#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MATTHEW TRAVIS HOUSTON,

Appellant,

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Supreme Court Case No. 86972

VS.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

## MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR ALTERNATIVELTY, MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL (THIRD REQUEST)

COMES NOW Appellant, Matthew Travis Houston, by and through counsel, Alexis M. Duecker, Esq., and files this Motion for Reconsideration or alternatively, Motion to Withdraw as Counsel (Third Request). This Motion is based on the following memorandum and all papers and pleadings on file herein.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

SDS Chartered, LLC d/b/a SOFOS

By: <u>/s/ Alexis M. Duecker</u>
Alexis M. Duecker
Attorney for Appellant

#### **MEMORANDUM**

Pursuant to NRAP 27(b), "the court may act on a motion for a procedural order-including a motion under Rule 26(b)-at any time without awaiting a response. Under Rule 27(c), the clerk may act on motions for specified types of procedural orders. A party adversely affected by the court's, or the clerk's, action may file a motion to reconsider, vacate or modify that action."

The Motion for Reconsideration may be untimely; however, counsel was not served with the civil complaint in A-23-875418-C until after the expiration of 14 days to file a Motion for Reconsideration stemming from the Order denying the Motion entered on September 15, 2023. Good cause exists for the untimeliness as Appellant is still trying to remove counsel of record as recently as November 1, 2023 which additionally demonstrates Appellant's continued intent to remove counsel.

Counsel is renewing their Motion to Withdraw as counsel filed on September 5, 2023 and August 25, 2023. Since the filing of the Motion to Withdraw, counsel has recently been served (November 1, 2023) with the Complaint in the civil lawsuit Appellant filed against counsel, attached hereto

as Exhibit 1. This Court denied counsel's motions due to counsel not attaching an affidavit or some declaration from Appellant, Matthew Houston, that he did not affirmatively want to remove counsel. Now, since the filing of the last motion, Appellant has served counsel with his complaint specifically alleging that he wants me removed as counsel in this matter. (See Exhibit 1, Appellant's numbered Page 10).

Additionally, the lawsuit filed against counsel in this matter directly stems from representation in the underlying post-conviction matter. (See Exhibit 1, Appellant's Numbered Page 3). Therefore, defense in the civil suit will necessarily create a conflict where counsel would have defend herself to Appellant's detriment to prevail in counsel's own defense. Counsel's loyalties are divided.

This Motion is not filed for the purposes of delay, Appellant's Opening Brief is due today, November 28, 2023, and counsel has a brief prepared to file, but ethically, counsel does not believe it is appropriate to file the Opening Brief against the Appellant's wishes. Appellant contacted the State Bar Ethics

hotline telephonically, who also concurred that continued representation

would not be appropriate. (See Exhibit 2.)

Counsel's motion was also denied for failure to include an affidavit or

declaration regarding the Motion to Withdraw. Counsel has attached an

affidavit as Exhibit 2 whereby counsel explains the conflict necessitating

removal from this matter.

Counsel urges this Court to grant Counsel's Motion and to remove

counsel of record and to appoint independent counsel for Mr. Houston.

DATED this November 28, 2023.

SDS Chartered, LLC d/b/a

**SOFOS** 

By: /s/ Alexis M. Duecker

Alexis M. Duecker

Attorney for Appellant

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify and affirm that this document was filed electronically with the Nevada Supreme Court on November 28, 2023. Electronic service of the foregoing document shall be made in accordance with the mast service list as follows:

