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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA OFFICE OF THE CLERK

ORENTHAL JAMES SIMPSON)
Appellant,	Supreme Court No. 83899District Court Case No. A-21-828836-F
VS.)
FREDRIC GOLDMAN, an Individual, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of RONALD LYLE GOLDMAN, Deceased,))))))
Respondent.)

DOCKETING STATEMENT CIVIL APPEALS

- 1. The Eighth Judicial District Court, Department 5, Clark County, The Honorable Veronica Barisich; Senior Judge The Honorable James Bixler; District Court Case No. A-21-828836-F.
- 2. Attorney filing this docketing statement: Malcolm P. LaVergne, Esq., 702.448.7981, Malcolm P. LaVergne & Associates, 400 South 4th Street, Suite 500, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

Client is Appellant Orenthal James Simpson.

3. Attorney(s) representing respondents(s): Larson A. Welsh, Esq., Hayes & Welsh, 702.434.3444, 199 North Arroyo Grande Boulevard, Suite 200, Henderson, Nevada 89074.

Clients are Respondents Fredric Goldman; Estate of Ronald Lyle Goldman.

- 4. **Nature of disposition below:** Debt collection matter involving a foreign domesticated judgment. Denial of a NRCP 60(b) motion for relief from judgment.
- 5. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following (Child Custody, Venue, or Termination of parental rights)? No.
 - 6. Pending and prior proceedings in this court.

There are no pending or prior proceedings in this court related to the appeal from this trial court case number. There is a related appeal that may be consolidated later.

- 7. **Pending and prior proceedings in other courts.** Fredric Goldman et al. v. Orenthal James Simpson, Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada (Honorable Eric Johnson), 09A581066.
- 8. **Nature of the action:** Debt collection matter from a California foreign judgment. California foreign judgment was domesticated in Nevada in 2009, which by law expired in 2015. In 2021, Respondent domesticated the California judgment again in Nevada. Appellant sought relief from the 2021 foreign judgment. The trial court denied Respondent's motion.
 - 9. **Issues on Appeal:** The principal issue on appeal is:
- (1) whether the trial court erred as a matter of law in denying Appellant's relief from judgment on a foreign domesticated judgment that previously had been domesticated in Nevada in 2009, actively litigated in Nevada in 2009, and expired by Nevada law in 2015.

10. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues.

Appellant is unaware of any pending proceedings raising the same or similar issues other than the ones cited above that have not been docketed at the Supreme Court of Nevada at the time of this filing.

- 11. Constitutional issues. Not applicable.
- 12. Other issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?

 Not applicable.
- 13. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or Retention in the Supreme Court.

This case is presumptively assigned to the Court of Appeals pursuant to NRAP 17(b)(7). The Supreme Court of Nevada might consider exercising jurisdiction pursuant to NRAP 17(a)(12) and a case entitled <u>Bianchi v. Bank of Nevada</u>, 186 P.3d 890 (Nev. 2008), the public figure status of both Appellant Orenthal Simpson and Respondent Fredric Goldman, and the amount of the debt.

14. Trial.

No trial.

15. **Judicial Disqualification.** Appellant does not intend to file a motion to disqualify any sitting Justices at either the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court of Nevada.

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16. Date of entry of written judgment or order appealed from:

The Order Denying Defendant's Motion for Relief from Judgment and Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Judicial Assignment of Defendant's Personal Property was filed on June 3, 2021.

17. Date written notice of entry of judgment or order was served:

Written notice of entry of the Order Denying Defendant's Motion for Relief from Judgment and Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Judicial Assignment of Defendant's Personal Property was filed and served electronically on June 4, 2021.

- 18. If the time for filing the notice of appeal was tolled by a post-judgment motion (NRCP 50(b), 52(b), or 59):
 - (a) Specify the type of motion, the date and method of service of the motion, and the date of filing.

Defendant filed a Motion to Alter or Amend pursuant to NRCP 59, by electronic service, on July 2, 2021.

