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8	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE
9	WASHOE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
10	and CAIDYN EDLUND,
10	CASE NO.: CV19-02058
11	Petitioners, DEPT. NO.: 10
11	VS.
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12	WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT,
13	a Political Subdivision of the State of Nevada,
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14	Respondent.
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16	NOTICE OF APPEAL
17	NOTICE IC HEDEDY CIVEN Described Weeks a Country Calcal District houses and also
17	NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Respondent Washoe County School District hereby appeals
18	to the Supreme Court of Nevada from the Order Modifying Arbitrator Award filed in this action
10	to the Supreme Court of Nevada from the Order Woodlying Aroundtof Award fried in this action
19	on the October 6, 2021. Notice of entry of this Order was filed on October 6, 2021.
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1	AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030: The undersigned does hereby
2	affirm that the preceding Notice of Appeal filed in Case No. CV19-02058 <b>DOES NOT</b> contain
3	the social security number of any person.
4	DATED this 27 <sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.
5	WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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7	By: /s/Christopher B. Reich, Esq.
8	CHRISTOPHER B. REICH, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 10198
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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT and that on this date I served a true and correct copy of the preceding document addressed to the following:

Luke Busby, Esq. 316 California Ave. #82 Reno, Nevada 89509 Attorney for Caidyn Edlund

by electronically filing the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court which served Mr. Busby electronically.

DATED this 27th day of October, 2021.

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	WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT,
13	a Political Subdivision of the State of Nevada,
14	Respondent.
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16	CASE APPEAL STATEMENT
17	Appellant Washoe County School District (Appellant or District) submits the following
18	Case Appeal Statement pursuant to NRAP 3(f):
19	1. Name of appellant(s) filing this case appeal statement:
20	Washoe County School District, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada
21	2. Identity of the judge issuing the decision, judgment, or order appealed from:
22	The Honorable Kathleen Sigurdson, Department 10, Second Judicial District Court,
23	Washoe County, Nevada

	1	3.	Identity of each appellant and the name and address of counsel for each appellant:
	2		Appellant:
	3		Washoe County School District
	4		Counsel for Appellant:
	5		Christopher B. Reich, Esq., Nev. Bar No. 10198 Neil A. Rombardo, Esq., Nev. Bar No. 6800
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simile	11		Respondent:
; Facs	12		Caidyn Edlund
8-0300	12		Counsel for Respondent:
75) 34	13		Luke Busby, Esq.
ne: (7	14		316 California Ave. #82 Reno, Nevada 89509
lepho	15	5.	Indicate whether any attorney identified above in response to question 3 or 4 is not
Te	16		licensed to practice law in Nevada and, if so, whether the district court granted that attorney permission to appear under SCR 42 (attach a copy of any district court
	17		order granting such permission):
	18		Not applicable.
	19	6.	Indicate whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained counsel in the district court:
	20		Appellant was represented by retained counsel in the district court.
	21	7.	Indicate whether appellant is represented by appointed or retained counsel on
	22		appeal:
	23		Appellant is represented by retained counsel on appeal.

8. Indicate whether appellant was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis and the date of entry of the district court order granting such leave:

Not applicable.

# 9. Indicate the date the proceedings commenced in the district court:

Respondent Caidyn Edlund filed his Motion to Vacate, or in the Alternative to Modify, Arbitrator's Opinion and Award (Motion to Vacate or Modify) on December 2, 2020 with the Second Judicial District Court in and for Washoe County.

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

This matter was an application for judicial relief pursuant to NRS 38.218. The Court has jurisdiction to review 'binding arbitration' Awards in accordance with NRS 38.206 to 38.248, also known as the Uniform Arbitration Act of 2000 (UAA). The District is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada and is a local government employer within the meaning of NRS 288.060. Upon information and belief, Respondent Caidyn Edlund is a resident of Washoe County, Nevada and is a former employee of the District.

The District filed its Opposition to the Motion to Vacate or Modify in accordance with the UAA, which governs the agreement to arbitrate contained in the 2015-2019 Negotiated Agreement or collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the District and the Washoe Education Association (WEA), an employee organization within the meaning of NRS 288.040 and the recognized bargaining agent for public school teachers working for the District. Binding arbitration awards are reviewable by a court pursuant to the UAA. According to NRS 38.211, "an application for judicial relief under NRS 38.206 to 38.248, inclusive, must be made by motion to the court and heard in the manner provided by rule of court for making and hearing

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motions." According to NRS 38.211, "Court" means the district court. For the reasons set forth within its Opposition, the District sought an order from the district court denying the Motion to Vacate or Modify in its entirety and confirming the Arbitrator's Opinion and Award.

On October 6, 2021, the district court granted Respondent's Motion to Modify the Arbitrator's Award, finding Respondent: 1) did not act recklessly; and 2) granting Respondent's request for backpay.

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

Not applicable.

12. Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation:

Not applicable.