STEVEN B. WOLFSON

Clark County District Attorney

Counsel for Respondent

**AARON FORD** 

Nevada Attorney General

/s/ Alexis M. Duecker

An employee of SDS Chartered, LLC d/b/a SOFOS

# EXHIBIT 1

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA · COMP filing SEE Case 2:21-cv-00499-JAD-DJA Document 57-1 Filed 07/11/23 Page 52 on Filed code 08/07/2023 TRAVIS HOUSTON, Case ALEXIS M. DUECKER ET À Defendant JURY TRIS No. 1 COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO RULE 12(b)(5) . CLERK OF THE COURT Defendant RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A-23-875418-C Department VI AND FDCR 2.20 No. 2 OF FACTS: Kidnapped from his home in STATEMENT Iowa, On July 14, 2021. MATTHEW TRAVIS HOUSTON (heremafter "Petitioner-Appellant") was abducted from his hotel room at the Best Western located at 3041 3 St. Rose Parkway in Henderson, Nevada, as he was not served with any sort of 4 Summon's or WARRANT, nor was told or read that he had any kind of rights. This 5 false arrest prevented Petitioner-Appellant from attending his appointment the very 6 next day at Nevada Retina Specialists, with Dr. Tyson Ward on July 15, 2021, while 7 this continued imprisonment of his person also prevented him from attending his medical 8 disability rating in Rena. Nevada, on August 15, 2021, with Dr. Owagleri. Both appointments 9 of which had been scheduled by the abductors, SEDGWICK's Dianne Ferrante, and her 10 alleged supervisor. Rosemarie McMorris-Alexander, as was the booking of his room. 11 The Petitioner-Appellant's attempt at release from CODC was intervied so that he could 12 search for, and hopefully, retrieve his service animals. However, the now-dismissed counsel, J. Wood 13 14. and Benord Little, provided misinformation regarding the lack of a directly related "City Jail betainer Hold". Counsel had told Petitioner-Appellant, all the while coercing his client into a 15 potential release from custody, that he did not see a detainer hold - when, in fact, there was. 16 This coercion of the client by his previous representation created a second double-jeopardy-17 in LAB VEGAS MUNICIPAL COLART #1248384A + #C1237802A; with the first being by J. Wo 18 19. In the EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT Z1-CR-D19840 + Z1-CR-D33713. A. Goldstein NEVER Visited 20. Mr. Houston. These traumatic events are a cruel and unusual punishment being inflicted upon an abused 21. and innivent man, who was forced into an involuntary relocation, with unnecessary hardships coursing the eviction of his law office located at 435 South Linn Street #927, in Iowa 22 City. IDWA (52240), \$36.5 million of property damage and the destruction of his K-9(s). 23 CLERK OF THE COURT Due to crimes both civil and criminal, not to mention the willful omissions of Rosemarie 24 McMorris-A exampler and Dianne Ferrante, SEDAWICK and the prosecutions must unlawful use 25 of overreaching tactics but their exploitation of the innocent man has put the Petitioner-Appellant 26 into an unmanageable state of duress, homelessness, and extensive incarecration. Notat any 28. time did Mr. Houston extort, horass, threaten, or aggrivated stalk any of the 29, parties involved with his cases or any other individual, business, or entity. 30. In fact it is Mr. Houston who is the victim of crime. 31. Alexis M. Daecker's legal malpractice and intentional and malicious negligence 32. has only further blocked, hindered and thouarted Mr. Houston's innocence. (I-A 21

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MATTHEW TRAVIS HOUSTRY OF NEVADA Case No. 2:23-EV-00031-RFB-DJA

-GROUND NUMBER TEN

How to File a Complaint Against an Attorney -Ineffective and of counsel of ALEXIS M. DUECKER If you wish to file a complaint it may be sent by letter via U.S. Mail or fax to the closest State Bar address listed at the bottom of this section.

An online complaint will be accepted. However, all correspondence from the State Bar will be in writing via US Mail. If you send attachments, you should confirm that they were received. You may be required to send attachments in hard copy.

The Office of Bar Counsel usually completes the initial review of all complaints within ten business days of

Your correspondence should contain at least the following information:

1. Name of the attorney.

2. A brief description of the nature of the case the attorney was engaged to handle.

3. A chronological review of events, actions, or conversations between you and the named attorney which led you to conclude that the attorney's actions are improper.

4. Copies of letters or documents which serve as material evidence of the allegations you have raised against the attorney.

5. The names, addresses and phone numbers of those persons who have direct knowledge of the allegations you have raised.

6. An acknowledgment of whether you have attempted to first resolve this matter by contacting the

Once we have received your complaint we will review it to determine if there is an issue under the Rules of Professional Conduct. If more information is needed you will be notified. If you have raised an issue under the Rules of Professional Conduct, we will forward a letter to the attorney and direct him or her to respond to our office in writing within ten (10) business days with an explanation. Based on the attorney's response, we will then determine what further investigation might be necessary.

