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11	Petitioner,	
12	vs.	
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14	Respondent.	
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17	PETITION FOR WRIT OF PROHIBITION OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS	
18	COMES NOW, the Appellant, HONORABLE JUDGE MELANIE ANDRESS-	
19	TOBIASSON, by and through her counsel, WILLIAM B. TERRY, ESQ. and	
20	ALEXANDRA ATHMANN-MARCOUX, ESQ., of the law offices of WILLIAM B.	
21	TERRY, CHARTERED and files the instant petition for writ of prohibition or, in the	
22	alternative, writ of mandamus.	
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ROUTING STATEMENT

Petitioner, Melanie Andress-Tobiasson, is currently a Justice of the Peace for 2 On approximately November 7, 2018, the Nevada Clark County, Nevada. 3 Commission on Judicial Discipline (hereinafter the "Commission") made a 4 determination that there was sufficient evidence to require Judge Tobiasson to 5 respond to a complaint against her. As of the date of the instant petition, no formal 6 charges have been filed against Judge Tobiasson but in fact the Commission on 7 Judicial Discipline has required her to answer a set of "interrogatories" prior to the 8 filing of any formal charges against her. This proceeding is outside of the jurisdiction 9 and the rules which are applicable to the Commission. Again, it is important to note 10 that no formal complaint has been filed against Judge Tobiasson by the Commission. 11 Because this is a case that involves judicial discipline, this petition should be heard 12 and decided by the Supreme Court pursuant to the Nevada Rule of Appellate 13 Procedure 17(a)(3). 14

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RELIEF SOUGHT

That the Nevada Supreme Court issue a Writ of Prohibition or, in the I. alternative, a Writ of Mandamus against the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline to withdraw their set of interrogatories directing the Honorable 18 Judge Melanie Andress-Tobiasson to respond to interrogatories directed to her 19 prior to the time of filing of formal Statement of Charges or Complaint against 20her; and 21

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To stay further proceedings until the instant Writ is addressed; II.

ISSUES PRESENTED

Whether the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline has the authority to
direct Judge Tobiasson to respond to a set of interrogatories prior to the time of filing
any formal charges against her.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

On November 7, 2018, Paul Deyhle, General Counsel and Executive Director 6 of the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline forwarded a letter to the Honorable 7 Melanie Andress-Tobiasson, a Justice of the Peace in Clark County, Nevada. A copy 8 of that letter is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit "1". 9 While the letter itself is self-explanatory, it advises Judge Tobiasson that on October 10 25, 2018, "...the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline...made a determination 11 that there was sufficient evidence to require you to respond to a complaint against 12 you..." The letter continues "enclosed you will find a copy of the Commission's 13 determination and questions..." It is the "questions" which Petitioner takes exception 14 The letter continues that after an investigation and preliminary review, the 15 to. Commission determined that an answer to the complaint would be required. It further 16 continues "The Commission at this time has not made a finding of whether there is 17 sufficient evidence to proceed to a formal hearing." Equally important to the instant 18 petition is the fact that there is in fact no formal atement of charges or complaint 19 that has been filed against Judge Tobiasson. Nevertheless, the letter continues that 20 "PURSUANT TO PROCEDURAL RULE 12(3) YOU ARE REQUIRED TO 21 **RESPOND TO THE SWORN COMPLAINT IN WRITING WITHIN THIRTY 30** 22

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1 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THE COMPLAINT..." Again, no complaint has been 2 received. It continues that the failure to respond shall be deemed an admission of all 3 relevant facts. That is precisely what the instant petition is directed to. The letter 4 continues that "I have included in the determination a list of the issues the 5 Commission wants addressed a list of questions..."