1	13. If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of settlement:
2	Settlement.
3	Appellant believes settlement in this appeal is not possible.
4	AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030: The undersigned does hereby
5	affirm that the preceding document DOES NOT contain the social security number of any
6	person.
7	DATED this 27 <sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.
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DATED this 27th day of October, 2021.

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# SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEVADA COUNTY OF WASHOE

Case History - CV19-02058

Case Description: WASHOE ED. ASSOC. ETAL VS WCSD (D10)

Case Number: CV19-02058 Case Type: OTHER CIVIL MATTERS - Initially Filed On: 10/22/2019

Parties		
Party Type & Name	Party Status	
JUDG - KATHLEEN SIGURDSON - D10	Active	
ATTY - Christopher B. Reich, Esq 10198	Active	
ATTY - Andrea L. Schulewitch, Esq 15321	Active	
ATTY - Jessica C. Prunty, Esq 6926	Party ended on: 12/2/2020 12:00:00AM	
ATTY - Sara K. Montalvo, Esq 11899	Active	
ATTY - Luke Andrew Busby, Esq 10319	Active	
ATTY - Neil A. Rombardo, Esq 6800	Active	
ATTY - Thomas J. Donaldson - 5283	Party ended on: 12/2/2020 12:00:00AM	
PETR - WASHOE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - @1204023	Active	
PETR - CAIDYN EDLUND - @1270264	Active	
RESP - WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT - WCSD	Active	
Disposed Hearings		

1 Department: D10 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 11/25/2019 at 13:34:00

Extra Event Text: MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD ( NO ORDER PROVIDED)

Event Disposition: S200 - 12/12/2019

2 Department: D10 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 12/13/2019 at 11:23:00 Extra Event Text: PETITIONER'S PETITION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATOR'S AWARD FILED 10-22-19

Event Disposition: S200 - 12/18/2019

- Department: D10 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 2/7/2020 at 15:05:00

  Extra Event Text: (COURT TOOK THE PETITION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATOR'S AWARD, AND THE MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD, UNDER ADVIEWENT Disposition: S200 3/31/2020
- Department: D10 -- Event: HEARING... -- Scheduled Date & Time: 2/7/2020 at 14:00:00

  Extra Event Text: HEARING ON MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATION AWARD (2 HOURS)(COURT REPT. REQUESTED BY DEFENDANT)

  Event Disposition: D840 2/7/2020
- Department: D10 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 12/21/2020 at 08:49:00

  Extra Event Text: MOTION TO VACATE, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO MODIFY, ARBITRATOR'S OPINION AND AWARD ORAL ARGUMENT AND/OR HEARING F Event Disposition: S200 3/10/2021
- Department: D10 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 12/21/2020 at 08:50:00 Extra Event Text: MOTION TO FILE EXHIBITS TO MOTION TO VACATE (NO ORDER) Event Disposition: S200 - 3/10/2021
- Department: D10 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 3/26/2021 at 09:35:00

  Extra Event Text: STIPULATION TO DISMISS PETITIONER WASHOE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, AND PROPOSED ORDER DISMISSING PETITIONER WASHOE Event Disposition: S200 4/26/2021

8 Department: D10 -- Event: STATUS HEARING -- Scheduled Date & Time: 4/13/2021 at 09:30:00

Extra Event Text: HEARING ON MOTION TO VACATE

Event Disposition: D435 - 4/13/2021

9 Department: D10 -- Event: STATUS HEARING -- Scheduled Date & Time: 9/28/2021 at 09:00:00

Extra Event Text: STATUS HEARING Event Disposition: D435 - 9/28/2021

### Actions

Filing Date - Docket Code & Description

1 10/22/2019 - \$PLTF - \$Addl Plaintiff/Complaint

Additional Text: CAIDYN EDLUND - Transaction 7551455 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 10-22-2019:15:46:54

2 10/22/2019 - \$3645 - \$Petition .../Other Civil

Additional Text: PETITION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATOR'S AWARD - Transaction 7551455 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 10-22-2019:15:46:54

3 10/22/2019 - PAYRC - \*\*Payment Receipted

Additional Text: A Payment of \$290.00 was made on receipt DCDC648205.

4 10/29/2019 - 2520 - Notice of Appearance

Additional Text: CHRISTOPHER REICH ESQ - Transaction 7561039 - Approved By: CSULEZIC: 10-29-2019:11:32:12

5 10/29/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7561320 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 10-29-2019:11:34:58

6 10/29/2019 - 1005 - Acceptance of Service

Additional Text: ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS - CHRISTOPHER REICH ESQ OBO WCSD - 10-29-19 - Transaction 7561383 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 10-29-2019:13:06:57

7 10/29/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7561663 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 10-29-2019:13:08:08

8 11/8/2019 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn ...

Additional Text: WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATOR'S AWARD - Transaction 7579457 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 11-08-2019:10:02:11

9 11/8/2019 - 2490 - Motion ...