If it is determined that your complaint is basically a fee dispute, we will forward the forms which are utilized for the filing of a complaint with the Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee.

The investigation and review process can take as little as one month or as long as six months or more. You will be kept informed of the status of the matter as it progresses. You should recognize, however, that the Disciplinary Board cannot and does not give legal advice, does not have jurisdiction over damage or malpractice claims against attorneys and cannot alter or affect in any way the outcome of private legal matters in court. If you need additional advice on your case, you must obtain the assistance of your own private attorney.

In Southern Nevada please contact:

State Bar of Nevada Office of Bar Counsel 3100 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 29102 5w1,100 TEL (702) 382-2200 or (800) 254-2797 FAX (702) 382-8747

In Northern Nevada please contact:

State Bar of Nevada Office of Bar Counsel 9456 Double R Blvd. Suite B, Reno, NV 89521 TEL (775) 329-4100 FAX (775) 329-0522 complaint@nvbar.org

PLEASE SEE ATTATCHED COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO NRCP AULE 12 IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDCR 2.20:

YOUR INFORMATION First, Middle and Last Name: Matthew Trowis Houston
Your Address: NDOC Nº 1210652 - HPSP - Po Box 650
City:
Attorney Name: Alexis M. Duecker
Law Firm Name: AMD LAW, PLLC aka SMS CHARTERED
Attorney Address: 340 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite Nº 110
Attorney City: Las Vegas State: NV Zip: 89119
PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH THE STATE BAR OF NEVADA Have you previously contacted the State Bar of Nevada regarding this matter?  Yes No If "Yes", when and where did you contact us?: Retroatively From Sept. 30, 2016
If known, what was the file number for the case or claim: Eto: No. 4-17-756861-C
HIRING THE ATTORNEY Did you hire/retain the attorney about whom you are complaining?: *
Yes No
If you answered yes:  When did the représentation begin:  July 13, 2022
What was the fee arrangement: court appointed by Elham Roohani
How much have you paid the lawyer to date: \$0 (not including postage)
Brief description of the nature of the case the attorney was engaged to handle (i.e. personal injury, criminal, malpractice: Petition for a wait of habeas corpus— Post conviction releafing the direct appeal/ plea withdraw
If you answered no: What is your connection to the lawyer: ETDC C-21-357927-1 /A-22-853203-W
WITNESSES #7: Darran M. Geenau (702) 762-1347 Names and contact information for other persons who can provide additional information concerning your complaint:  #1:
#2: GARY WASSUM (610) 762-4143
#3: Patrick Lawrence Phillips (763) 267-9914
#4: Chris Carletto (646) 825-0707 #5: Scott Lee, Jr. (563) 777-014  LITIGATION #6: Scott Lee, Sr. (563) 221-1157#7: Darian M. Geenan  If your case is related to a court case or other proceeding, please provide the following information:  (For example: Smith v. Jones, Case Number 1234, Eighth Judicial District Court)  Case Name:
Case Number: A-22-853203-W. Eighth Judicial District Court

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SUPPLIMENTAL PETITION filed in January 2022 was Fraudulent.
In order for us to better understand and investigate your claim, please provide specific information regarding your
grievance. In the space above, please provide in narrative form a comprehensive and detailed description of the persons and events involved in the conduct which you believe constitutes a breach of professional

of the persons and events involved in the conduct which you believe constitutes a breach of professional ethics. In essence, please provide us a story about what occurred in the legal matter underlying your complaint. It is not necessary for you to cite specific Rules of Professional Conduct. However, it is very important that a complete and thorough explanation of events and dates be provided. There is no limit to the amount of spaces that can, and should, be utilized. Explain what measures you have taken to resolve this matter directly with the attorney

Written Materials
Please provide, if applicable, the following materials to the State Bar of Nevada:

- A copy of any written fee agreement with the attorney. If there was no written agreement, please explain your understanding regarding payment to your attorney in your explanation of grievance.
- Copies of the front and back sides of all canceled checks and/or copies of receipts showing payments made by you to the attorney.
- Copies of any pertinent court documents, particularly pleadings and judicial orders, in your possession.
  - Copies of all correspondence between you and the attorney.