As part of the November 7, 2018, letter likewise attached was a document 6 signed by the Chairman of the Commission, Gary Vause, dated October 25, 2018, and 7 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit "2". It likewise 8 indicates that the Commission has made a determination that there was a reasonable 9 probability that the evidence available for introduction at a formal hearing could 10 clearly and convincingly establish grounds for discipline. It continues that 11 "Respondent is required to respond to the complaint ..." Again, no complaint has been 12 filed against Judge Tobiasson. The term complaint means formal charges. Likewise 13 attached and again dated November 7, 2018, although not made part of the instant 14 record, while the questions themselves will not be set forth in the instant Petition for 15 privacy matters and confidentiality matters, the introductory portion of that letter is 16 in fact attached as Exhibit "3". Again, while the letter itself is self-explanatory, it 17 mandates that the "Respondent is required to answer the questions separately and 18 fully in writing under oath..." 19

LEGAL ANALYSIS

I. A WRIT OF PROHIBITION OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, A WRIT OF MANDAMUS SHOULD ISSUE AGAINST THE COMMISSION BECAUSE THE COMMISSION IS ACTING OUTSIDE OF IT'S CONSTITUTIONAL AND/OR STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT NO

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FORMAL STATEMENT OF CHARGES HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST PETITIONER.

The Nevada Supreme Court has original jurisdiction to issue writs of mandamus and/or writs of prohibition. Nevada Constitution Article VI, Section 4. A writ of mandamus is available to compel the performance of an act that the law requires as a duty resulting from an office, trust or station or to control a manifest abuse of discretion. See State v. District Court (Armstrong), 127 Nev. __, 267 P.3d 777 (2011). Normally, a writ will not issue if petitioner has a plain, speedy and adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law. See NRS 34.170. Chapter 34 likewise provides that a writ of mandamus or a writ of prohibition can be filed to cure a defect. It is recognized that a writ of mandamus or in the alternative a writ of prohibition is an extraordinary remedy and that the decision to entertain such a petition lies with the Supreme Court's discretion. See Hickey v. District Court, 105 Nev. 729, 782 P.2d 1336 (1989). The court in Armstrong, supra, however, has held that in deciding whether to exercise its discretion the court can consider amongst other things whether the petition raises an important issue of law that needs clarification or alternatively will affect other cases similarly situated.

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A writ of prohibition "arrests" the proceedings of any commission exercising judicial functions when such proceedings are without or in excess of the jurisdiction of such (Commission). See NRS 34.320. In the instant case the Court should issue a writ of prohibition or in the alternative a writ of mandamus to the Commission because it has acted outside it's prescribed authority under both the Nevada Constitution and any and all statutes. A writ of prohibition is necessary in the instant

case because without a determination by this Honorable Court Judge Tobiasson will
 be forced, prior to a formal statement of charges to respond to a set of interrogatories
 which is inconsistent with both the rules dealing with the Commission and the
 Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. Additionally, Judge Tobiasson has no other plain,
 speedy or adequate remedy under the law since the Commission is acting outside of
 its authority.

JUDGE TO RESPOND THE II. IN DIRECTING TOBIASSON TO 7 COMMISSION EXCEEDED IT'S INTERROGATORIES. THE HAS AUTHORITY PRIOR TO THE FILING OF ANY FORMAL STATEMENT 8 OF CHARGES AGAINST JUDGE TOBIASSON.

In making the instant argument it is important to note that to date no formal set of charges has been filed against Judge Tobiasson. Apparently the Commission has made an initial determination that a complaint may be filed but has required Judge Tobiasson to respond to the interrogatories. While the Commission terms these as a set of "questions" they are not authorized under the statute prior to the time of filing a formal statement of charges and are in fact nothing more than a set of "interrogatories".

