

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
DENNIS JOHN CARVER, DECEASED.

No. 81447

COLONIAL REAL ESTATE
PARTNERSHIP, LTD.; AND JOHN
HOULIHAN,

Appellants,

vs.

RHONDA MORGAN, PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE
DENNIS JOHN CARVER,

Respondent.

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

This is an appeal from a district court order denying a petition for an order to show cause why the estate should not be reopened for creditors to submit proof of claims and an accounting of the estate assets. Initial review of the docketing statement and documents before this court reveals a potential jurisdictional defect. It is not clear that the challenged order is substantively appealable.

Appellants assert that the challenged order is appealable as a final judgment because it effectively closed the estate against any additional claims. But it appears that a final judgment may have been entered on May 10, 2019, when administration of the estate ended. *See Lee v. GNLV Corp.*, 116 Nev. 424, 426, 996 P.2d 416, 417 (2000) (defining a final judgment). There may not be two final judgments in an action. *Alper v. Posin*, 77 Nev. 328, 331, 363 P.2d 502, 503 (1961) *overruled on other grounds by Lee*, 116 Nev. 424, 996 P.2d 416. And appellants do not identify any other statute or court rule that allows an appeal from the challenged order. *See Brown v.*

MHC Stagecoach, LLC, 129 Nev. 343, 345, 301 P.3d 850, 851 (2013) (this court “may only consider appeals authorized by statute or court rule”). Accordingly, appellants shall have 30 days from the date of this order to show cause why this appeal should not be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. Respondent may file any reply within 14 days of service of appellants’ response. Failure to demonstrate that this court has jurisdiction may result in the dismissal of this appeal.

The deadlines to file documents in this appeal are suspended pending further order of this court.

It is so ORDERED.

J. Sanders, C.J.

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