PLEASE SEE ATTATCHED:



340 E. Warm Springs Rd. Ste. 110 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

Tel: 775.526.3529 Cell: 702.743.0107 Fax: 775.562.2694

admin@amdlawlv.com

July 20, 2022

Matthew Houston #1210652 High Desert State Prison PO Box 650 Indian Springs, Nevada 89070

Re: Pleasure Speaking With You

#### Hi Matthew!

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me today regarding your matters. Please feel free to jot down a few ideas and mail them to me at: 340 East Warm Springs Rd. Ste. 110, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. My office number is 775-526-3529. My cell phone is 702-743-0107, but it may be a bit more difficult to reach via phone. I prefer letters, so that I can keep track of our conversations better. I will prepare the Stipulation to Set the Briefing Schedule in this matter like you and I discussed and as soon as it is filed, I will mail you a file-stamped copy. Also, I will mail you the transcripts I get as I receive them, along with everything else I can get.

I look forward to your letter!

Best Regards,

Alexis Duecker, Esq.



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June 14, 2023

Matthew Houston #1210652 High Desert State Prison PO Box 650 Indian Springs, Nevada 89070

Re: Letter Received June 14, 2023 dated June 9, 20203

#### Hi Matthew!

Thank you for writing me. In court the other day, I was coming to talk to you to let you know that I thought we had a good chance of "winning" our petition and I wanted to talk to you about what that looked like. I only stated that you "threatened counsel" because that is what you pled guilty to. You entered into a guilty plea for threatening counsel. I would have never included something in the petition that you had not been found guilty of. If you would like, I will gladly tell the court that you do not agree with that sentence, and I can ask the court to strike it or take judicial notice that you do not agree with that. That would not change the substance of the writ in anyway, so I am more than happy to do that.

I did find it troubling that you think I am not on your side. You have written me a lot of letters, like a lot of other clients in your situation have, so I am unable to respond to every letter. I apologize if you think I should have communicated more. I will do that going forward, but obviously I have been working on your matter. You spoke with my doctor who came and evaluated you, and I have sent you copies of every filing.

With regards to why I did not inquire into the false police reports, those claims are waived when you enter a guilty plea agreement unfortunately. When you and I spoke on the phone in the beginning, I explained that certain claims are waived. When someone enters a guilty plea, most claims for anything related prior to the entry of the guilty plea are likely waived.

Procedurally, if we do not win on this writ, then we can appeal that decision. If we do not win on appeal, then you can contact the federal public defender's office, and they might be interested in taking on your matter. So, I don't want your hopes to go down if we don't win this petition.





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Again, I think we have a good chance of winning on one of the claims—the direct appeal deprivation claim.

Your next court date is June 28, 2023. There, you will get to decide what you would like to do. The court is looking into competency proceedings, and if you would like me to withdraw, I certainly can, and I will help whoever you next counsel is.

Let me know your thoughts, and I will work with you.

Best Regards

Alexis Duecker, Esq.

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## WHY TO DISMISS COUNSEL

AMO LAW - Alexis M. Duecker # I I still have not been provided any transcripts to any of my cases. EUDC appointed her just to stall the process of my obtainment of freedom and justice. Never provided a PSI-#2. Who is SMS CHAPITERED PSOSCHARTERED (www springs address) Why Sahara address? Why was my mail returned turn her Sahara Ave. address ? #5. Why suprised un-announced Visit Nov. 10, 2022, causing rioting and my trip to the infirmry? #6. Why 2nd Suprise Visit F/ DR BAILEY? # I have not been provided any further records of A-22-853203-W, which is enror because I'd requested STANDBY COUNSEL, not attorney of record- So where's Emily Strand? Wheres my retired social security Judge in Des Mothes? Why have I still not been informed of who the mystery visitor was from November 10, 2022?

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NAME: MATTHEW Travis Houston, # 1210652

HIGH DESERT STATE PRISON P.O. BOX 650 INDIAN SPRINGS, NEVADA 89018

DATE: January 20th, 2023

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MO LAW, PLLC

340 East Warm Springs Road, Ste No. 110

Las Vegas, NV 89119

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF COUNSEL/TRANSFER OF RECORDS

CASE NO.: A-22-853203-W

DEPT. NO.: 10 -> 17

CASE NAME: Houston V. Johnson et al

Please be advised that from this date forward, your authority as Attorney of Record in the above-stated action is hereby terminated. All of the professional relations of Attorney and Client do hereby cease.

