

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
GUARDIANSHIP OF: K. M. S., MINOR.

No. 81946

K. A. S.,

Appellant,

vs.

STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT
OF FAMILY SERVICES; AND A. C.,
Respondents.

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ELIZABETH A. BROWN
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY *[Signature]*
DEPUTY CLERK

*ORDER DENYING MOTION TO WITHDRAW, REGARDING PRO BONO
COUNSEL, AND DIRECTING TRANSMISSION OF RECORD ON
APPEAL*

This is an appeal from a district court order appointing a general guardian over a minor ward. Counsel for respondent A. C. has filed a motion to withdraw. The motion does not comply with NRAP 46(e)(3) because it does not state the reason for the withdrawal. Accordingly, the motion is denied without prejudice. Counsel may file a renewed motion to withdraw within 7 days of the date of this order. Any such renewed motion must inform this court of A. C.'s mailing address. Counsel may provide the address via a separate document, submitted to this court via mail, and file a motion to seal the address, if deemed warranted.

Having considered the documents transmitted by the district court and the docketing statement, this court has determined that the appointment of pro bono counsel to represent appellant would assist this

court in reviewing this appeal. By this order, the court expresses no opinion as to the merits of this appeal.

Pro bono counsel is an attorney who provides legal services without charge for the benefit of the public good. The appointment of pro bono counsel provides attorneys with an opportunity to volunteer legal services in furtherance of their professional responsibility and, at the same time, allows financially eligible litigants access to quality legal representation without cost. Counsel will be appointed for purposes of this appeal only and will participate in oral argument. Currently, the Pro Bono Committee of the Appellate Litigation Section of the State Bar of Nevada (Pro Bono Committee), in conjunction with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, has developed a pro bono appellate program to assist the public and this court. This case is hereby referred to the program established by the Pro Bono Committee to evaluate whether appellant can benefit from the program.

Accordingly, the clerk of this court shall transmit a copy of this order, the attached case summary, and a copy of the district court order to the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada for financial eligibility screening. If appellant qualifies and does not object to pro bono counsel, the Legal Aid Center in cooperation with the Pro Bono Committee shall locate a volunteer attorney from the program to represent appellant. Once an attorney is located, the attorney shall file a notice of appearance in this court within 60 days from the date of this order. Briefing and oral argument will be scheduled thereafter. Alternatively, if appellant is not financially eligible or objects to pro bono representation, or if a volunteer attorney cannot be located, the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada shall notify this court in writing within 60 days from the date of this order. In such case, oral

argument will not be held. The briefing schedule in this appeal is suspended pending further order of this court.

This court has further concluded that review of the complete record is warranted. NRAP 10(a)(1). Accordingly, within 30 days from the date of this order, the clerk of the district court shall transmit to the clerk of this court a certified copy of the trial court record in District Court Case No. J-18-342106-P2. See NRAP 11(a)(2) (providing that the complete "record shall contain each and every paper, pleading and other document filed, or submitted for filing, in the district court," as well as "any previously prepared transcripts of the proceedings in the district court"). The record shall not include any exhibits filed in the district court. NRAP 11(a)(1).

It is so ORDERED.

Pickering, C.J.

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Docket No. 81946

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: K. M. S, A Minor

Appellant is the natural father of K. M. S. During the course of abuse and neglect proceedings, the state sought to terminate appellant's parental rights. The minor's grandmother then filed a petition to be appointed guardian, and the state withdrew the motion to terminate parental rights. Appellant appeals from the district court's order granting the petition for guardianship.