In it's letter of November 7, 2018, (Exhibit 3) the Commission relies upon Nevada Constitution Article VI, Section 21(7), NRS 1.462 and NRS 1.4667 as well as Commission Procedural Rule 12 in directing Judge Tobiasson to respond to the interrogatories prior to the time of the filing of any formal set of charges against her. First of all, Nevada Constitution Article VI, Section 21(7) does not authorize the Commission to forward interrogatories to a sitting judge whether it be Judge Tobiasson or another, prior to the filing of a formal statement of charges. While the

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Commission cites NRS 1.462 as authority for directing Judge Tobiasson to respond
 to the interrogatories, a review of that statute in fact shows that the Commission is
 acting outside of the scope of its authority. NRS 1.462 indicates "proceedings before
 the Commission are civil matters designed to reserve an independent and honorable
 judiciary. (See Section 1). It then continues:

Except as otherwise provided in NRS 1.425-1.4695 inclusive or in the procedural rules adopted by the Commission after a formal statement of charges has been filed, the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure apply...

In addressing this statute, no formal statement of charges has been filed against
 Judge Tobiasson. NRS 1.4667 again cited by the Commission is also of no benefit
 to the actions currently being undertaken by the Commission. Subsection 3 indicates
 that "If the Commission determines that such a reasonable probability exists the
 Commission shall require the judge to respond to the complaint in accordance with
 procedural rules adopted by the Commission..." Appn, no complaint has been filed
 against Judge Tobiasson.

The procedure which the Commission is undertaking is one which they normally follow in all cases prior to the time that a formal set of charges are filed. Based on information and belief, the instant petition is the first time that such a procedure is being challenged by one similarly situated as is Judge Tobiasson. Again, if a formal statement of charges or, as NRS 1.4667 indicates, a complaint if filed against Judge Tobiasson, the instant issue might not exist. A review of their own procedural rule, however, does not indicate that they have the authority or power to mandate that a sitting judge answer a set of interrogatories prior to the filing of a

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formal complaint. What Procedural Rule 12 indicates is that initially the Commission 1 reviews reports of the investigation to make a determination whether or not there is 2 sufficient reason to require the respondent to answer. Once the Commission 3 determines that there is a reasonable probability that the evidence could show clearly 4 and convincingly grounds for discipline then it requires the respondent named in the 5 complaint to respond. Again, no complaint has been filed against the Petitioner. The 6 Rule continues that the Commission shall serve the complaint upon the respondent 7 who has a period of thirty (30) days to answer. Again, there is nothing in reference 8 to a set of interrogatories or "questions". Ender subsection 6 of that procedural rule, 9 the Commission investigator has subpoen apower but again we are not talking about 10 a subpoena in the instant case. 11

In it's own procedural rules, the Commission defines under Rule 2, subsection 12 5 a "formal statement of charges" as meaning a document filed by the designated 13 prosecuting officer. No formal statement of charges exists in the instant case. 14 Interestingly enough, while the Commission uses the term complaint there is no 15 definition of complaint in the definitional section. Again, in referring to the 16 November 7th letter, it indicates "the questions are intended to focus the issues in the 17 complaint as determined by the Commission..." The Petitioner suggests that the 18 "complaint" is in fact a formal statement of charges which does not exist in the instant 19 case. In reality what you have is the Commission already making a determination that 20 there is a potentiality of sanctions being brought against Judge Tobiasson and then 21 mandating that she respond to the interrogatories or as they call them "questions". 22

authorizes the executive director to designate a prosecuting officer who must sign
 under oath a formal statement of charges against the judge." While this is part of the
 procedural rules, that has not occurred in the instant case and no formal statement of
 charges has been filed against Judge Tobiasson.

Procedural Rule 17 requires the judge to answer within twenty (20) days after 5 the service of the formal statement of charges. No rule provides that the respondent 6 must answer interrogatories and/or questions posed by the Commission. The 7 Commission's own rules indicate that the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure govern 8 their procedures. Under Rule 26 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, discovery only 9 occurs after the filing of a formal complaint. In the case of the Commission that 10 would be a formal statement of charges. The Rules of Civil Procedure clearly 11 indicate that the discovery process occurs after the filing of a complaint. 12

13 It is further submitted that not even the legislature has the power to enlarge 14 jurisdiction of any court or in this case of the Judicial Commission beyond that 15 expressed in the Constitution. See *Paschell v. State*, 116 Nev. 911, 8 P.3d 851 16 (2000).