(b) Date of entry of written order resolving tolling motion.

The Order Denying Orenthal James Simpson's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment and Order Granting Fredric Goldman's Ex Parte Application for Order Allowing Examination of Judgment Debtor was filed on October 22, 2021.

(c) Date written notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served.

Notice of Entry of Orders Denying and Granting was filed and served electronically on November 3, 2021.

- 19. Date notice of appeal filed: December 2, 2021.
- 20. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal: NRAP 4(a)(1). NRAP(a)(1)(4)(C).

¹ Appellant is not appealing that part of the order granting a judgment debtor examination.

SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY

- 21. Specify statute or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review the judgment or order appealed from: That part of the order denying Appellant's motion for relief from judgment under NRCP 60(b), is appealable pursuant to Holiday Inn v. Barnett, 103 Nev. 60, 63, 732 P.2d 1376, 1379 (1987).²
 - 22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated in the district court:
- (a) **Parties:** Fredric Goldman; Fredric Goldman, as personal representative of the Estate of Ronald Lyle Goldman, Deceased. Orenthal James Simpson.
- (b) If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal:

Not applicable.³

23. Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim:

Debt collection matter regarding a foreign judgment. Appellant sought to vacate a monetary judgment that had not been renewed after six years in accordance with Nevada law through a motion for relief from judgment, which was denied by the trial court on June 3, 2021.

² Appellant is not appealing that part of the order granting a judicial assignment against Appellant.

³ Garnishee Nevada Property 1 LLC dba The Cosmopolian of Las Vegas was involved in proceedings at the trial level but was relieved of any further involvement as the result of a judgment entered against Respondent by the trial court on October 8, 2021.

24.	Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL claims alleged
below and	I the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action or consolidated
actions hel	low?

Yes.4

25. If you answered "No" to question 23, complete the following:

Not applicable.

26. If you answered "No" to any part of question 24, explain the basis for seeking appellate review:

Not applicable.

27. Attach file-stamped copies of the following documents:

See attached.

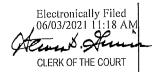
⁴ To be clear, this is a post-judgment enforcement action originating from another state. The order appealed from is challenging the validity of that foreign judgment to be enforced in Nevada.

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this docketing statement, that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I have attached all required documents to this docketing statement.

Orenthal James Simpson Name of appellant	Malcolm P. LaVergne, Esq. Name of counsel of record
<u>January 19, 2022</u> Date	Signature of counsel of record
Nevada, Clark County State and county where signed	
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ORDER DENYING ORENTHAL JAMES SIMPSON'S MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT

ORDER GRANTING FREDRIC GOLDMAN'S MOTION FOR JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENT OF ORENTHAL JAMES SIMPSON'S PERSONAL PROPERTY

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Mr. LaVergne:

We never received a signed copy of the order sent on April 28th, nor did we receive any proposed revisions from you. If we do not hear back from you by tomorrow at 3pm, we will submit the proposed order as drafted to the judge. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the **4th day of June**, **2021**, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document (with any attachments) entitled: *NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER DENYING AND GRANTING*, in the above-captioned case, as follows:

X Via Electronic Service: by electronically filing/serving a copy of the foregoing document upon the parties/counsel in this action via the Court's e-file/service system, to the following:

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ORDER GRANTING FREDRIC GOLDMAN'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER ALLOWING EXAMINATION OF JUDGMENT DEBTOR

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On July 28, 2021, Goldman filed an Ex Parte Application for Examination of Judgment Debtor ("Goldman's Application for JDE"). On August 3, 2021, Simpson filed a Response to Goldman's Application for JDE ("Simpson's Response"). The Court having considered the papers and pleadings on file, finds and orders as follows:

Background

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On July 2, 2021, Simpson filed the Motion which set forth that Simpson's counsel "video feed was disrupted" during the April 27, 2021 hearing. As a result, Simpson's Motion contended, the Court should either: (1) alter or amend the judgment pursuant to NRCP 59; or (2) set a new hearing pursuant to EDCR 2.24. On July 19, 2021, Goldman filed his Opposition to the Motion.

