

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

Supreme Court Case No. 63444

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LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP., a Nevada corporation, and
SANDS CHINA, LTD., a Cayman Islands corporation,

Petitioners,

v.

CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH
GONZALEZ, DISTRICT JUDGE, DEPT. XI,

Respondents,

and

STEVEN C. JACOBS,

Real Party in Interest.

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT IN RELATED
CASES No. 62944 AND 63444**

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 No one is more eager than real party in interest, Steven C. Jacobs ("Jacobs"),
3 to have this case move forward. This case has been in what appears to be perpetual
4 paralysis for nearly three years as a product of the Petitioners' discovery
5 noncompliance. Respectfully, the oral argument request by Petitioners, Las Vegas
6 Sands Corp. ("LVSC") and its controlled subsidiary, Sands China Limited ("Sands
7 China"), is not designed to expedite a resolution.

8 For nearly three years, Jacobs has been precluded from prosecuting his rights,
9 or even obtaining any merits discovery, notwithstanding that LVSC does not even
10 dispute the fact that it is subject to jurisdiction nor did it seek any form of discovery
11 stay. Rather, Sands China challenged the District Court's personal jurisdiction,
12 which then prompted what was plainly contemplated as a short stay pending
13 resolution of the jurisdictional issue. But, shortly thereafter, LVSC and
14 Sands China ground the jurisdictional discovery process to a standstill, prompting
15 the District Court to find that they had purposefully obstructed the discovery
16 process and concealed evidence. Notably, even in their present request for oral
17 argument, Petitioners continue to refuse to take ownership for their activities, which
18 has led to this case's delay; instead preferring to blame the District Court as though
19 it forced them to obstruct discovery.

20 The present request is a repeat of Petitioners' previously denied motion to
21 consolidate these same two writ petitions. What Petitioners refer to as "Writ 2" and
22 "Writ 3" are not "substantively related," as Petitioners contend. Nor does Writ 2
23 present a question of privilege as Petitioners erroneously suggest. It arises from
24 LVSC and Sands China's disregard and violation of a discovery sanction imposed
25 as a result of their misconduct. Neither of these petitions presents an honest
26 question about the District Court's efficient management. Again, the paralysis of
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1 this case is the desired byproduct of LVSC and Sands China's own actions. And
2 they have benefited immensely from the delays they have procured.

3 Rather than delaying the resolution of the two remaining writs by
4 coordinating them in some fashion, Jacobs asks this Court to proceed expeditiously
5 with their resolution, regardless of oral argument scheduling. Indeed, Writ 3
6 presents a straight forward application of this Court's prohibition upon seeking writ
7 relief when a party fails to pursue available appellate options in a timely manner.
8 Petitioners consciously chose to forego an appeal over the exact same issue
9 involving the exact same documents nearly two years ago. For Jacobs, it is hard to
10 accept the continuous delays procured by Petitioners in the face of their confirmed
11 discovery misconduct and election not to bring matters to this Court's attention
12 much earlier.

13 No case should be frozen for three years before any merits discovery is
14 permitted to occur with documents disappearing and memories fading. There is no
15 need to coordinate oral argument on distinct writ issues that will only further
16 perpetuate delay.

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