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CONCLUSION

18 The procedures described in the instant Petition and utilized most specifically 19 by the Commission are ones that they have utilized in the past. That does not mean, 20 however, that they are permitted to do so and the instant Petition requires a 21 determination by this Honorable Court as to whether or not the Commission is acting 22 outside the scope of their authority in mandating that a sitting judge answer

interrogatories prior to the filing of formal statement of charges. Again, Petitioner
 has no other adequate remedy at law and would ask that this Honorable Court
 intercede and further grant a stay until such time as this Court has made a
 determination.
 DATED this <u>3rd</u> day of December, 2018.

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2	STATE OF NEVADA)) ss:	
3	COUNTY OF CLARK)	
4	MELANIE ANDRESS-TOBIASSON, being first duly sworn under penalty of	
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6	That I am the Petitioner in the above-entitled action; that I have read the	
7	foregoing PETITION FOR WRIT OF PROHIBITION OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE,	
8	PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS and know the contents thereof; that the	
9	same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters therein contained stated	
10	upon information and belief, and as to those matter, I believe them to be true,	
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12	Melanie ANDRESS-TOBIASSON	
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14	SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before	
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5	proportionally spaced typeface using Corel WordPerfect X5 in Times New
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7	2. Further, I hereby certify that I have read this petition, and to the best of my
8	knowledge, information, and belief, it is not frivolous or interposed of any
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11	Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure.
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2	I hereby certify that I am an employee of William B. Terry, Chartered and that
3	the 3^{val} day of December, 2018, I did serve by way of electronic filing, a true and
4	correct copy of the above and foregoing PETITION FOR WRIT OF
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November 7, 2018

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

The Honorable Melanie Andress-Tobiasson Las Vegas Justice Court, Dept. 10 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89155-2511

Re: Judicial Conduct Complaint, Case No. 2018-120

Dear Judge Andress-Tobiasson:

On October 25, 2018, the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline (the "Commission") made a determination that there was sufficient evidence to require you to respond to a complaint against you. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Commission's Determination and Questions. Copies of the complaint and all investigatory documents are contained on a CD which is also enclosed with this letter. The Commission, after an investigation and preliminary review, has determined that an answer to the complaint should be required of you as set forth in the Procedural Rules of the Commission. The Commission at this time has not made a finding of whether there is sufficient evidence to proceed to a formal hearing.

PURSUANT TO PROCEDURAL RULE 12(3) YOU ARE REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO THE SWORN COMPLAINT IN WRITING WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THE COMPLAINT UPON YOU. FAILURE TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT SHALL BE DEEMED AN ADMISSION THAT THE RELEVANT FACTS ALLEGED IN THE COMPLAINT ARE TRUE AND ESTABLISH GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE.

The Commission has determined that you need not respond to all of the aspects of the complaint as can be determined by comparing the complaint with the Determination. In light of this and in order to help you focus your response, I have included in the Determination a list of the issues the Commission wants addressed, and a list of Questions. In essence, these frame the factual and legal issues. Please respond generally to the relevant portions of the Determination by the Commission and more specifically to the Questions.

The Honorable Melanie Andress-Tobiasson November 7, 2018 Page 2

Pursuant to Procedural Rule 12(4), you are entitled to inspect the records of the Commission relating to the disciplinary actions against you. Accordingly, I have enclosed copies of the Commission records regarding its investigation to date on the enclosed CD.

Please remember that, pursuant to NRS 1.4683, these matters are confidential. If you have any questions concerning the contents of this letter, you or your counsel may contact me through the Commission office.

