. (Arbitrator)

Judgment: 07/31/2017, Docketed: 07/31/2017

09/07/2018

Order of Dismissal Without Prejudice (Judicial Officer: Smith, Douglas E.)

Debtors: Steve Eggleston (Plaintiff), Gregory Miles, ESQ. (Arbitrator)

Creditors: Georgina Stuart (Defendant), Brian Callahan (Defendant), Lisa Callahan (Defendant),

Clark County Nevada (Defendant)

Judgment: 09/07/2018, Docketed: 09/10/2018

Comment: Per 1st ACOM

02/23/2019

Clerk's Certificate (Judicial Officer: Smith, Douglas E.)

Debtors: Steve Eggleston (Plaintiff)

Creditors: Georgina Stuart (Defendant), Brian Callahan (Defendant), Lisa Callahan (Defendant),

Clark County Nevada (Defendant)

Judgment: 02/23/2019, Docketed: 03/02/2019

Comment: Supreme Court No. 77168 \*Appeal Dismissed\*

#### **HEARINGS**

07/11/2017



Motion to Dismiss (8:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Smith, Douglas E.)

Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss

Deferred Ruling; Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss Journal Entry Details:

Plaintiff, Steve Eggleston, appearing telephonically. Also present: Ken Battistella and Bernadette Wojdyla, the parents of Lisa Callahan. This is the time set for hearing on Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss. Ms. Monje advised she would submit on her Motion and reserve for rebuttal. Upon Court's inquiry, Plaintiff stated that he received the Defendants' Motion and opposes it; he filed a written opposition and would submit on his Motion. Court noted that rather than take oral argument, it will base its decision on the pleadings submitted by the parties. COURT ORDERED, decision DEFERRED.;

07/31/2017



**Decision** (8:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Smith, Douglas E.)

Decision: Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss Decision Made; Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss Journal Entry Details:

The Court heard oral argument on Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss on July 11, 2017, but DEFERRED its ruling. The Court's ruling is as set forth in the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Granting Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss filed on July 31, 2017.;

08/28/2018



Motion to Dismiss (8:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Smith, Douglas E.)

Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss

Deferred Ruling; Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss Journal Entry Details:

Also present: Maria Parlade, Esq., for Clark County. This is the time set for hearing on Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss. The Plaintiff, Steve

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Eggleston, has filed an Opposition to the Motion and a Request for time to Conduct Discovery. Defendant filed a Reply. Mr. Angulo advised that there has been a failure to exhaust administrative remedies. There is a pending fair hearing on the finding of physical injury and neglect with the Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS) and that procedure has to be completed before a lawsuit can be brought. Mr. Eggleston has argued that the U.S. Supreme Court law Section 1983 Civil Rights does not require exhaustion of administrative remedies; however, the Supreme Court has indicated that because this is a Constitutional Fourteenth Amendment procedural due process issue, a person must first go through the procedure before the claim has its fulfillment. Therefore, until Mr. Eggleston finishes the fair hearing and an adjudicated finding is made, his claim is not ripe. Under the Statute, the fair hearing is a prerequisite before judicial review can take place. The fair hearing is scheduled for some time in September. Further, the request for additional discovery is not appropriate for the reasons stated on the record. Argument by Mr. Eggleston; the Defendants' Motion is untimely for the reasons stated on the record. Additionally, Section 1983 does not require exhaustion of administrative rights; he discussed Patsy v. Board of Regents. Colloquy regarding the DFS fair hearing, which is coming up. Mr. Eggleston argued that there is no remedy that the fair hearing can provide because the children are in another jurisdiction; he is not sure he will attend. Mr. Eggleston claims that he is suing Child Protective Services (CPS) and the County because they conspired to remove his children to another state in violation of his civil rights; Georgina Stuart is an employee of CPS. The Callahans never had permission to remove the children from the State and Ms. Stuart helped them do it. The issues as set out in Mr. Eggleston's Complaint are the 1983 procedural due process claim; the 1985 conspiracy claim based on the 1983 violation, these are Federal claims. Then there is defamation and infliction of emotional distress because of the removal of the children, these are State claims. COURT ORDERED, decision DEFERRED.;

09/07/2018

**Decision** (8:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Smith, Douglas E.)

Decision: Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss Decision Made; Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss Journal Entry Details:

The Court heard oral argument on Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss on August 28, 2018, but DEFERRED its ruling. The Court's ruling is as set forth in the Order on Clark County and Georgia Stuart's Motion to Dismiss filed on September 7,

10/22/2018



Motion to Reconsider (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Smith, Douglas E.)

Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider Defendant's Motion to Dismiss and 9/7/18 Order of Dismissal, Without Prejudice, Based on Failure to Exhaust Administrative Remedies

Matter Continued; Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider Defendant's Motion to Dismiss and 9/7/18 Order of Dismissal, Without Prejudice, Based on Failure to Exhaust Administrative Remedies Journal Entry Details:

Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider Defendant's Motion to Dismiss and 9/7/18 Order of Dismissal, Without Prejudice, Based on Failure to Exhaust Administrative Remedies came before this Court on its October 22, 2018, Chamber Calendar. Having reviewed the record, it appears to this Court that a Notice of Appeal was filed October 9, 2018. Therefore, this Court does not have jurisdiction to rule on the instant Motion. Furthermore, COURT ORDERED, all further proceedings in this case shall appear on this Court's ORAL CALENDAR. CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was mailed to Steve Eggleston, Goose Hall, Bourne Farm, East Town Road, Pilton, England, Post Code: ba4 4nx and placed in the attorney folder of Felicia Galati, Esq., (Olson, Cannon, Gormley, Angulo & Stoberski).;

06/18/2019

CANCELED Calendar Call (8:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Smith, Douglas E.) Vacated - per Order

07/01/2019

CANCELED Jury Trial (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Smith, Douglas E.) Vacated - per Order

09/24/2019

Motion to Disqualify Attorney (8:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Silva, Cristina D.) 09/24/2019, 10/29/2019, 12/10/2019

Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from Current Proceedings Matter Continued; Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from Current Proceedings Matter Continued; Deferred Ruling;

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Matter Continued; Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from Current Proceedings Matter Continued;

Deferred Ruling;

Matter Continued; Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from Current Proceedings Matter Continued:

Deferred Ruling;

Journal Entry Details:

Plaintiff, Sieve Eggleston, appearing telephonically through CourtCall. This is the time set for hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from Current Proceedings. Court noted that Plaintiff filed a Motion to Reconsider Defendant's Motion to Dismiss; however, because this Court's decision on the Motion to Dismiss was appealed to the Nevada Supreme Court, this Court did not have jurisdiction to rule on the Motion to Reconsider. The Appeal was DISMISSED and this Court received the Remittitur on February 23, 2019; however, a decision on the Motion to Reconsider has never been made. Since the Court's decision on the Motion to Reconsider will impact its decision on the instant Motion, COURT ORDERED, the instant Motion shall be held in abeyance until the Motion for Reconsideration is resolved. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, the Motion is CONTINUED and matter set for status check. 10/29/19 8:30 AM STATUS CHECK: DECISION ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION:

10/29/2019

Status Check (8:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Silva, Cristina D.)

Status Check: Decision on Motion for Reconsideration Hearing Set;

10/29/2019

All Pending Motions (8:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Silva, Cristina D.)

Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from Current Proceedings . . . Status Check: Decision on Motion for Reconsideration

Matter Heard:

Journal Entry Details:

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO DISQUALIFY DEFENSE COUNSEL FROM CURRENT PROCEEDINGS . . . STATUS CHECK: DECISION ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION Steve Eggleston appearing telephonically via CourtCall. This is the time set for hearing on the Motion to Disqualify; with regard to the Motion to Reconsider, the Court advised that it reviewed Plaintiff's Motion to Strike the Supplemental Reply to the Motion to Reconsider. COURT ORDERED, the Motion to Strike is DENIED as the Court will not consider new arguments raised in the Reply for the first time. Argument by Mr. Eggleston on the Motion to Reconsider. Ms. Galati advised that she was not aware that this matter was going to be argued this morning as it was set for a Status Check on the Decision so she is not prepared to go forward. However, with regard to the fair hearing issue; the Deft. was asked to provide dates for that hearing and he never did so that issue was not exhausted so the policy regarding the exhaustion of administrative remedies applies. Upon Court's inquiry, as what attempts Mr. Eggleston had made to exhaust the administrative remedies, he advised that there is no administrative remedy because the children were taken; this is now a civil rights violation; argument. Ms. Galati advised that she is aware that Mr. Eggleston characterizes this as a taking but he signed over a guardianship for the children. Because the Motion for Reconsideration was set as a Status Check, COURT ORDERED, the Motion shall be set for oral argument as the Court would like to consider the Motion on the merits. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, the decision on the Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from Current Proceedings is DEFERRED because this Court's ruling on the Motion for Reconsideration will have an impact on the Motion to Disqualify. 12/10/19 8:30 AM ARGUMENT: MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION/MOTION TO DISQUALIFY;

12/10/2019

Argument (8:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Silva, Cristina D.)

Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration (10/22/18)

Deferred Ruling;

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All Pending Motions (8:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Silva, Cristina D.)

Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration (10/22/18) . . . Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from Current Proceedings

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Journal Entry Details:

Court noted this matter was on for argument today regarding several pending matters. There was a hearing back in October; however, the parties were not prepared to argue. Court advised at the 10/29 hearing the Court denied Defendant's Motion to Strike Plaintiff's Reply

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and it stated on the record it would not consider new issues that were raised in that Reply. As to the Motion for Reconsideration, Court advised it reviewed the Motion and Opposition and it appears there were a couple of disagreements. The first being that Mr. Eggleston believes that he was denied a right to a fair hearing and it is Defendant's position he did not exhaust the fair hearing opportunities or administrative avenues. Ms. Galati stated Plaintiff filed a request for a fair hearing which is an appeal. There were at least three hearing dates set, if not more, at his request and he asked for three continuances and they were granted. The Department of Family Service, which is the agency that administers the appeals, asked him to let them know when he would be available for a hearing and he said nothing for nine months. They set a date and he again asked for a continuance; they gave him a continuance and they have asked for days and he has given no dates. In fact, he had given no dates as of the date the Motion to Dismiss was heard by Judge Smith. There is no doubt that the administrative hearing or the appeal has not been exhausted. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Eggleston stated there was an important distinction not being made to the Court. Counsel are not talking about the hearing that has to do with the separation of the children and that is the only basis on which he has sued. If Child Protective Services makes an accusation that a parent did not properly supervise the other parent; if they take money from the federal government they are supposed to report that incident to the registry under federal law. Mr. Eggleston stated he sued on the basis of a specific statute in the federal and state constitution that requires a due process hearing to be held before the children are taken or within 72 hours of them being taken. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Eggleston stated the hearing never took place. Ms. Galati stated the children were not taken. On January 7, 2015, Mr. Eggleston signed a guardianship over to the maternal aunt, Lisa Callahan, a named a defendant in this action. Thereafter, Ms. Callahan and her husband removed the children from the jurisdiction. That is not a removal so he is not entitled to a hearing on that. He is entitled to the fair hearing counsel talked about because he disputes the substantiation of abuse or neglect. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Eggleston stated he signed over guardianship, only under coercion. The police broke into the house without any probable cause. They said if he did not sign now they would take his kids and he would never see them, and then they gave them over to other family members. None of this was before the Court on the Motion to Dismiss. The Motion to Dismiss simply was on the sole basis that he had not exhausted administrative remedies, noting there was no administrative remedies. Court advised there were administrative remedies Plaintiff could have pursued. Mr. Eggleston argued NRS 432(b) specifically states that in a case where you are going to take someone's children you have to have emergency grounds to do so, in which case you have to have a hearing within 72 hours. Court advised it understands Plaintiff's position that he signed it under duress, but that is not for the Court's consideration at this time. The fact that it was signed is for the Court's consideration. Court understands that Plaintiff believes there should have been a hearing, and that would have been the case if guardianship had not been signed over. Mr. Eggleston stated the hearing they are talking about; he specially contacted them, and they told him the hearing had nothing to do with removal of his kids. It only had to do with whether or not they were going to put his name in the registry. Additionally, it was moved several times without his consent and knowledge. The fair hearing has nothing to do with the removal of kids. Plaintiff referenced Exhibit 2 in his motion. Court advised even if a Judge had found him previously fit that could always change. It appears there was a change in circumstance which prompted the removal of the children. Ms. Galati stated one has nothing to do with the other and stated sequence of events. Court noted the appeal was now moot. Ms. Galati concurred and said she believe Mr. Eggleston filed this action in an attempt to get discovery here as none of that is available in the fair hearing process. Court advised it has considered the arguments and will issue its decision from Chambers. COURT ORDERED, decision DEFERRED. Colloquy regarding service on the Callahans'. 12/30/19 (CHAMBERS) DECISION CLERK'S NOTE: The foregoing minute order was prepared by court clerk Louisa Garcia via review of the JAVS recording. /lg 12-17-19;