Additional Text: MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATORS AWARD - Transaction 7579472 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 11-08-2019:10:03:06

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Additional Text: Transaction 7579505 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 11-08-2019:10:04:29

12 11/13/2019 - 3790 - Reply to/in Opposition

Additional Text: Reply to Opposition to Petition to Confirm Arbitrator's Award - Transaction 7585254 - Approved By: CSULEZIC: 11-13-2019:10:54:33

13 11/13/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7585267 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 11-13-2019:10:55:37

14 11/18/2019 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn ...

Additional Text: Transaction 7594734 - Approved By: BBLOUGH: 11-19-2019:08:25:15

15 11/19/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7595014 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 11-19-2019:08:26:14

16 11/25/2019 - 3795 - Reply...

> Additional Text: REPLY TO PETITIONERS' OPPOSITION TO RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD - Transaction 7606630 - Approved By: BBLOUGH: 11-25-2019:13:32:24

11/25/2019 - 3860 - Request for Submission 17

Additional Text: Transaction 7606630 - Approved By: BBLOUGH: 11-25-2019:13:32:24

DOCUMENT TITLE: MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD ( NO ORDER PROVIDED)

PARTY SUBMITTING: CHRISTOPHER B. REICH, ESQ

DATE SUBMITTED: NOVEMBER 25, 2019 SUBMITTED BY: CHRISTOPHER B. REICH, ESQ

DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

18 11/25/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7606651 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 11-25-2019:13:35:32

12/12/2019 - 3347 - Ord to Set 19

Additional Text: ORDER TO SET HEARING ON MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD - Transaction 7636225 - Approved By:

NOREVIEW: 12-12-2019:16:17:07

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Additional Text: ORDER TO SET HEARING ON MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD FILED DECEMBER 12, 2019

12/12/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service 21

Additional Text: Transaction 7636231 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-12-2019:16:18:22

12/13/2019 - 2605 - Notice to Set 22

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Additional Text: Transaction 7636762 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-13-2019:09:25:02

24 12/13/2019 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: Transaction 7637205 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-13-2019:11:24:23

DOCUMENT TITLE: PETITIONER'S PETITION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATOR'S AWARD FILED 10-22-19

PARTY SUBMITTING: JESSICA PRUNTY ESQ

DATE SUBMITTED: 12-13-19 SUBMITTED BY: YV

DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

12/13/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service 25

Additional Text: Transaction 7637215 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-13-2019:11:25:50

12/16/2019 - 1250E - Application for Setting eFile 26

> Additional Text: FOR HEARING ON MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATION AWARD SET FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2020, AT 2:00 P.M. -Transaction 7639821 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-16-2019:12:36:43

12/16/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service 27

Additional Text: Transaction 7639822 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-16-2019:12:37:32

28 12/18/2019 - 3370 - Order ...

Additional Text: ORDER REGARDING PETITION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATOR'S AWARD - Transaction 7644594 - Approved By:

NOREVIEW: 12-18-2019:10:40:37

29 12/18/2019 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: ORDER FILED DECEMBER 18, 2019

30 12/18/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7644607 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-18-2019:10:42:15

31 2/7/2020 - MIN - \*\*\*Minutes

Additional Text: 2/7/2020 - ORAL ARGUMENTS - Transaction 7729444 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 02-07-2020:15:21:50

32 2/7/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7729464 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 02-07-2020:15:24:39

33 3/31/2020 - 3366 - Ord Vacating

Additional Text: ORDER VACATING ARBITRATOR'S AWARD AND REMANDING FOR NEW HEARING. - Transaction 7817000 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 03-31-2020:15:35:02

34 3/31/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7817006 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 03-31-2020:15:36:33

35 3/31/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

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36 4/1/2020 - 2540 - Notice of Entry of Ord

Additional Text: Transaction 7817807 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 04-01-2020:11:07:57

37 4/1/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7817814 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 04-01-2020:11:09:24

38 5/27/2020 - 3201 - Ord Remanding ...

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39 12/1/2020 - 2520 - Notice of Appearance

Additional Text: NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL: LUKE BUSBY ESQ / CAIDYN EDLUND - Transaction 8184419 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 12-01-2020:15:49:56

40 12/1/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 8184433 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-01-2020:15:50:58

41 12/2/2020 - 2490 - Motion ...

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42 12/2/2020 - 2490 - Motion ...

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43 12/2/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

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44 12/2/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 8185271 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-02-2020:10:07:05

45 12/2/2020 - 2590 - Notice Withdrawal of Attorney

Additional Text: NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL: THOMAS DONALDSON ESQ AND JESSICA PRUNTY ESQ / PETRS Transaction 8186261 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-02-2020:14:23:05

46 12/2/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 8186279 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-02-2020:14:24:36

47 12/16/2020 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn ...

Additional Text: WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION VACATE, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO MODIFY, ARBITRATOR'S OPINION AND AWARD - Transaction 8208578 - Approved By: CSULEZIC: 12-16-2020:15:17:30

48 12/16/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

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49 12/16/2020 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn ...