Sincerely,

NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

Paul Deyhle

General Counsel and Executive Director

Exhibit "2"

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DETERMINATION BY NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE OF CAUSE FOR RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 2018-120

Following a review of the investigation in this case, the Commission determines pursuant to NRS 1.4667 that there is a reasonable probability that the evidence available for introduction at a formal hearing could clearly and convincingly establish grounds for disciplinary action against Respondent contained in the complaint. Accordingly, Respondent is required to respond to the complaint. The allegations of misconduct are as follows:

Respondent violated the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct, including Judicial Canon 1, Rule 1.1 (compliance with the law and the Code); Rule 1.2 (failing to act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary and avoiding impropriety and the appearance of impropriety); Rule 1.3 (avoiding abuse of the prestige of judicial office); Canon 2, Rule 2.2 (impartiality and fairness); Rule 2.3 (bias); Rule 2.4 (external influences on judicial conduct); Rule 2.5 (competence); and Rule 2.11 (disqualification), or any single rule or any combination of those rules, by doing the following while Respondent was the Justice of the Peace for the Las Vegas Justice Court in Clark County, Nevada:

- 1. In 2015 2016, Respondent improperly used her position as a judge to contact Las Vegas Metropolitan Police ("Metro") vice detectives regarding a sex trafficking ring involving the storefront Top Notch, Shane Valentine and Respondent's daughter.
- 2. Respondent called Metro vice detectives regarding the suspected sex trafficking ring and discussed the same with vice detectives who appeared before her to obtain search warrants.
- 3. Respondent stated that she wanted Metro to investigate the sex trafficking ring and close down the storefront in which the ring was headquartered.
- 4. Respondent said that she did not want to file a formal complaint with Metro but wanted to keep the matter confidential.
- 5. Respondent would not have had this type of access to Metro vice detectives without her position as a justice of the peace.
- 6. Respondent failed to immediately recuse herself, due to the connection between Respondent's daughter and Mr. Valentine, in Justice Court Case No. 15M22841X when Shane Valentine came before Respondent on domestic violence charges in 2016.

Dated this 25th of October, 2018

Gary Vause, Chairman

Exhibit "3"

November 7, 2018

QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO COMPLAINT REGARDING JUSTICE OF THE PEACE MELANIE ANDRESS-TOBIASSON CASE NUMBER 2018-120

TO: Justice of the Peace Melanie Andress-Tobiasson, Respondent:

(NOTE THAT ALL REFERENCES TO EITHER CANONS OR RULES PERTAIN TO THE REVISED NEVADA CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT)

This set of questions is sent pursuant to the authority of the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline (hereinafter referred to as "Commission"). Nev. Const. Art. 6, § 21(7); NRS 1.462, 1.4667; Commission Procedural Rule 12. Respondent is required to answer the questions separately and fully in writing **under oath**. (See required form of oath attached.) The answers shall set forth each question asked, followed by respondent's answer or response. The questions are intended to focus the issues in the complaint as determined by the Commission. References below either to Canons or Rules pertain to the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct. Should respondent deem it necessary to argue legal matters, a separate brief of no more than ten pages in total for all arguments may be attached and referenced in an answer to a question but said answer shall not contain legal argument.

The allegations of misconduct are found in the Determination of the Commission in this case entered on October 25, 2018. A copy is enclosed with these questions. Respondent is also being provided with copies of the evidentiary record considered by the Commission determining that there was sufficient evidence to require a response. Although respondent is to respond to the complaint pursuant to NRS 1.4667(3), the complaint is limited to the issues confirmed in the Determination of the Commission. Unless otherwise stated, all of the questions continue to pertain to the actions of respondent on or about 2015-2016, while Respondent was acting in her official capacity as a Justice of the Peace of the Las Vegas Justice Court, in Clark County, Nevada. The allegations center upon the incidents and people discussed in the attached I-Team interview with Respondent that was released on or about April 13, 2018, and Justice Court Case No. 15M22841X.