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**Decision** (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Silva, Cristina D.)

Decision: Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration . . . Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from Current Proceedings

Minute Order - No Hearing Held;

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Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration. The Court has reviewed the Motion for Reconsideration, the opposition thereto, the supplement to the Motion for Reconsideration, and the opposition to the supplement. The Court has also considered the arguments of Plaintiff, Mr. Eggleston, and the Defendants. A district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous. Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n. of Southern Nevada v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth, Ltd., 113 Nev. 737, 741, 941 P.2d 486, 489 (1997). Reconsideration is proper where an earlier decision denying the same motion was clearly erroneous. Here, no

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such finding can be made. District Court Judge Douglas Smith properly found that Plaintiff had not exhausted his administrative remedies under the Federal Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), NRS 432B.317, and NAC 432B.170. See September 7, 2018 Order, at 8-18 (discussing the procedural history in Plaintiff's DFS case, and his failure to follow the proper administrative procedure). The Supreme Court of Nevada has long held that exhaustion of administrative remedies is a prerequisite to filing a claim against the State of Nevada or any of its political subdivisions. See First. Am. Title Co. of Nevada v. State, 91 Nev. 804, 543 P.2d 1344 (1975); State Dep t of Taxation v. Scotsman Mfg., 109 Nev. 252, 254-55, 849 P.2d 317, 319 (1993); Malecon Tobacco, LLC v. State ex rel. Dep t of Taxation, 118 Nev. 837, 839, 59 P.3d 474, 475 76 (2002); see generally Allstate Ins. Co. v. Thorpe, 123 Nev. 565, 170 P.3d 989 (2007). The doctrine of exhaustion of administrative remedies is wellestablished in the jurisprudence of administrative law. Woodford v. Ngo, 548 U.S. 81, 88 (2006); First Am. Title Co., 91 Nev. at 806. In Lopez v. Nevada Dep't of Corr., the Supreme Court affirmed its position that the exhaustion doctrine requires that a person exhaust administrative remedies before proceeding in the district court and failure to do so renders the controversy nonjusticiable. 127 Nev. 1156, 373 P.3d 937 (2011) (citing Allstate Ins. Co., 123 Nev. at 571 (2007)). Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration is hereby DENIED. Defendant shall submit for review an electronic draft of Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law in Microsoft Word (to Dept09LC@clarkcountycourts.us) consistent with this Order. CLERK'S NOTE: This minute order was electronically served by Courtroom Clerk, Natalie Ortega, to all registered parties for Odyssey File & Serve and/or served via facsimile. ndo/01/14/20;

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#### DISTRICT COURT

#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

STEVE EGGLESTON.

CASE NO. A-16-748919-C DEPT. NO. VIII

Plaintiff,

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GEORGINA STUART; CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA; LISA CALLAHAN; BRIAN CALLAHAN; AND DOES I THROUGH 100, INCLUSIVE,

Defendants.

### ORDER ON CLARK COUNTY AND GEORGINA STUART'S MOTION TO DISMISS

On August 28, 2018, this Court conducted a scheduled hearing on Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss filed July 24, 2018. Plaintiff was present representing himself in Proper Person. Clark County and Georgina Stuart were represented by their attorney, Peter M. Angulo, Esq. of the law firm of Olson, Cannon, Gormley, Angulo & Stoberski. Having read the submitted filing relative to the Motion to Dismiss and in consideration of the oral arguments made by the parties, the Court hereby

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#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Avenuer 10, 2017, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint for civil rights violations, child abduction, conspiracy and defamation;
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- 4. Thereafter, the Callahans removed the children from the State of Nevada:
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- 15. On July 19, 2018, having not heard from Plaintiff for several months, the Department of Family Services notified Plaintiff of a new Fair Hearing date set for September 11, 2018;
- 16. On July 20, 2018, Plaintiff requested a third continuance of the hearing;
- 17. As of the date of the Motion to Dismiss being filed, the Fair Hearing has not been rescheduled due to Plaintiff not providing available dates;
- 18. The administrative procedure set forth above-up to and including the provision of a Fair Hearing is required pursuant to the Federal Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), Section 106(b)(2)(A)(xi)(11), NRS 432B and Nevada Administrative Code 432B.170;
- 19. The purpose behind this administrative structure is to afford Plaintiff a right to due process, which is "the right to receive notice of an adverse determination against [him] and give [him] an opportunity to respond in an orderly proceeding;"
- 20. The review process involves an agency appeal (which has already been utilized by the Plaintiff in this matter) and a Fair Hearing proceeding;
- 21. NRS 432B.317 requires the conclusion of a Fair Hearing before any judicial review can take place;
- 22. Plaintiff's constitutional claims set forth in the First Amended Complaint, assert his children were removed from his custody and care without due process of law. Accordingly, the constitutional claim is a Procedural Due Process Claim;
- 23. For reasons set forth in the conclusions of law, Plaintiff's conspiracy claim is dependent upon the procedural due process claim as a necessary predicate. Accordingly, the two are inextricably intertwined;
- 24. The remaining claims by Plaintiff are based on assertions of damage arising from the decision by the Department of Family Services set forth above;