Please enter your withdrawal from this action with the Court immediately.

Pursuant to NRS 7.055, I respectfully request that you deliver to me, forthwith, all documents, papers, pleadings and tangible personal property that is in your possession that relates to the above-named action.

Your prompt attention to this request is genuinely appreciated.

Respectfully,

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REV. MATTHEW TRAVIS HOUSTON, CHTD

NDOC No. 1210652 @ HOSP

ABA No. 04662784

22010 Cold Creck Road

PO BOX 650

Indian Springs, NV

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POINTS AND AUTHORITIES 1 2 The Nevada Revised Statute 7.055(1), which deals with the duty of a discharged attorney, states: 3 "An attorney who has been discharged by his client shall, upon demand and payment of the fee due from the client, immediately deliver to the client all papers, documents, pleadings and items of tangible property 4 which belong to or were prepared for that client,' 5 As can be seen in this case, the defendant does not owe any fees, in fact, they, meaning counsel(s) of record, were appointed by the Court to represent the defendant, who was an indigent, in Case Number 22 - 853203-W now Department 17. , in Department No. 7 8 N.R.S. 7.055(2) gives this Court the power to Order the Attorney(s) of record to produce and 9 eliver to the defendant in his/her possession, which states: 10 "A client who, after demand therefore and payment of the fee due from him, does not receive from his discharged attorney all papers, documents, pleadings and items of tangible personal property may, by 11 a motion filed after at least 5 days' notice to the attorney, obtain an order for the production of his papers, Documents, pleadings and other property." 12 13 In numerous cases throughout this great land, the courts have held attorneys to a high degree of 14 professional responsibility and integrity. This carried from the time of hiring to and through the 15 attorney's termination of employment. 16 Supreme Court Rule 173 states quite clear that a withdrawn attorney owes his former client a 17 . .prompt accounting of all his client's. . . .property in his possession." This is echoed in Canon 2 of 18 the Code of Professional Responsibility of the American Bar Association, which states in pertinent 19 part EC 2-32: "A lawyer should protect the welfare of his client by . . . delivering to the client all 20 papers and property to which the client is entitled." Again in Disciplinary Rule 2-110(A)(2) of the 21 ABA, this is brought out that a withdrawn attorney must deliver to the client all papers an comply with 22 applicable laws on the subject. 23 In the cases of In Re Yount, 93 Ariz. 322, 380 P.2d 780 (1963) and State v. Alvey, 215 Kan. 460. 24 P.2d 747 (1974), both of which dealt with a factual situation involving a withdrawn attorney 25 efusing to deliver to a former client his documents after being requested to do so by the client. The 26 court in Yount, supra, ordered the attorney disbarred while in Alvey, supra, the court had the attorney 27 tensored.

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While not the intention of the Defendant in this case to have the attorney disbarred, these cases do how a pattern in the court in considering the refusal to deliver to a former client all his documents and property after being requested to do so, a serious infraction of the law and of professional ethics. See, In Re Sullivan, 212 Kan. 233, 510 P.2d 1199 (1973). In summary, this court has jurisdiction through NRS 7.055 to Order the attorney(s) to produce and eliver to the Defendant all documents and personal property in his/their possession belonging to him or prepared for him. The Defendant has fulfilled his obligations in trying to obtain the papers. The ttorney(s) is in discord with Cannon 2 of the Code of Professional responsibility and the Nevada Supreme Court Rules 173, 176 and 203. DATED: this 24 day of May , 2023. 



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#### POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

NRS 7.055 states in pertinent part:

DATED: this 24 day of May 2023

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1. An attorney who has been discharged by his client shall upon demand and payment of the fee due from the client, immediately deliver to the client all papers, documents, pleadings and items of tangible personal property which belong to or were prepared for that client.

5 6 2. If the court finds that an attorney has, without just cause, refused or neglected to obey its order given under this section, the court may, after notice and fine or imprison him until the contempt purged. If the court finds that the attorney has, without just cause, withheld the client's papers, documents, pleadings, or other property, the attorney is liable for costs and attorney's fees.

