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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

STERLING ATKINS,
Petitioner,
vs.
RENEE BAKER, *et al.*,
Respondents.

2:02-cv-1348-JCM-PAL

ORDER

In this capital habeas corpus action, the petitioner, Sterling Atkins, is represented by attorney Marc Picker. The action is currently stayed, pending post-conviction proceedings in state court. *See* Order entered April 30, 2010 (ECF No. 119).

On July 6, 2013, Mr. Picker filed a motion to be relieved as counsel of record (ECF No. 125). In that motion, Mr. Picker requests that he be discharged from his representation of Mr. Atkins in this case. Mr. Picker states that he is now employed by the Washoe County Alternate Public Defender’s Office, and that he is therefore no longer able to represent Mr. Atkins in this case.

Good cause appearing, the court will grant the motion of Mr. Picker to be relieved as counsel. The court will undertake to identify and appoint new counsel for Mr. Atkins in this case.