- 25. By statute, the Fair Hearing officer may uphold or overturn the decision by the Department of Family Services;
- 26. Plaintiff has the opportunity at the Fair Hearing to be represented by counsel;
- 27. At the Fair Hearing, witnesses and other evidence in support of the decision or in contradiction thereto can be presented; and
- 28. As indicated above, Plaintiff has availed himself of this administrative process to challenge the decision of the Department of Family Services. The procedure has not been completed at the present time.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Predicated upon the foregoing facts, the following is an explication of the relevant law in this area upon which this Court relies in reaching its decision:

- A person who has entered an administrative proceeding must exhaust their administrative remedies before proceeding in District Court. The failure to do so renders the controversy non-justiciable. <u>Lopez v. Nevada Dept. of Corrections</u>, 127 Nev. 1156, 373 P.3d 937 \*1 (2011) (citing <u>Allstate Ins. Co. v. Thorpe</u>, 123 Nev. 565, 571, 170 P.3d 989, 993 (2007));
- The purpose for requiring exhaustion of administrative remedies is (1) to
  protect the administrative agency's authority by giving it an opportunity to
  correct its own mistakes before it is brought into Court and (2) it promotes
  efficiency <u>Id</u>.;
- In this matter, Plaintiff has asserted a claim under 42 U.S.C. §1983. Generally speaking, exhaustion of remedies is not required for most Section 1983 claims.
   Patsy v. Board of Regents of Florida, 457 U.S. 496, 516 (1982);
- 4. In the unique case of a Procedural Due Process claim, however, the litigant asserting a property or a liberty interest violation without due process must first exhaust state remedies before filing suit. Morgan v. Gonzales, 495 F.3d 1084, 1090 n.2 (9th Cir. 2007); Barron v. Ashcroft, 358 F.3d 674, 678 (9th Cir. 2004). See also Rathien v. Litchfield, 878 F.2d 836, 839-40 (5th Cir. 1989) ("No denial

of procedural due process occurs where a person has failed to utilize the state procedures available to him");

- 5. The rule recognizes a State must have the opportunity to remedy the procedural failings of its subdivision and agencies in an appropriate forum before being subjected to a claim alleging such a violation. Thus, if adequate state remedies were available but Plaintiff failed to take advantage of them, Plaintiff cannot present a claim the State failed to provide him with due process. Cotton v. Jackson, 216 F.3d 1328, 1331 (11th Cir. 2000);
- 6. To assert a Section 1983 conspiracy claim, there must be evidence of an underlying constitutional violation. <u>Radcliffe v. Rainbow Construction Co.</u>, 254 F.3df 772, 783 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2011). Since the Court has concluded the Procedural Due Process claims is unripe, the conspiracy claim is also dismissed;
- 7. Although this Motion was brought initially under NRCP 12(b)(5), it is, in essence, an NRCP 12(c) motion. The difference between the two is simply one of timing. The standard of proof and consideration for ruling on the Motions are identical and, therefore, Plaintiff's argument that this Motion is untimely is not well taken;
- 8. Plaintiff has placed a request before the Court for additional time to conduct discovery. However, he failed to establish proper grounds for a continuance. Under NRCP 56(f), a party is required to submit affidavits opposing the Motion which clearly indicates that one cannot-for the reason stated-present facts essential to justify the opposition. Bakerink v. Orthopaedic Associates, Ltd., 94 Nev. 428, 431, 581 P.2d 9, 11 (1978). In this matter, Plaintiff has not made such an argument nor has he provided the appropriate affidavit detailing what facts would be necessary to meaningfully oppose the Motion to Dismiss. Accordingly, the request is not granted;

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9.	Plaintiff's argument that Ms. Hammack's affidavit cannot be utilized because
	she was not disclosed by Defendants is equally unavailing. The evidence
	before the Court indicates-and Plaintiff did not disagree-that Ms. Hammack was
	identified by Plaintiff himself in an early case disclosure filed in April of 2018.
	Accordingly, her identity has been known to Plaintiff since then and there is no
	unfair or undue surprise in utilizing an affidavit from this witness;
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- 10. Based on the foregoing, this Court grants the Motion to Dismiss without prejudice. It is the Court's impression that the federal procedural due process claim is unripe at the present time because the administrative process has not been completed. Furthermore, the state law claims are predicated on the substantiated findings by the Department of Family Services and, therefore, are also premature at this point until the administrative process has been completed; and
- 11. Not only is the litigation prematurely brought, the Court believes there is also a basis for administrative abstention under the <u>Buford v. Sun Oil Co.</u>, 319 U.S. 315 (1943). The Court further finds there is no reason to allow further discovery on the matter as it has sufficient facts before it to render its decision.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, the Motion to

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Dismiss is granted. This litigation is dismissed, without prejudice, until such time as Plaintiff's Fair Hearing is concluded and an allowed judicial review is exhausted.