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Approved By: CSULEZIC: 12-17-2020:08:11:48

50 12/17/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 8209246 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-17-2020:08:12:40

51 12/21/2020 - 3790 - Reply to/in Opposition

Additional Text: Reply to Opposition to Motion to File Exhibits Under Seal - Edlund Petition to Modify Vacate Award - Transaction 8213179 - Approved By: AZAMORA: 12-21-2020:09:59:50

52 12/21/2020 - 3790 - Reply to/in Opposition

Additional Text: Reply to Oppo Edlund Motion to Modify Vacate Award - Transaction 8213182 - Approved By: AZAMORA: 12-21-2020:10:01:17

53 12/21/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: Transaction 8213195 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-21-2020:09:29:50

DOCUMENT TITLE: MOTION TO VACATE, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO MODIFY, ARBITRATOR'S OPINION AND AWARD ORAL

ARGUMENT AND/OR HEARING REQUESTED (NO ORDER)

PARTY SUBMITTING: LUKE BUSBY DATE SUBMITTED: 12/21/2020 SUBMITTED BY: AZAMORA DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

54 12/21/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: Req to Sub - Motion to File Exhibits Under Seal - Transaction 8213201 - Approved By: NOREVIEW:

12-21-2020:09:32:36

DOCUMENT TITLE: MOTION TO FILE EXHIBITS TO MOTION TO VACATE (NO ORDER)

PARTY SUBMITTING: LUKE BUSBY DATE SUBMITTED: 12/21/2020 SUBMITTED BY: AZAMORA DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

55 12/21/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

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58 12/21/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 8213444 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 12-21-2020:10:02:19

59 3/10/2021 - 2682 - Ord Addressing Motions

Additional Text: Transaction 8335568 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 03-10-2021:12:42:05

60 3/10/2021 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: ORDER REGARDING MOTIONS FILED MARCH 10, 2021

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On November 8, 2019, WCSD filed a Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Crost's Award, arguing that the award was arbitrary and capricious because the arbitrator ignored the facts and the law and refused to apply the "reckless" standard to evaluate Mr. Edlund's conduct provided in NRS 391.750(4). On March 31, 2020, this Court issued an Order Vacating the Arbitrator's Award and Remanding for a new Hearing on the grounds sought by WCSD. This Court found that Arbitrator Crost disregarded Mr. Edlund's guilty plea, and that such a plea could constitute just cause for his dismissal, and for this reason the award was arbitrary and capricious.

Following this Court's March 31, 2020 Order, the parties selected a new arbitrator, Catherine Harris, and conducted a second proceeding on August 20, 2020. On or about November 5, 2020, Arbitrator Harris issued her Opinion and Award. Arbitrator Harris determined, as did Arbitrator Crost, that WCSD lacked just cause to

 terminate Mr. Edlund and that Mr. Edlund should be reinstated. However, Arbitrator Harris' Order ruled that Mr. Edlund acted "recklessly" in leaving the pistol in his vehicle, Mr. Edlund is not entitled to an award of backpay, Mr. Edlund's reinstatement is conditioned upon written consent to random searches of his vehicle when parked on District property for one year from the date of his reinstatement.

On April 13, 2021, this Court held a hearing on the Petition and heard argument from the parties.

On April 23, 2021, this Court issued an Order dismissing WEA from these proceedings based upon a stipulation of the parties.

On September 8, 2021, Edlund filed an addendum to his Petition informing the Court that he had obtained employment with the Storey County School District in August of 2021. As such, a determination from the Court on the issue of whether Mr. Edlund should be subjected to random searches as ordered by Arbitrator Harris as a condition for reinstatement is moot.

# Standard of Review

"The party seeking to attack the validity of an arbitration award has the burden of proving, by clear and convincing evidence, the statutory or common-law ground relied upon for challenging an award." *Health Plan of Nev., Inc. v. Rainbow Med., LLC*, 120 Nev. 689, 695, 100 P.3d 172, 176 (Nev. 2004). In 2017, the Nevada Supreme Court considered the common-law grounds recognized in Nevada and stated:

"There are two common-law grounds recognized in Nevada under which a court may review private binding arbitration awards: (1) whether the award is arbitrary, capricious, or unsupported by the agreement; and (2) whether the arbitrator manifestly disregarded the law." *Clark Cty. Educ. Ass'n v. Clark Cty. Sch. Dist.*, 122 Nev. 337, 341, 131 P.3d 5, 8 (2006). In particular, "the former standard ensures that the arbitrator does not disregard the facts or the terms of the arbitration agreement," while "the latter standard ensures that the arbitrator recognizes applicable law." *Id.* 

Washoe County School District v. White, 133 Nev. 301, 306, 396 P.3d 834, 839 (Nev. 2017).

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# Arbitrator Harris' finding that Mr. Edlund was reckless was arbitrary and capricious

"The arbitrary-and-capricious standard does not permit a reviewing court to vacate an arbitrator's award based on a misinterpretation of the law." *Clark Cty. Educ. Ass'n*, 122 Nev. at 343–44, 131 P.3d at 9. Instead, a court's review of the arbitrary and capricious standard is "limited to whether the arbitrator's findings are supported by substantial evidence in the record." *Id.* at 344, 131 P.3d at 9–10.