Discussion - Simpson's Motion

NRCP 50(b) provides for either a new trial or a directed judgment as a matter of law:

(b) Renewing Motion for Judgment After Trial; Alternative Motion for New Trial. If, for any reason, the court does not grant a motion for judgment as a matter of law made at the close of all the evidence, the court is considered to have submitted the action to the jury subject to the court's later deciding the legal questions raised by the motion. The movant may renew its request for judgment as a matter of law by filing a motion no later than 10 days after service of written

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notice of entry of judgment and may alternatively request a new trial or join a motion for new trial under Rule 59.

"A motion for judgment notwithstanding the verdict presents solely a question of law to be determined by the court, and the power to grant such motions should be cautiously exercised." *Dudley v. Prima*, 84 Nev. 549, 551, 445 P.2d 31, 32 (1968). "In determining whether a directed verdict should be granted, the trial court must view the evidence and all inferences most favorably to the party against whom the motion is made." *Broussard v. Hill*, 100 Nev. 325, 327, 682 P.2d 1376, 1377 (1984). "Neither the credibility of the witnesses nor the weight of the evidence is to be considered by the court If there is conflicting evidence on a material issue, or if reasonable persons could draw different inferences from the facts, the question is one of fact for the jury and not one of law for the court." *Id*.

NRCP 59(a) provides:

(a) Grounds. A new trial may be granted to all or any of the parties and on all or part of the issues for any of the following causes or grounds materially affecting the substantial rights of an aggrieved party: (1) Irregularity in the proceedings of the court, jury, master, or adverse party, or any order of the court, or master, or abuse of discretion by which either party was prevented from having a fair trial; (2) Misconduct of the jury or prevailing party; (3) Accident or surprise which ordinary prudence could not have guarded against; (4) Newly discovered evidence material for the party making the motion which the party could not, with reasonable diligence, have discovered and produced at the trial; (5) Manifest disregard by the jury of the instructions of the court; (6) Excessive damages appearing to have been given under the influence of passion or prejudice; or, (7) Error in law occurring at the trial and objected to by the party making the motion. On a motion for a new trial in an action tried without a jury, the court may open the judgment if one has been entered, take additional testimony, amend findings of fact and conclusions of law or make new findings and conclusions, and direct the entry of a new judgment.

"A district court's decision to grant or deny a motion for a new trial is reviewed for an abuse of discretion." *Michaels v. Pentair Water Pool & Spa*, 131 Nev. 804, 814, 357 P.3d 387, 395 (Ct. App. 2015). "In determining whether such an abuse of discretion occurred, this court must view the evidence and all inferences most favorably to the party against whom the motion is made." Id. "A new trial based upon the prevailing party's misconduct does not require proof that the result would have been different in the first trial without such misconduct." *Barrett v. Baird*, 111 Nev. 1496, 908 P.2d 689 (1995).

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"In determining the propriety of the granting of a new trial under NRCP 59(a)(5), the question is whether we are able to declare that, had the jurors properly applied the instructions of the court, it would have been impossible for them to reach the verdict which they reached." *Weaver Brothers, Ltd. v. Misskelley*, 98 Nev. 232, 234, 645 P.2d 438, 439 (1982). "Therefore, if the jurors could not have reached the verdict that they reached if they had properly applied the court's instruction on proximate cause, then the district court was obligated to grant a new trial." *Taylor v. Silva*, 96 Nev. 738, 740, 615 P.2d 970, 971 (1980).

