

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH
HALVERSON, EIGHTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE,
Petitioner,

vs.

THE HONORABLE KATHY A.
HARDCASTLE, EIGHTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT CHIEF JUDGE,
Respondent,
and
THE STATE OF NEVADA,
Real Party in Interest.

No. 49453

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DISCLOSURE OF NON-DISQUALIFYING INTEREST

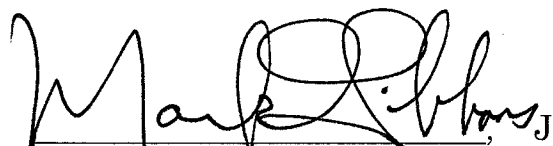
I am disclosing for the record that on or about February 7, 2007, Justice Michael Cherry and I met with Judge Halverson at her office in Las Vegas. The three of us discussed the importance of being civil and courteous to all attorneys and litigants, among other topics. The meeting was cordial and lasted about ten minutes.

I am also disclosing that on or about April 4, 2007, I met with Presiding Civil Judge Elizabeth Gonzalez and then with Court Administrator Chuck Short regarding the senior judge settlement conference program and related scheduling issues. During those conversations, we had very brief discussions regarding Judge Halverson's purported meeting with a criminal jury during deliberations and the legal ramifications. I noted that Judge Halverson was assigned primarily civil cases while she worked as an attorney/law clerk under the supervision of various chief judges between 1998 and 2004. As a previous chief judge of the Eighth Judicial District, I stated that the chief judge has the

authority, under the Eighth Judicial District Court rules, to reassign a district judge to a specialized all civil calendar and that such an assignment may be a better fit for Judge Halverson. I gave these conversations no further thought until I read Judge Halverson's Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto on May 16, 2007.

While I believe that these conversations do not raise any issue of actual bias, I am disclosing this fact for consideration of the parties as to whether this conduct necessitates my disqualification in the matter. Any party objecting to my participation in the decision of this petition should notify the clerk of this court in writing before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2007.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2007, at Carson City, Nevada.


Mark Gibbons

cc: Gentile DePalma, Ltd.
Kathy Hardcastle, Chief District Judge
Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto/Carson City