DATED this 6 day of September, 2018.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

SUBMITTED BY:

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#### NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order on Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss was entered with the Court on September 7, 2018, a copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

OLSON, CANNON, GORMLEY ANGULO & STOBERSKI

/s/ Felicia Galati, Esq.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, the undersigned, an employee of Olson, Cannon, Gormley, Angulo & Stoberski, hereby served a true copy of **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER** to the parties listed below via the EFP Program, pursuant to the Court's Electronic Filing Service Order (Administrative Order 14-2) effective June 1, 2014, and or mailed:

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- 19. The purpose behind this administrative structure is to afford Plaintiff a right to due process, which is "the right to receive notice of an adverse determination against [him] and give [him] an opportunity to respond in an orderly proceeding;"
- 20. The review process involves an agency appeal (which has already been utilized by the Plaintiff in this matter) and a Fair Hearing proceeding;
- NRS 432B.317 requires the conclusion of a Fair Hearing before any judicial review can take place;
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- 23. For reasons set forth in the conclusions of law, Plaintiff's conspiracy claim is dependent upon the procedural due process claim as a necessary predicate. Accordingly, the two are inextricably intertwined:
- 24. The remaining claims by Plaintiff are based on assertions of damage arising from the decision by the Department of Family Services set forth above;

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- 25. By statute, the Fair Hearing officer may uphold or overturn the decision by the Department of Family Services;
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- 27. At the Fair Hearing, witnesses and other evidence in support of the decision or in contradiction thereto can be presented; and
- 28. As indicated above, Plaintiff has availed himself of this administrative process to challenge the decision of the Department of Family Services. The procedure has not been completed at the present time.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Predicated upon the foregoing facts, the following is an explication of the relevant law in this area upon which this Court relies in reaching its decision:

- 1. A person who has entered an administrative proceeding must exhaust their administrative remedies before proceeding in District Court. The failure to do so renders the controversy non-justiciable. Lopez v. Nevada Dept. of Corrections, 127 Nev. 1156, 373 P.3d 937 \*1 (2011) (citing Allstate Ins. Co. v. Thorpe, 123 Nev. 565, 571, 170 P.3d 989, 993 (2007));
- 2. The purpose for requiring exhaustion of administrative remedies is (1) to protect the administrative agency's authority by giving it an opportunity to correct its own mistakes before it is brought into Court and (2) it promotes efficiency Id.;
- 3. In this matter, Plaintiff has asserted a claim under 42 U.S.C. §1983. Generally speaking, exhaustion of remedies is not required for most Section 1983 claims. Patsy v. Board of Regents of Florida, 457 U.S. 496, 516 (1982);
- 4. In the unique case of a Procedural Due Process claim, however, the litigant asserting a property or a liberty interest violation without due process must first exhaust state remedies before filing suit. Morgan v. Gonzales, 495 F.3d 1084, 1090 n.2 (9th Cir. 2007); Barron v. Ashcroft, 358 F.3d 674, 678 (9th Cir. 2004). See also Rathjen v. Litchfield, 878 F.2d 836, 839-40 (5th Cir. 1989) ("No denial

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- 5. The rule recognizes a State must have the opportunity to remedy the procedural failings of its subdivision and agencies in an appropriate forum before being subjected to a claim alleging such a violation. Thus, if adequate state remedies were available but Plaintiff failed to take advantage of them, Plaintiff cannot present a claim the State failed to provide him with due process. Cotton v. Jackson, 216 F.3d 1328, 1331 (11th Cir. 2000);
- 6. To assert a Section 1983 conspiracy claim, there must be evidence of an underlying constitutional violation. <u>Radcliffe v. Rainbow Construction Co.</u>, 254 F.3df 772, 783 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2011). Since the Court has concluded the Procedural Due Process claims is unripe, the conspiracy claim is also dismissed;
- 7. Although this Motion was brought initially under NRCP 12(b)(5), it is, in essence, an NRCP 12(c) motion. The difference between the two is simply one of timing. The standard of proof and consideration for ruling on the Motions are identical and, therefore, Plaintiff's argument that this Motion is untimely is not well taken;
- 8. Plaintiff has placed a request before the Court for additional time to conduct discovery. However, he failed to establish proper grounds for a continuance. Under NRCP 56(f), a party is required to submit affidavits opposing the Motion which clearly indicates that one cannot-for the reason stated-present facts essential to justify the opposition. Bakerink v. Orthopaedic Associates, Ltd., 94 Nev. 428, 431, 581 P.2d 9, 11 (1978). In this matter, Plaintiff has not made such an argument nor has he provided the appropriate affidavit detailing what facts would be necessary to meaningfully oppose the Motion to Dismiss. Accordingly, the request is not granted;

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- 9. Plaintiff's argument that Ms. Hammack's affidavit cannot be utilized because she was not disclosed by Defendants is equally unavailing. The evidence before the Court indicates-and Plaintiff did not disagree-that Ms. Hammack was identified by Plaintiff himself in an early case disclosure filed in April of 2018. Accordingly, her identity has been known to Plaintiff since then and there is no unfair or undue surprise in utilizing an affidavit from this witness;
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- 11. Not only is the litigation prematurely brought, the Court believes there is also a basis for administrative abstention under the <u>Buford v. Sun Oil Co.</u>, 319 U.S. 315 (1943). The Court further finds there is no reason to allow further discovery on the matter as it has sufficient facts before it to render its decision.

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Dismiss is granted. This litigation is dismissed, without prejudice, until such time as Plaintiff's Fair Hearing is concluded and an allowed judicial review is exhausted.

DATED this 6 day of September, 2018.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

SUBMITTED BY:

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Here, no finding can be made that Judge Smith's decision granting Defendants Motion to Dismiss was clearly erroneous. Judge Smith properly found that Plaintiff had not exhausted

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Based on the foregoing facts and controlling case law, Plaintiff failed to meet his burden of establishing that Judge Smith's decision was clearly erroneous because Plaintiff has not exhausted his administrative remedies given the pending appeal or Fair Hearing and, therefore, reconsideration is not appropriate.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Plaintiff's Motion To Reconsider Defendants' Motion To Dismiss And

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### **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration was entered with the Court on February 26, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 26th day of February, 2020.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On the 26th day of February, 2020, the undersigned, an employee of Olson Cannor
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STEVE EGGLESTON,

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## ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

This matter having been decided in chambers on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019, in Department IX by the Honorable Judge Cristina D. Silva on Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider Defendants' Motion To Dismiss And 9/7/18 Order Of Dismissal Without Prejudice Based [sic] Failure To Exhaust Administrative Remedies the Court, having reviewed all papers presented by the parties and hearing argument on this matter on December 10, 2019, Felicia Galati, Esq., appearing for Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart (hereinafter "Defendants"), and Plaintiff Steve Eggleston, appearing in proper person, and good cause appearing therefor:

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### **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration was entered with the Court on February 26, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 26th day of February, 2020.