EDCR 2.24(a) states, "[n]o motions once heard and disposed of may be renewed in the same cause, nor may the same matters therein embraced be reheard, unless by leave of the court granted upon motion therefor, after notice of such motion to the adverse parties." 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). "Only in very rare instances in which new issues of fact or law are raised supporting a ruling contrary to the ruling already reached should a motion for rehearing be granted." Moore v. City of Las Vegas, 92 Nev. 402, 405, 551 P.2d 244, 246 (1976). "Rehearings are not granted as a matter of right and are not allowed for the purpose of reargument, unless there is reasonable probability that the court may have arrived at an erroneous conclusion. Geller v. McCown, 64 Nev. 102, 108, 178 P.2d 380, 381 (1947). "Points or contentions not raised in the original hearing cannot be maintained or considered on rehearing." Achrem v. Expressway Plaza Ltd., 112 Nev. 737, 742, 917 P.2d 447, 450 (1996). A motion for reconsideration must be filed within 14 days after service of written notice of the order or judgment unless the time is shortened or enlarged by order. EDCR 2.24(b).

Generally, a district court cannot consider a juror affidavit in connection with a motion for new trial, which neither attorney brought up in their motions. *ACP Reno Associates. v. Airmotive and Villanova, Inc.*, 109 Nev. 314, 317-8, 849 P.2d 277, 279 (1993).

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ORDER GRANTING FREDRIC GOLDMAN'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER ALLOWING EXAMINATION OF JUDGMENT DEBTOR

On July 2, 2021, Orenthal James Simpson ("Simpson"), through counsel, filed a Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment ("Simpson's Motion" or "Motion"); on July 19, 2021, Fredric Goldman ("Goldman"), through counsel, filed an Opposition to Simpson's Motion ("Goldman's Opposition" or "Opposition"). The Motion was set to be decided in chambers and on August 17, 2021, the Court issued a Minute Order setting forth its findings and conclusions.

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On July 28, 2021, Goldman filed an *Ex Parte Application for Examination of Judgment Debtor* ("Goldman's Application for JDE"). On August 3, 2021, Simpson filed a Response to Goldman's Application for JDE ("Simpson's Response"). The Court having considered the papers and pleadings on file, finds and orders as follows:

Background

On March 15, 2021, Simpson, through counsel, filed a *Motion for Relief from Judgment* ("Simpson's Motion for Relief"). On March 29, 2021, Goldman filed an Opposition to Simpson's Motion for Relief.

On March 24, 2021, Goldman, through counsel, filed a *Motion for Judicial Assignment* of the Proceeds of Orenthal James Simpson's Rights of Action ("Goldman's Motion for Judicial Assignment"). On April 8, 2021, Simpson filed an Opposition to Goldman's Motion for Judicial Assignment.

On April 27, 2021, the Court conducted a hearing on Simpson's Motion for Relief and Goldman's Motion for Judicial Assignment, with Larson A. Welsh, Esq. appearing telephonically on behalf of Goldman and Malcolm P. LaVergne, Esq. appearing via video on behalf of Simpson.

On June 3, 2021, the Court entered an Order Denying Orenthal James Simpson's Motion for Relief from Judgment & Granting Fredric Goldman's Motion for Judicial Assignment of Orenthal James Simpson's Personal Property (the "Order").

On July 2, 2021, Simpson filed the Motion which set forth that Simpson's counsel "video feed was disrupted" during the April 27, 2021 hearing. As a result, Simpson's Motion contended, the Court should either: (1) alter or amend the judgment pursuant to NRCP 59; or (2) set a new hearing pursuant to EDCR 2.24. On July 19, 2021, Goldman filed his Opposition to the Motion.

Discussion – Simpson's Motion

NRCP 50(b) provides for either a new trial or a directed judgment as a matter of law:

(b) Renewing Motion for Judgment After Trial; Alternative Motion for New Trial. If, for any reason, the court does not grant a motion for judgment as a matter of law made at the close of all the evidence, the court is considered to have submitted the action to the jury subject to the court's later deciding the legal questions raised by the motion. The movant may renew its request for judgment as a matter of law by filing a motion no later than 10 days after service of written

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notice of entry of judgment and may alternatively request a new trial or join a motion for new trial under Rule 59.

