# In the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada

LAS VEGAS RESORT HOLDINGS, LLC,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

vs.

SCOTT ROEBEN,

Defendant-Respondent.

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Appeal from the Eighth Judicial District Court for Clark County, Nevada

District Court Case No. A-20-819171-C

### MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION

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### NRAP 26.1 DISCLOSURE

The undersigned counsel of record certifies that the following are persons and entities as described in NRAP 26.1(a), and must be disclosed. These representations are made in order that the judges of this Court may evaluate possible disqualification or recusal.

- 1. Respondent Scott Roeben is an individual, and thus there is no parent corporation or publicly held company that owns 10% or more of her stock.
- 2. The following law firm represented Respondent in the district court proceedings leading to this appeal and represents Respondent in this appeal:

RANDAZZA LEGAL GROUP, PLLC 2764 Lake Sahara Drive, Suite 109 Las Vegas, NV 89117

No other law firm is expected to appear on Respondent's behalf in this appeal.

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### 1.0 Introduction

Appellant filed its Notice of Appeal in this matter in bad faith nine days after the deadline passed for it to properly do so. This Court lacks jurisdiction to hear this appeal and it should be summarily dismissed.

### 2.0 Procedural History

This appeal stems from a SLAPP¹ suit filed by Appellant Las Vegas Resort Holdings, LLC ("Sahara"), owner of the Sahara Las Vegas resort, against Respondent Scott Roeben ("Mr. Roeben"), operator of VitalVegas.com, a news website that publishes news and information about the Las Vegas entertainment and hospitality industry.

Mr. Roeben filed an Anti-SLAPP Special Motion to Dismiss Under NRS 41.660, which the District Court granted on October 30, 2020. See Exhibit 1, Notice of Entry of Order Granting Defendant Scott Roeben's Anti-SLAPP Special Motion to Dismiss Under NRS 41.660 (the "Anti-SLAPP Order"). All of Sahara's pending claims against Mr. Roeben were dismissed by this Order, and the case was dismissed with prejudice. *Id.* After Mr. Roeben moved for attorneys' fees and costs in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "SLAPP" is an acronym for Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation. These are suits filed not for the purpose of ultimately prevailing, but rather to silence and intimidate critics by burdening them with the costs of litigation.

the District Court, Sahara belatedly filed a notice of appeal on December 9, 2020, appealing the District Court's Anti-SLAPP order.

See Exhibit 2, Notice of Appeal.

### 3.0 Legal Argument

An appeal may be taken where "[a] final judgment entered in an action or proceeding commenced in the court in which the judgment is rendered." NRAP 3A(b)(1). A notice of appeal relating to a final judgment must be filed within 30 days from when notice of entry of the written order is served. NRAP 4(a)(1).

### 3.1 The Anti-SLAPP Order was a Final Judgment

The Anti-SLAPP Order entered by the District Court on October 30, 2020 was a final judgment. See Lee v. GNLV Corp., 116 Nev. 424, 426, 996 P.2d 416, 417 (Nev. 2000) ("[A] final judgment is one that disposes of all the issues presented in the case, and leaves nothing for the future consideration of the court, except for post-judgment issues such as attorney's fees and costs."). Here, all claims brought by Sahara against Mr. Roeben were disposed of by the Anti-SLAPP Order, and the only remaining issue was the determination of attorney's fees and costs. See Exhibit 1.

"[The Nevada Supreme court has] consistently considered appeals from summary judgment orders disposing of the entire action." *GNLV*, 116 Nev. at 428. An Anti-SLAPP motion is a summary judgment motion. *Stubbs v. Strickland*, 297 P.3d 326, 329 (Nev. 2013); *see also Coker v. Sassone*, 432 P.3d 746, 748-49 (Nev. 2019).

Because the only thing remaining for the lower court to do is to determine fees and costs, and there is nothing else remaining for the future consideration of the court, the Anti-SLAPP Order was an appealable final judgment.

### 3.2 Sahara Failed to Timely File the Notice of Appeal

A notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from when notice of entry of the written order is served. NRAP 4(a)(1). Here, written notice of the Anti-SLAPP Order was served on October 30, 2020. See Exhibit 1. Accordingly, the deadline for Sahara to appeal the Anti-SLAPP Order was December 1, 2020. Sahara, however, waited until December 9, 2020, to file its Notice of Appeal. See Exhibit 2. The Notice of Appeal was untimely.

3.3 The Court Has No Jurisdiction to Hear This Appeal

The failure to timely file a notice of appeal does not properly give

the Court jurisdiction to hear the appeal. See Rust v. Clark Cty. Sch.

Dist., 103 Nev. 686, 688, 747 P.2d 1380, 1382 (Nev. 1987) ("[T]he proper

and timely filing of a notice of appeal is jurisdictional.").

failure to timely file a notice of appeal in this matter does not give this

Court jurisdiction.

Conclusion 4.0

The Anti-SLAPP Order was an appealable final judgment, and

Sahara failed to timely file its Notice of Appeal. This Court lacks

jurisdiction to hear this appeal, and it should be summarily dismissed.

Dated: December 15, 2020.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion to Dismiss Appeal for Lack of Jurisdiction was served upon all counsel of record by electronically filing the document using the Nevada Supreme Court's electronic filing system.

Respectfully Submitted,

Employee,

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## EXHIBIT 1

Notice of Entry of Order Granting Defendant Scott Roeben's Anti-SLAPP Special Motion to Dismiss Under NRS 41.660

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#### TO: ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD

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To: Alex Shepard <ajs@randazza.com>

Cc: Trey Rothell <ar@randazza.com>, Jasmyn Montano <jbm@randazza.com>, Marc Randazza <mjr@randazza.com>

Alex,

You have consent to use my esignature on this most recent draft of the order.

-Matt

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