IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

Erich M. Martin,

Case No.: 81810

Appellant,

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Raina L. Martin,

VS.

Appeal from the Eighth Judicial District

Court - Family Court Division, the

Honorable Rebecca L. Burton presiding

Respondent.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE OPENING BRIEF AND APPENDICES

(First Request)

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Appellant, Erich Martin ("Erich"), by and through his counsel of record, the law firm of Marquis Aurbach Coffing, hereby moves this Court pursuant to NRAP 31(b) for a 60-day extension of time to file his opening brief and corresponding appendices. The instant Motion is Erich's first request for an extension.

Erich's opening brief is currently due on February 16, 2021.¹ If the Court grants the instant request for a 60-day extension, Erich's opening brief and appendices will be due on Friday, April 16, 2021. Good cause exists for extending the filing deadline because:

- 1. The instant appeal is likely to be consolidated with another closely related appellate matter. On January 28, 2021, the District Court entered an Order granting fees *pendente lite* to Respondent Raina Martin for anticipated expenses relating to the instant appeal. On February 12, 2021, Erich filed a Notice of Appeal challenging the Order as well as a Case Appeal Statement. *See* Exhibits 1 and 2, attached hereto. Once the new appeal is docketed, Erich will promptly file a motion to consolidate in accordance with NRAP 3(b)(2).
- 2. Realistically, a thirty-day extension would not be enough time to complete consolidation of the two appellate matters. Even if the parties act

¹ The November 17, 2020, Order Reinstating Briefing set the due date as ninety days from the date of the Order. Because February 15, 2021, is President's Day, the deadline falls on the following day. See NRAP 26(a)(1).

promptly, Erich anticipates that the District Court will need time to prepare the relevant transcript(s). Given this Court's massive work load, it also will take some time for the Court to process the new appeal and forthcoming motion to consolidate.

- 3. Consolidation of the two appeals, if allowed, will save everyone including the Court time and resources.
- 4. Additionally, the requested extension is warranted because the family law attorney assisting with this matter, Rachel Tygret, is on medical leave until at least April.
- 5. Although Erich understands that the work load of counsel is not, of itself, compelling cause, responsible attorney Kathleen Wilde has been inundated with sizeable matters including an administrative matter where the record alone exceeds 50,000 pages.
- 6. The requested extension of time increases the likelihood that Erich will continue to be represented by legal counsel during the appellate proceedings. Currently, Erich is unable to pay appellate counsel's bills because the District Court ordered Erich to pay in excess of \$10,000 in a span of less than two months.²

² In addition to an ongoing child support obligation of \$1,317 a month and "indemnification" of \$850 per month to Raina, the District Court ordered Erich to pay \$5,000 for Raina's attorney's fees and \$5,918.01 for arrears.

Therefore, Erich respectfully requests a 60-day extension of time to April 16, 2021, to file his opening brief and corresponding appendices. This motion is submitted in good faith and for good cause shown in accordance with NRAP 31(b).

Dated this 12th day of February, 2021.

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Notice of Appeal (Feb. 12, 2021)

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DISTRICT COURT—FAMILY DIVISION

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Plaintiff, VS.

10001 Park Run Drive

Erich M. Martin,

Raina L. Martin,

Attorneys for Erich M. Martin

D-15-509045-D Case No.: Dept. No.: Q

Defendant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Plaintiff, Erich M. Martin, by and through his attorneys of record, the law firm of Marquis Aurbach Coffing, hereby appeals to the Supreme Court of Nevada the Order from the January 12, 2021, Hearing, filed on January 26, 2021. The Notice of Entry for the Order was filed on January 28, 2021, and is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2021.

MARQUIS AURBACH COFFING

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correct copy of which is attached herein.

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VS.

RAINA MARTIN,

Defendant.

CASE NO: D-15-509045-D DEPT. NO: Q

DATE OF HEARING: 1/12/2021 TIME OF HEARING: 10:00 am

ORDER FROM THE JANUARY 12, 2021, HEARING

This matter came on for a hearing at the above date and time before the Honorable Bryce Duckworth, District Court Judge, Family Division. Defendant, Raina Martin, was present by video and was represented by and through her attorney, Richard L. Crane, Esq., of the WILLICK LAW GROUP, and Plaintiff, Erich Martin, was present by video and represented by and through his attorney, Kathleen A. Wilde of MARQUIS AURBACH COFFING.

The Court, having reviewed the pleadings and papers filed herein and entertaining argument from both sides, made the following findings and orders:

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Raina L Martin, Defendant.

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Case Appeal Statement (Feb. 12, 2021)

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Appellant: Erich M. Martin

Shortly after Judge Burton issued the order in question, the case was reassigned to the Honorable Judge Bryce C. Duckworth. *See* Eighth Judicial District Court Administrative Order 20-25.

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Appellant retained counsel for most of the District Court proceedings.

Indicate whether appellant is represented by appointed or retained counsel on 7. appeal:

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Indicate the date the proceedings commenced in the district court (e.g., date 9. complaint indictment, information, or petition was filed):

The Complaint for Divorce was filed on February 2, 2015.

Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district 10. court, including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the district court:

Erich and Raina Martin married on April 1, 2002. Erich filed for divorce in 2015, and on November 5, 2015, the District Court signed a Decree of Divorce (the "Decree") on the basis of irreconcilable differences.

The Decree provided, in relevant part, that Raina that Raina is entitled to "one-half (1/2) of the marital interest in the [sic] Erich's military retirement pursuant to the time rule established in Nevada Supreme Court cases Gemma v. Gemma, 105 Nev. 458, 778 P.2d 429 (1989), and Fondi v. Fondi, 106 Nev. 856, 802 P.3d 1264 (1990)." "Should Erich select to accept military disability payments," the Decree provides that "Erich shall reimburse Raina for any amount of that her share of the pension is reduced due to the disability status."

Erich retired from the military in 2019. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service ("DFAS") made two payments to Raina before Erich waived his retirement pay and opted for full disability under Combat Related Special Compensation.

On May 1, 2020, Raina filed a Motion to Enforce in which she argued for "permanent alimony in the amount she would be receiving as her share of the military retirement plus any future cost of living adjustments." In its August 11, 2020 Order Regarding Enforcement of Military Retirement Benefits, the District Court granted Raina's motion and ruled that Erich must personally pay Raina \$845.43 every month plus cost-of-living adjustments - for all time - as well as arrears for the payments that were not made in 2020.

Erich timely filed an appeal challenging the Order Regarding Enforcement of Military Retirement Benefits. See case number 81810. In the District Court, Raina then moved for attorneys' fees pendente lite for the costs of the forthcoming appeal. Over Erich's objection, the District Court awarded Raina \$5,000. The instant appeal challenges the award of fees pendente lite.

Indicate whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court and, if so, the caption and Supreme Court docket number of the prior proceeding:

> Erich M. Martin v. Raina L. Martin, case number 81810 (appeal challenging August 11, 2020 Order Regarding Enforcement of Military Retirement Benefits).

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If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of 13. settlement:

This is a family law matter, rather than a traditional civil case. Although Erich and undersigned counsel remain open to settlement, the NRAP 16 process in case number 81810 was no successful. So, it is unlikely that the present matter can be resolved.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2021.

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