"A motion for judgment notwithstanding the verdict presents solely a question of law to be determined by the court, and the power to grant such motions should be cautiously exercised." *Dudley v. Prima*, 84 Nev. 549, 551, 445 P.2d 31, 32 (1968). "In determining whether a directed verdict should be granted, the trial court must view the evidence and all inferences most favorably to the party against whom the motion is made." *Broussard v. Hill*, 100 Nev. 325, 327, 682 P.2d 1376, 1377 (1984). "Neither the credibility of the witnesses nor the weight of the evidence is to be considered by the court If there is conflicting evidence on a material issue, or if reasonable persons could draw different inferences from the facts, the question is one of fact for the jury and not one of law for the court." *Id*.

NRCP 59(a) provides:

(a) Grounds. A new trial may be granted to all or any of the parties and on all or part of the issues for any of the following causes or grounds materially affecting the substantial rights of an aggrieved party: (1) Irregularity in the proceedings of the court, jury, master, or adverse party, or any order of the court, or master, or abuse of discretion by which either party was prevented from having a fair trial; (2) Misconduct of the jury or prevailing party; (3) Accident or surprise which ordinary prudence could not have guarded against; (4) Newly discovered evidence material for the party making the motion which the party could not, with reasonable diligence, have discovered and produced at the trial; (5) Manifest disregard by the jury of the instructions of the court; (6) Excessive damages appearing to have been given under the influence of passion or prejudice; or, (7) Error in law occurring at the trial and objected to by the party making the motion. On a motion for a new trial in an action tried without a jury, the court may open the judgment if one has been entered, take additional testimony, amend findings of fact and conclusions of law or make new findings and conclusions, and direct the entry of a new judgment.

"A district court's decision to grant or deny a motion for a new trial is reviewed for an abuse of discretion." *Michaels v. Pentair Water Pool & Spa*, 131 Nev. 804, 814, 357 P.3d 387, 395 (Ct. App. 2015). "In determining whether such an abuse of discretion occurred, this court must view the evidence and all inferences most favorably to the party against whom the motion is made." Id. "A new trial based upon the prevailing party's misconduct does not require proof that the result would have been different in the first trial without such misconduct." *Barrett v. Baird*, 111 Nev. 1496, 908 P.2d 689 (1995).

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"In determining the propriety of the granting of a new trial under NRCP 59(a)(5), the question is whether we are able to declare that, had the jurors properly applied the instructions of the court, it would have been impossible for them to reach the verdict which they reached." *Weaver Brothers, Ltd. v. Misskelley*, 98 Nev. 232, 234, 645 P.2d 438, 439 (1982). "Therefore, if the jurors could not have reached the verdict that they reached if they had properly applied the court's instruction on proximate cause, then the district court was obligated to grant a new trial." *Taylor v. Silva*, 96 Nev. 738, 740, 615 P.2d 970, 971 (1980).

EDCR 2.24(a) states, "[n]o motions once heard and disposed of may be renewed in the same cause, nor may the same matters therein embraced be reheard, unless by leave of the court granted upon motion therefor, after notice of such motion to the adverse parties." 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). "Only in very rare instances in which new issues of fact or law are raised supporting a ruling contrary to the ruling already reached should a motion for rehearing be granted." Moore v. City of Las Vegas, 92 Nev. 402, 405, 551 P.2d 244, 246 (1976). "Rehearings are not granted as a matter of right and are not allowed for the purpose of reargument, unless there is reasonable probability that the court may have arrived at an erroneous conclusion. Geller v. McCown, 64 Nev. 102, 108, 178 P.2d 380, 381 (1947). "Points or contentions not raised in the original hearing cannot be maintained or considered on rehearing." Achrem v. Expressway Plaza Ltd., 112 Nev. 737, 742, 917 P.2d 447, 450 (1996). A motion for reconsideration must be filed within 14 days after service of written notice of the order or judgment unless the time is shortened or enlarged by order. EDCR 2.24(b).

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