The Court finds that Edlund has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Arbitrator Harris's finding that Edlund acted recklessly is not supported by substantial evidence in the record. Rather, this finding is contradicted by the substantial evidence based on the findings by Arbitrator Harris. "Reckless" is not statutorily defined, but Black's Law Dictionary provides the following definition: "Characterized by the creation of a substantial and unjustifiable risk of harm to others and by a conscious (and sometimes deliberate) disregard for or indifference to that risk." The record does not show that Edlund had a conscious disregard because he left the gun in his car inadvertently. No evidence in the record indicates that Edlund knew the gun was left in his car. Arbitrator Harris stated that she "credits [Edlund's] testimony that bringing the gun to school was a mistake that occurred when he threw his gym bag into his vehicle on the way to school and that he did not make a considered decision to bring his weapon onto school property." See Harris Award 15:8-10. Additionally, Harris found that "[n]o evidence has been presented at any stage of this dispute that supports the conclusion that [Edlund] made a considered decision to bring a handgun to work with him on the day in question." Harris Award 7:14.

While negligent, there is no evidence that Mr. Edlund's conduct rises to the level of recklessness. Because Arbitrator Harris's finding of recklessness is not supported by substantial evidence in the record, the finding was arbitrary and capricious.

# Arbitrator Harris' finding that no back pay should be awarded constitutes a manifest disregard for the law

"[J]udicial inquiry under the manifest-disregard-of-the-law standard is extremely limited. A party seeking to vacate an arbitration award based on manifest disregard of the law may not merely object to the results of the arbitration." *Clark Cty. Educ. Ass'n*, 122 Nev. at 342, 131 P.3d at 8 (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). "[T]he issue is not whether the arbitrator correctly interpreted the law, but whether the arbitrator, knowing the law and recognizing that the law required a particular result, simply disregarded the law." Id. (internal quotation marks omitted); see also *Health Plan of Nev., Inc.*, 120 Nev. at 699, 100 P.3d at 179 (stating that manifest disregard of the law requires a "conscious disregard of applicable law").

NRS 391.760 governs the suspension and reinstatement of licensed employees. Section 2 of the statute provides as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 391.750, a superintendent may suspend a licensed employee who has been officially charged but not yet convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude or immorality. If the charge is dismissed or if the employee is found not guilty, the employee must be reinstated with back pay, plus interest, and normal seniority. The superintendent shall notify the employee in writing of the suspension. Within 10 days after the date on which the employee receives such notice, the superintendent shall provide the employee with the opportunity for an informal hearing to address the circumstances relating to the charges and any other circumstances relating to the suspension. The superintendent shall issue a written decision concerning the continuation of the suspension based on the information presented at the hearing. The employee is entitled to continue to receive his or her salary and other benefits after the suspension becomes effective until the date on which the superintendent issues the written decision. The superintendent may recommend that an employee who has been charged with a felony or a crime involving immorality be dismissed for another ground set forth in NRS 391.750.

NRS 391.760(2) (emphasis added).

The criminal charges against Edlund have been dismissed. Therefore, NRS 391.760(2) requires that he is entitled to back pay.

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Additionally, Section 3 of the same statute provides that, "[i]f sufficient grounds for dismissal are not found to exist at the conclusion of the proceedings conducted pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, the employee must be reinstated with full compensation, plus interest." NRS 391.760(3) (emphasis added). Arbitrator Harris found that WCSD lacked just cause to terminate Edlund. Therefore, NRS 391.760(3) also requires Edlund to be entitled to back pay.

The record makes clear that Arbitrator Harris was aware of the requirement under Nevada law that a teacher be awarded back pay if fired without just cause – but simply disregarded the law. Arbitrator Harris' award includes an extensive discussion of Arbitrator Crost's prior award in this case, which Arbitrator Harris received into evidence, and which contains a discussion of the statutory requirement for and an award of backpay in favor of Mr. Edlund. Harris Award 8-9. The Court finds that Arbitrator Harris manifestly disregarded the law when she decided that Edlund was not entitled to back pay because she ignored and paid no attention to the applicable standard for determining whether back pay is required.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Arbitration Award awarded by Arbitrator Harris is hereby MODIFIED as follows: (1) Arbitrator Harris' determination that Mr. Edlund acted with "recklessness" is reversed; and (2) WCSD shall make Mr. Edlund whole for all applicable lost earnings, interest, and benefits according to the terms of NRS 391.760.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 6, 2021

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
2	CASE NO.: CV19-02058
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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

IN AND FOR WASHOE COUNTY

# To Respondent:

Please take notice that on October 6, 2021 the Court entered an Order in the above captioned matter, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

**DATED** this Wednesday, October 6, 2021

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After Mr. Edlund received notice of termination, through counsel provided by the Washoe Education Association ("WEA"), he filed a grievance in accordance with Article 12 (grievance procedure) and 32 (due process) of the 2015-2019 Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA") between the Association and WCSD challenging the dismissal recommendation.