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Counsel in the above-entitled case was court-appointed due to Defendant's indigence. Defendant does not owe counsel any fees.

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WHEREFORE, Defendant prays this Honorable Court, Grant his Motion to Withdraw Counsel and that counsel deliver to Defendant all papers, documents, pleadings, discovery and any other tangible property which belong to or were prepared for the Defendant to allow Defendant the proper assistance that is needed to insure that justice is served.

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Respectfully submitted,

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### FROM: 1210652 TO: STATE BAR OF NEVADA ET AL

## NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GRIEVANT'S STATEMENT CONTINUATION FORM

NAME: MATTHEW TRAVIS HOUSTON, I.D. NUMBER: 1210652
INSTITUTION: HDSP UNIT #: 4-D-39
GRIEVANCE #: A-17-758861-C GRIEVANCE LEVEL: EXHAUSTED
GRIEVANT'S STATEMENT CONTINUATION: PG. OF
AS the STATE BAR OF NEVADA has failed to respond
to the complaint I'd previously mailed regarding
CRAIG MUELLER AND ASSOCIATES, ET AL (SEE
LVJC No. 224001793) that negligence is in
addition to the association's negligence during
Plaintiff's complaints not limited to EJDC No.
A-17-758861-C, which is retroactive from
the events of both September 20, 2016, and
September 30, 2016. Retroactivity is metitorious
and validly tolled from well before December 31,
2011. SEE EJDC No. (5) A-19-800219-Wand A-22-853203-W
Attatched is the initial phase of
MATTHEW TRAVIS HOUSTON V. AMD LAW, PLLC
I would appreciate a response and explanation.
Original: Attached to Grievance Pink: Inmate's Copy
REV. MATTHEW TRAVIS HOUSTON, CHTD
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1	RENEWED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAILING IN EX PARTE
2	I, Matthew Travis Houston, hereby certify, pursuant to NRCP 5(b), that on this 24
3	day of May 2023, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing, "MOTION
4	TO WITHDRAW COUNSEL "
5	by depositing it in the High Desert State Prison, Legal Library, First-Class Postage, fully prepaid,
6	addressed as follows:
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## EXHIBIT 2

#### **Declaration of Alexis M. Duecker, Esq.**

Alexis M. Duecker, Esq. makes the following declaration:

- 1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada.
- 2. I am the Court Appointed attorney assigned to represent Appellant, Matthew Houston, in this case.
- 3. That a conflict has arisen in this case involving my continued representation of Mr. Houston.
- 4. That pursuant to NRPC 2.26, specifically, NRPC 1.16(b)(1), 1.16(b)(4), 1.16(b)(6), and 1.16(b)(7) I am required to withdraw in this matter.
- 5. I was served a civil complaint by Appellant, alleging my ineffective representation in this matter, specifically, the underlying post-conviction matter.
- 6. That, in order to not divulge any client confidences, I accept this Court to accept my representations of a conflict as being made in good faith, and upon this acceptance this Court should find that the conflict is sufficient to allow withdrawal. See Manfredi & Levine v. Superior Court, 78 Cal.Rptr.2d 494, 66

- Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 1128 (cal. App. 1998) citing: <u>Aceves v. Superior Court</u>, 51 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 584 (1996).
- 7. That if any additional inquiry is required regarding the conflict, counsel asks that this inquiry be via an in camera review to be addressed in front of another judge, so as to avoid any potential tainting of any of this Court's decisions regarding my client.
- 8. After the denial of the Motions to Withdraw, I contacted the State Bar of Nevada E0thics Hotline telephonically wherein the State Bar representative noted that continued representation in this instance would not be appropriate.
- 9. That counsel's ethical duties require that she seek alternate counsel for Mr. Houston at this time.
- 10. That my continued representation of Mr. Houston would result in a violation of his constitutional rights.
  - 11. That I will mail a copy of this Motion to Mr. Houston upon its filing.
  - 12. Therefore, I request that this Court appoint independent counsel to represent Mr. Houston from this point forward.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. (NRS 53.045)

<u>/s/Alexis M. Duecker</u> Alexis M. Duecker, Esq. Attorney for Appellant