OLSON CANNON GORMLEY & STOBERSKI

/s/ Felicia Galati

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On the 26th day of February, 2020, the undersigned, an employee of Olson Cannor
Gormley & Stoberski, hereby served a true copy of Notice of Entry of the Order Denying
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A-16-748919-C Steve Eggleston, Plaintiff(s)
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Georgina Stuart, Defendant(s)

July 11, 2017 8:00 AM Motion to Dismiss Defendants Clark
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**HEARD BY:** Smith, Douglas E. **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 11B

**COURT CLERK:** Carol Donahoo

**RECORDER:** Gina Villani

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Eggleston, Steve Plaintiff Monje, Ofelia L., ESQ Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Plaintiff, Steve Eggleston, appearing telephonically.

Also present: Ken Battistella and Bernadette Wojdyla, the parents of Lisa Callahan.

This is the time set for hearing on Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss. Ms. Monje advised she would submit on her Motion and reserve for rebuttal. Upon Court's inquiry, Plaintiff stated that he received the Defendants' Motion and opposes it; he filed a written opposition and would submit on his Motion.

Court noted that rather than take oral argument, it will base its decision on the pleadings submitted by the parties. COURT ORDERED, decision DEFERRED.

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PRESENT:

# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Tort		COURT MINUTES	July 31, 2017	
A-16-748919-C	Steve Egglesto vs. Georgina Stua	n, Plaintiff(s) rt, Defendant(s)		
July 31, 2017	8:00 AM	Decision	Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss	
HEARD BY: Smit	h, Douglas E.	COURTRO	OM: RJC Courtroom 11B	
COURT CLERK:	Carol Donahoo			
RECORDER:				
REPORTER:				
PARTIES				

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- The Court heard oral argument on Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss on July 11, 2017, but DEFERRED its ruling.

The Court's ruling is as set forth in the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Granting Defendants Clark County and Stuart's Motion to Dismiss filed on July 31, 2017.

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A-16-748919-C Steve Eggleston, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
Georgina Stuart, Defendant(s)

August 28, 2018

8:00 AM Motion to Dismiss
Defendants Clark
County and Georgina
Stuart's Motion to
Dismiss

**HEARD BY:** Smith, Douglas E. **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 11B

**COURT CLERK:** Carol Donahoo

**RECORDER:** Gina Villani

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Angulo, Peter Maitland Attorney

Eggleston, Steve Plaintiff

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Also present: Maria Parlade, Esq., for Clark County.

This is the time set for hearing on Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss. The Plaintiff, Steve Eggleston, has filed an Opposition to the Motion and a Request for time to Conduct Discovery. Defendant filed a Reply.

Mr. Angulo advised that there has been a failure to exhaust administrative remedies. There is a pending fair hearing on the finding of physical injury and neglect with the Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS) and that procedure has to be completed before a lawsuit can be brought. Mr. Eggleston has argued that the U.S. Supreme Court law Section 1983 Civil Rights does not require exhaustion of administrative remedies; however, the Supreme Court has indicated that because this is a Constitutional Fourteenth Amendment procedural due process issue, a person must first go through the procedure before the claim has its fulfillment. Therefore, until Mr. Eggleston finishes the fair hearing and an adjudicated finding is made, his claim is not ripe. Under the Statute, the fair

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hearing is a prerequisite before judicial review can take place. The fair hearing is scheduled for some time in September. Further, the request for additional discovery is not appropriate for the reasons stated on the record.

Argument by Mr. Eggleston; the Defendants' Motion is untimely for the reasons stated on the record. Additionally, Section 1983 does not require exhaustion of administrative rights; he discussed Patsy v. Board of Regents. Colloquy regarding the DFS fair hearing, which is coming up. Mr. Eggleston argued that there is no remedy that the fair hearing can provide because the children are in another jurisdiction; he is not sure he will attend. Mr. Eggleston claims that he is suing Child Protective Services (CPS) and the County because they conspired to remove his children to another state in violation of his civil rights; Georgina Stuart is an employee of CPS. The Callahans never had permission to remove the children from the State and Ms. Stuart helped them do it. The issues as set out in Mr. Eggleston's Complaint are the 1983 procedural due process claim; the 1985 conspiracy claim based on the 1983 violation, these are Federal claims. Then there is defamation and infliction of emotional distress because of the removal of the children, these are State claims. COURT ORDERED, decision DEFERRED.

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Other Tort COURT MINUTES September 07, 2018

A-16-748919-C Steve Eggleston, Plaintiff(s) vs. Georgina Stuart, Defendant(s)

September 07, 2018 8:00 AM Decision Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss

HEARD BY: Smith, Douglas E. COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 11B

**COURT CLERK:** Carol Donahoo

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- The Court heard oral argument on Defendants Clark County and Georgina Stuart's Motion to Dismiss on August 28, 2018, but DEFERRED its ruling.

The Court's ruling is as set forth in the Order on Clark County and Georgia Stuart's Motion to Dismiss filed on September 7, 2018.

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Other Tort		COURT MINUTES	October 22, 2018
A-16-748919-C	Steve Egglestor vs. Georgina Stuar	, ,	
October 22, 2018	3:00 AM	Motion to Reconsider	Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider Defendant's Motion to Dismiss and 9/7/18 Order of Dismissal, Without Prejudice, Based on Failure to Exhaust Administrative Remedies
HEARD BY: Smith	, Douglas E.	COURTROOM:	Chambers
COURT CLERK: C	arol Donahoo		

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**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider Defendant's Motion to Dismiss and 9/7/18 Order of Dismissal, Without Prejudice, Based on Failure to Exhaust Administrative Remedies came before this Court on its October 22, 2018, Chamber Calendar. Having reviewed the record, it appears to this Court that a Notice of Appeal was filed October 9, 2018. Therefore, this Court does not have jurisdiction to rule on the instant Motion. Furthermore, COURT ORDERED, all further proceedings in this case shall appear on this Court s ORAL CALENDAR.