The matter was submitted to Arbitrator Paul Cross, Esq. Arbitrator Crost conducted an arbitration on August 20, 2019, in Washoe County. On or about October 1, 2019, Arbitrator Crost issued his Award. Arbitrator Crost concluded that WCSD did not have just cause to dismiss Mr. Edlund, ordered that WCSD reinstate Mr. Edlund to his former position without loss of seniority or accrued benefits, and ordered that WCSD make Mr. Edlund whole for all lost earnings, interest, and benefits.

On November 8, 2019, WCSD filed a Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Crost's Award, arguing that the award was arbitrary and capricious because the arbitrator ignored the facts and the law and refused to apply the "reckless" standard to evaluate Mr. Edlund's conduct provided in NRS 391.750(4). On March 31, 2020, this Court issued an Order Vacating the Arbitrator's Award and Remanding for a new Hearing on the grounds sought by WCSD. This Court found that Arbitrator Crost disregarded Mr. Edlund's guilty plea, and that such a plea could constitute just cause for his dismissal, and for this reason the award was arbitrary and capricious.

Following this Court's March 31, 2020 Order, the parties selected a new arbitrator, Catherine Harris, and conducted a second proceeding on August 20, 2020. On or about November 5, 2020, Arbitrator Harris issued her Opinion and Award. Arbitrator Harris determined, as did Arbitrator Crost, that WCSD lacked just cause to

 terminate Mr. Edlund and that Mr. Edlund should be reinstated. However, Arbitrator Harris' Order ruled that Mr. Edlund acted "recklessly" in leaving the pistol in his vehicle, Mr. Edlund is not entitled to an award of backpay, Mr. Edlund's reinstatement is conditioned upon written consent to random searches of his vehicle when parked on District property for one year from the date of his reinstatement.

On April 13, 2021, this Court held a hearing on the Petition and heard argument from the parties.

On April 23, 2021, this Court issued an Order dismissing WEA from these proceedings based upon a stipulation of the parties.

On September 8, 2021, Edlund filed an addendum to his Petition informing the Court that he had obtained employment with the Storey County School District in August of 2021. As such, a determination from the Court on the issue of whether Mr. Edlund should be subjected to random searches as ordered by Arbitrator Harris as a condition for reinstatement is moot.

# Standard of Review

"The party seeking to attack the validity of an arbitration award has the burden of proving, by clear and convincing evidence, the statutory or common-law ground relied upon for challenging an award." *Health Plan of Nev., Inc. v. Rainbow Med., LLC*, 120 Nev. 689, 695, 100 P.3d 172, 176 (Nev. 2004). In 2017, the Nevada Supreme Court considered the common-law grounds recognized in Nevada and stated:

"There are two common-law grounds recognized in Nevada under which a court may review private binding arbitration awards: (1) whether the award is arbitrary, capricious, or unsupported by the agreement; and (2) whether the arbitrator manifestly disregarded the law." *Clark Cty. Educ. Ass'n v. Clark Cty. Sch. Dist.*, 122 Nev. 337, 341, 131 P.3d 5, 8 (2006). In particular, "the former standard ensures that the arbitrator does not disregard the facts or the terms of the arbitration agreement," while "the latter standard ensures that the arbitrator recognizes applicable law." *Id.* 

Washoe County School District v. White, 133 Nev. 301, 306, 396 P.3d 834, 839 (Nev. 2017).

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# Arbitrator Harris' finding that Mr. Edlund was reckless was arbitrary and capricious

"The arbitrary-and-capricious standard does not permit a reviewing court to vacate an arbitrator's award based on a misinterpretation of the law." *Clark Cty. Educ. Ass'n*, 122 Nev. at 343–44, 131 P.3d at 9. Instead, a court's review of the arbitrary and capricious standard is "limited to whether the arbitrator's findings are supported by substantial evidence in the record." *Id.* at 344, 131 P.3d at 9–10.

The Court finds that Edlund has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Arbitrator Harris's finding that Edlund acted recklessly is not supported by substantial evidence in the record. Rather, this finding is contradicted by the substantial evidence based on the findings by Arbitrator Harris. "Reckless" is not statutorily defined, but Black's Law Dictionary provides the following definition: "Characterized by the creation of a substantial and unjustifiable risk of harm to others and by a conscious (and sometimes deliberate) disregard for or indifference to that risk." The record does not show that Edlund had a conscious disregard because he left the gun in his car inadvertently. No evidence in the record indicates that Edlund knew the gun was left in his car. Arbitrator Harris stated that she "credits [Edlund's] testimony that bringing the gun to school was a mistake that occurred when he threw his gym bag into his vehicle on the way to school and that he did not make a considered decision to bring his weapon onto school property." See Harris Award 15:8-10. Additionally, Harris found that "[n]o evidence has been presented at any stage of this dispute that supports the conclusion that [Edlund] made a considered decision to bring a handgun to work with him on the day in question." Harris Award 7:14.

While negligent, there is no evidence that Mr. Edlund's conduct rises to the level of recklessness. Because Arbitrator Harris's finding of recklessness is not supported by substantial evidence in the record, the finding was arbitrary and capricious.

# Arbitrator Harris' finding that no back pay should be awarded constitutes a manifest disregard for the law

"[J]udicial inquiry under the manifest-disregard-of-the-law standard is extremely limited. A party seeking to vacate an arbitration award based on manifest disregard of the law may not merely object to the results of the arbitration." *Clark Cty. Educ. Ass'n*, 122 Nev. at 342, 131 P.3d at 8 (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). "[T]he issue is not whether the arbitrator correctly interpreted the law, but whether the arbitrator, knowing the law and recognizing that the law required a particular result, simply disregarded the law." Id. (internal quotation marks omitted); see also *Health Plan of Nev., Inc.*, 120 Nev. at 699, 100 P.3d at 179 (stating that manifest disregard of the law requires a "conscious disregard of applicable law").

NRS 391.760 governs the suspension and reinstatement of licensed employees. Section 2 of the statute provides as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 391.750, a superintendent may suspend a licensed employee who has been officially charged but not yet convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude or immorality. If the charge is dismissed or if the employee is found not guilty, the employee must be reinstated with back pay, plus interest, and normal seniority. The superintendent shall notify the employee in writing of the suspension. Within 10 days after the date on which the employee receives such notice, the superintendent shall provide the employee with the opportunity for an informal hearing to address the circumstances relating to the charges and any other circumstances relating to the suspension. The superintendent shall issue a written decision concerning the continuation of the suspension based on the information presented at the hearing. The employee is entitled to continue to receive his or her salary and other benefits after the suspension becomes effective until the date on which the superintendent issues the written decision. The superintendent may recommend that an employee who has been charged with a felony or a crime involving immorality be dismissed for another ground set forth in NRS 391.750.

NRS 391.760(2) (emphasis added).

The criminal charges against Edlund have been dismissed. Therefore, NRS 391.760(2) requires that he is entitled to back pay.

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Additionally, Section 3 of the same statute provides that, "[i]f sufficient grounds for dismissal are not found to exist at the conclusion of the proceedings conducted pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, the employee must be reinstated with full compensation, plus interest." NRS 391.760(3) (emphasis added). Arbitrator Harris found that WCSD lacked just cause to terminate Edlund. Therefore, NRS 391.760(3) also requires Edlund to be entitled to back pay.

The record makes clear that Arbitrator Harris was aware of the requirement under Nevada law that a teacher be awarded back pay if fired without just cause – but simply disregarded the law. Arbitrator Harris' award includes an extensive discussion of Arbitrator Crost's prior award in this case, which Arbitrator Harris received into evidence, and which contains a discussion of the statutory requirement for and an award of backpay in favor of Mr. Edlund. Harris Award 8-9. The Court finds that Arbitrator Harris manifestly disregarded the law when she decided that Edlund was not entitled to back pay because she ignored and paid no attention to the applicable standard for determining whether back pay is required.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Arbitration Award awarded by Arbitrator Harris is hereby MODIFIED as follows: (1) Arbitrator Harris' determination that Mr. Edlund acted with "recklessness" is reversed; and (2) WCSD shall make Mr. Edlund whole for all applicable lost earnings, interest, and benefits according to the terms of NRS 391.760.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 6, 2021

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
2	CASE NO.: CV19-02058
3	I certify that I am an employee of the SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
4	OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF WASHOE; that on the 6th day of October,
5	2021, I electronically filed the foregoing ORDER MODIFYING ARBITRATOR'S
6	AWARD with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system.
7	I further certify that I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing
8	document by the method(s) noted below:
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10	Electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which will
11	send a notice of electronic filing to the following:
12	LUKE BUSBY, ESQ. for CAIDYN EDLUND
13	CHRISTOPHER REICH, ESQ. for WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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15	Deposited in the Washoe County mailing system for postage and mailing with the
16	United States Postal Service in Reno, Nevada: [NONE]
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18	/s/ Michael Decker
19	JUDICIAL ASSISTANT

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### CASE NO. CV19-02058 WASHOE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ETAL VS. WCSD

DATE, JUDGE **OFFICERS OF** 

2/7/2020

COURT PRESENT APPEARANCES-HEARING **ORAL ARGUMENTS** 

**HONORABLE** ELLIOTT A. **SATTLER DEPT. NO. 10** M. Merkouris (Clerk)

2:00 p.m. – Court convened.

Petitioner Caidyn Edlund was present with counsel, Thomas Donaldson, Esq. Washoe Education Association Representative Arthur Huron was present in the gallery. Christopher Reich, Esq., was present on behalf of Respondent Washoe County School District. WCSD Labor Relations Specialist Anthony Spotts was present with counsel

C. Hummel (Reporter)

**COURT** reviewed the procedural history of the case, noting that this hearing was set to address the Petition to Confirm Arbitrator's Award, filed by the Petitioners on October 22, 2019 (Petition to Confirm), as well as the Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Award, filed by the Respondent on November 8, 2019 (Motion to Vacate).

Counsel Reich presented argument in support of the Motion to Vacate, and in opposition of the Petition to Confirm.

COURT reviewed NRS 38.241 with respective counsel; and he further reviewed his options in this matter, noting that in all candor with the parties, Mr. Crost could have written a better order, however he does not know at this time whether or not it rises to the level of vacating the award, and perhaps the matter could be remanded for a clarifying order.

Counsel Reich responded to the Court.

Counsel Donaldson responded; and he further argued in opposition to the Motion to Vacate, and in support of the Petition to Confirm.

Counsel Reich replied; and he further argued in support of the Motion to Vacate, and in opposition of the Petition to Confirm.

**COURT ORDERED:** Matters taken under advisement.

3:05 p.m. – Court adjourned.

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# APPEARANCES-HEARING

**CONT'D TO** 

4/13/2021 HONORABLE KATHLEEN SIGURDSON DEPT. NO.10 S. Higginbotham (Clerk) L.Shaw (Reporter)

# **HEARING ON MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGEMENT**

Petitioner, Caidyn Edlund, was being represented by counsel Luke Busby, Esq. Respondent, Washoe County School District, was being represented by Deputy Chief Counsel Christopher Reich, Esq. Anthony Reich, Labor Relations Specialist with the Washoe County School District also stood in attendance.

This hearing was held remotely because of the closure of the courthouse at 75 Court Street in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada due to the National and Local emergency caused by COVID-19. The Court and all the participants appeared via simultaneous audiovisual transmission. The Court was physically located in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada which was the site of the court session. Counsel acknowledged receipt of Notice that the hearing was taking place pursuant to Nevada Supreme Court Rules- Part 9 relating to simultaneous audiovisual transmissions and all counsel stated they had no objection to going forward in this manner.

Counsel Busby did a screen share and provided historical background of this case with the use of power point presentation.

The Court addressed Mr. Busby with follow up questions.

Deputy Chief Reich presented counterargument.

The Court asked follow-up question.

Counsel Busby and Reich both re-addressed the Court and provided additional argument.

# **COURT ORDERED** Matter taken under submission.

Further, Counsel Busby is to file in his PowerPoint presentation used in today's hearing into this case.

Court recessed.

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# CASE NO. CV19-02246 WASHOE ED. ASSOC. ETAL VS. WCSD

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COURT PRESENT **APPEARANCES-HEARING**  CONT'D TO

9/28/2021

HEARING ON MOTION TO DISQUALIFY COUNSEL

HONORABLE KATHLEEN SIGURDSON

Petitioner, Caidyn Edlund, was being represented by counsel Luke Busby, Esq. Respondent, Washoe County School District, was being represented by Deputy Chief Counsel Christopher Reich, Esq.

DEPT. NO.10

(Clerk) Amy Trevino (Reporter)

S.Higginbotham This hearing was held remotely because of the closure of the courthouse at 75 Court Street in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada due to the National and Local emergency caused by COVID-19. The Court and all the participants appeared via simultaneous audiovisual transmission. The Court was physically located in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada which was the site of the court session. Counsel acknowledged receipt of Notice that the hearing was taking place pursuant to Nevada Supreme Court Rules- Part 9 relating to simultaneous audiovisual transmissions and all counsel stated they had no objection to going forward in this manner.

> Counsel Busby provided update to the Petition submitted to the Court and provided a change in circumstance related to the Petition stating an addendum was filed on 9/8/2021 and that changes the issues to be determined by the Court, seeking back-pay and finding that he acted recklessly be overturned; noting the Petitioner now has a new job outside of the Washoe School District and would no longer be subject to random search and seizure.

Deputy Chief Reich had nothing further to add.

**COURT ORDERED** that Counsel Busby submit a proposed order with the three points outlined; Overruling the Arbitrator and granting back pay, Finding the Petitioner did not act reckless, and that the random search of his automobile will no longer be appropriate as he will no longer be employed by Washoe County School District.

Counsel Reich raised question to the Court issuing an Order at this time. The Court responded.

Court recessed.

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

WASHOE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION and CAIDYN EDLUND,

Petitioners,

Dept. No. 10 VS.

WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada,

Respondent.

# CERTIFICATE OF CLERK AND TRANSMITTAL – NOTICE OF APPEAL

I certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe; that on the 27th day of October, 2021, I electronically filed the Notice of Appeal in the above entitled matter to the Nevada Supreme Court.

I further certify that the transmitted record is a true and correct copy of the original pleadings on file with the Second Judicial District Court.

Dated this 27th day of October, 2021.

Alicia L. Lerud Clerk of the Court By /s/Y.Viloria Y.Viloria **Deputy Clerk**