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was mailed to Steve Eggleston, Goose Hall, Bourne Farm, East Town Road, Pilton, England, Post Code: ba4 4nx and placed in the attorney folder of

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Felicia Galati, Esq., (Olson, Cannon, Gormley, Angulo & Stoberski).

Other Tort COURT MINUTES September 24, 2019

A-16-748919-C Steve Eggleston, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

Georgina Stuart, Defendant(s)

September 24, 2019 8:30 AM Motion to Disqualify Plaintiff's Motion to

Attorney Disqualify Defense Counsel from

Current Proceedings

**HEARD BY:** Silva, Cristina D. **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 11B

**COURT CLERK:** Carol Donahoo

**RECORDER:** Gina Villani

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Angulo, Peter Maitland Attorney

Eggleston, Steve Plaintiff Galati, Felicia Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Plaintiff, Steve Eggleston, appearing telephonically through CourtCall.

This is the time set for hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from Current Proceedings. Court noted that Plaintiff filed a Motion to Reconsider Defendant's Motion to Dismiss; however, because this Court's decision on the Motion to Dismiss was appealed to the Nevada Supreme Court, this Court did not have jurisdiction to rule on the Motion to Reconsider. The Appeal was DISMISSED and this Court received the Remittitur on February 23, 2019; however, a decision on the Motion to Reconsider has never been made.

Since the Court's decision on the Motion to Reconsider will impact its decision on the instant Motion, COURT ORDERED, the instant Motion shall be held in abeyance until the Motion for Reconsideration is resolved. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, the Motion is CONTINUED and matter set for status check.

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10/29/19 8:30 AM STATUS CHECK: DECISION ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Other Tort COURT MINUTES October 29, 2019

A-16-748919-C Steve Eggleston, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

Georgina Stuart, Defendant(s)

October 29, 2019 8:30 AM All Pending Motions

**HEARD BY:** Silva, Cristina D. **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 11B

**COURT CLERK:** Carol Donahoo

**RECORDER:** Gina Villani

REPORTER:

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Eggleston, Steve Plaintiff

Galati, Felicia Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO DISQUALIFY DEFENSE COUNSEL FROM CURRENT PROCEEDINGS . . . STATUS CHECK: DECISION ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Steve Eggleston appearing telephonically via CourtCall.

This is the time set for hearing on the Motion to Disqualify; with regard to the Motion to Reconsider, the Court advised that it reviewed Plaintiff's Motion to Strike the Supplemental Reply to the Motion to Reconsider. COURT ORDERED, the Motion to Strike is DENIED as the Court will not consider new arguments raised in the Reply for the first time.

Argument by Mr. Eggleston on the Motion to Reconsider. Ms. Galati advised that she was not aware that this matter was going to be argued this morning as it was set for a Status Check on the Decision so she is not prepared to go forward. However, with regard to the fair hearing issue; the Deft. was asked to provide dates for that hearing and he never did so that issue was not exhausted so the policy regarding the exhaustion of administrative remedies applies.

Upon Court's inquiry, as what attempts Mr. Eggleston had made to exhaust the administrative

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remedies, he advised that there is no administrative remedy because the children were taken; this is now a civil rights violation; argument. Ms. Galati advised that she is aware that Mr. Eggleston characterizes this as a taking but he signed over a guardianship for the children.

Because the Motion for Reconsideration was set as a Status Check, COURT ORDERED, the Motion shall be set for oral argument as the Court would like to consider the Motion on the merits. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, the decision on the Motion to Disqualify Defense Counsel from Current Proceedings is DEFERRED because this Court's ruling on the Motion for Reconsideration will have an impact on the Motion to Disqualify.

12/10/19 8:30 AM ARGUMENT: MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION/MOTION TO DISQUALIFY

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Other Tort COURT MINUTES December 10, 2019

A-16-748919-C Steve Eggleston, Plaintiff(s)

vs.

Georgina Stuart, Defendant(s)

December 10, 2019 8:30 AM All Pending Motions

**HEARD BY:** Silva, Cristina D. **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 11B

**COURT CLERK:** Carol Donahoo

**RECORDER:** Gina Villani

REPORTER:

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Angulo, Peter Maitland Attorney

Eggleston, Steve Plaintiff Galati, Felicia Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Court noted this matter was on for argument today regarding several pending matters. There was a hearing back in October; however, the parties were not prepared to argue. Court advised at the 10/29 hearing the Court denied Defendant's Motion to Strike Plaintiff's Reply and it stated on the record it would not consider new issues that were raised in that Reply.

As to the Motion for Reconsideration, Court advised it reviewed the Motion and Opposition and it appears there were a couple of disagreements. The first being that Mr. Eggleston believes that he was denied a right to a fair hearing and it is Defendant's position he did not exhaust the fair hearing opportunities or administrative avenues.

Ms. Galati stated Plaintiff filed a request for a fair hearing which is an appeal. There were at least three hearing dates set, if not more, at his request and he asked for three continuances and they were granted. The Department of Family Service, which is the agency that administers the appeals, asked him to let them know when he would be available for a hearing and he said nothing for nine months. They set a date and he again asked for a continuance; they gave him a continuance and they have asked for days and he has given no dates. In fact, he had given no dates as of the date the Motion to

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Dismiss was heard by Judge Smith. There is no doubt that the administrative hearing or the appeal has not been exhausted.

Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Eggleston stated there was an important distinction not being made to the Court. Counsel are not talking about the hearing that has to do with the separation of the children and that is the only basis on which he has sued. If Child Protective Services makes an accusation that a parent did not properly supervise the other parent; if they take money from the federal government they are supposed to report that incident to the registry under federal law. Mr. Eggleston stated he sued on the basis of a specific statute in the federal and state constitution that requires a due process hearing to be held before the children are taken or within 72 hours of them being taken. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Eggleston stated the hearing never took place. Ms. Galati stated the children were not taken. On January 7, 2015, Mr. Eggleston signed a guardianship over to the maternal aunt, Lisa Callahan, a named a defendant in this action. Thereafter, Ms. Callahan and her husband removed the children from the jurisdiction. That is not a removal so he is not entitled to a hearing on that. He is entitled to the fair hearing counsel talked about because he disputes the substantiation of abuse or neglect.

Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Eggleston stated he signed over guardianship, only under coercion. The police broke into the house without any probable cause. They said if he did not sign now they would take his kids and he would never see them, and then they gave them over to other family members. None of this was before the Court on the Motion to Dismiss. The Motion to Dismiss simply was on the sole basis that he had not exhausted administrative remedies, noting there was no administrative remedies. Court advised there were administrative remedies Plaintiff could have pursued. Mr. Eggleston argued NRS 432(b) specifically states that in a case where you are going to take someone's children you have to have emergency grounds to do so, in which case you have to have a hearing within 72 hours.

Court advised it understands Plaintiff's position that he signed it under duress, but that is not for the Court's consideration at this time. The fact that it was signed is for the Court's consideration. Court understands that Plaintiff believes there should have been a hearing, and that would have been the case if guardianship had not been signed over. Mr. Eggleston stated the hearing they are talking about; he specially contacted them, and they told him the hearing had nothing to do with removal of his kids. It only had to do with whether or not they were going to put his name in the registry. Additionally, it was moved several times without his consent and knowledge. The fair hearing has nothing to do with the removal of kids. Plaintiff referenced Exhibit 2 in his motion. Court advised even if a Judge had found him previously fit that could always change. It appears there was a change in circumstance which prompted the removal of the children. Ms. Galati stated one has nothing to do with the other and stated sequence of events. Court noted the appeal was now moot. Ms. Galati concurred and said she believe Mr. Eggleston filed this action in an attempt to get discovery here as none of that is available in the fair hearing process. Court advised it has considered the arguments and will issue its decision from Chambers. COURT ORDERED, decision DEFERRED. Colloquy regarding service on the Callahans'.

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12/30/19 (CHAMBERS) DECISION

CLERK'S NOTE: The foregoing minute order was prepared by court clerk Louisa Garcia via review of the JAVS recording.  $/\lg 12-17-19$ 

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A-16-748919-C Steve Eggleston, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
Georgina Stuart, Defendant(s)

December 30, 2019 3:00 AM Decision

**HEARD BY:** Silva, Cristina D. **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 11B

**COURT CLERK:** Natalie Ortega

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration. The Court has reviewed the Motion for Reconsideration, the opposition thereto, the supplement to the Motion for Reconsideration, and the opposition to the supplement. The Court has also considered the arguments of Plaintiff, Mr. Eggleston, and the Defendants.

A district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous. Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n. of Southern Nevada v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth, Ltd., 113 Nev. 737, 741, 941 P.2d 486, 489 (1997). Reconsideration is proper where an earlier decision denying the same motion was clearly erroneous. Here, no such finding can be made. District Court Judge Douglas Smith properly found that Plaintiff had not exhausted his administrative remedies under the Federal Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), NRS 432B.317, and NAC 432B.170. See September 7, 2018 Order, at 8-18 (discussing the procedural history in Plaintiff s DFS case, and his failure to follow the proper administrative procedure). The Supreme Court of Nevada has long held that exhaustion of administrative remedies is a prerequisite to filing a claim against the State of Nevada or any of its political subdivisions. See First. Am. Title Co. of Nevada v. State, 91 Nev. 804, 543 P.2d 1344 (1975); State Dep t of Taxation v. Scotsman Mfg., 109 Nev. 252, 254-55, 849 P.2d 317, 319 (1993); Malecon Tobacco, LLC v. State ex rel. Dep t of Taxation, 118 Nev. 837, 839, 59 P.3d 474, 475 76 (2002); see

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generally Allstate Ins. Co. v. Thorpe, 123 Nev. 565, 170 P.3d 989 (2007). The doctrine of exhaustion of administrative remedies is well-established in the jurisprudence of administrative law. Woodford v. Ngo, 548 U.S. 81, 88 (2006); First Am. Title Co., 91 Nev. at 806. In Lopez v. Nevada Dep't of Corr., the Supreme Court affirmed its position that the exhaustion doctrine requires that a person exhaust administrative remedies before proceeding in the district court and failure to do so renders the controversy nonjusticiable. 127 Nev. 1156, 373 P.3d 937 (2011) (citing Allstate Ins. Co., 123 Nev. at 571 (2007)).

Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration is hereby DENIED. Defendant shall submit for review an electronic draft of Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law in Microsoft Word (to Dept09LC@clarkcountycourts.us) consistent with this Order.

CLERK'S NOTE: This minute order was electronically served by Courtroom Clerk, Natalie Ortega, to all registered parties for Odyssey File & Serve and/or served via facsimile. ndo/01/14/20

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# EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ON APPEAL TO NEVADA SUPREME COURT

STEVE EGGLESTON GOOSE HALL, BOURNE FARM EAST TOWN LANE, PILTON, ENGLAND BA4 4NX

DATE: March 18, 2020 CASE: A-16-748919-C

**RE CASE**: STEVE EGGLESTON vs. GEORGINA STUART; CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA; LISA CALLAHAN;

**BRIAN CALLAHAN** 

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: March 16, 2020

YOUR APPEAL <u>HAS</u> BEEN SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

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State of Nevada
County of Clark
SS

I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the hereinafter stated original document(s):

NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; ORDER ON CLARK COUNTY AND GEORGINA STUART'S MOTION TO DISMISS; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

STEVE EGGLESTON,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

GEORGINA STUART; CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA; LISA CALLAHAN; BRIAN CALLAHAN,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-16-748919-C

Dept No: IX

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 18 day of March 2020.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk