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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Steven J. Bank,
Plaintiff
vs.
Las Vegas Justice Court et al.,
Defendants

Case No.: 2:13-cv-00900-JAD-VCF

**Order Accepting Report and
Recommendation in Part [Doc. 3] and
Granting Motion to Dismiss
without Prejudice [Doc. 4]**

This case arises out of Plaintiff Steven Bank's conspiracy-related claims against state and private defendants. Doc. 1-1. Bank filed a Motion/Application for Leave to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis*, Doc. 1, on May 22, 2013. Magistrate Judge Cam Ferenbach entered an Order and Report and Recommendation on September 6, 2013, granting Bank's request for *in forma pauperis* status and recommending that Bank's claims be dismissed with prejudice. Doc. 3. On September 25, 2013, Bank filed a Motion to Withdraw Complaint without Prejudice, Doc. 4, which the Court treats as a Motion to Dismiss without Prejudice, bearing in mind that federal courts "liberally construe the 'inartful pleading' of pro se litigants" like Bank. *Eldridge v. Block*, 832 F.2d 1132, 1137 (9th Cir. 1987) (quoting *Boag v. MacDougall*, 454 U.S. 364, 365 (1982) (per curiam)).

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 41 allows a plaintiff to "dismiss an action without a court order by filing . . . a notice of dismissal before the opposing party serves either an answer or a motion for summary judgment." If this is the plaintiff's first dismissal "based on or including the same claim," then dismissal does not operate as an adjudication on the merits. *See* FED. R. CIV. P.

1 41(1)(B). Voluntary dismissal “means that the party is filing the dismissal without being compelled
2 by another party or the court.” *Lake at Las Vegas Investors Grp., Inc. v. Pac. Malibu Dev. Corp.*,
3 933 F.2d 724, 727 (9th Cir. 1991) (quoting *Randall v. Merrill Lynch*, 820 F.2d 1317, 1321 (D.C. Cir.
4 1987)). Such dismissal is an “absolute right” that “leaves no role for the court to play.” *Am. Soccer*
5 *Co., v. Score First Enters.*, 187 F.3d 1108, 1109–10 (9th Cir. 1999).

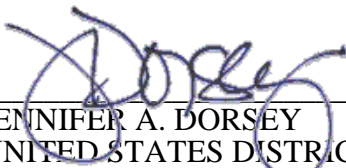
6 The pleadings in this case have not yet closed and no defendant has filed an answer. Rule 41
7 therefore allows voluntary dismissal. Accordingly, and with good cause appearing,

8 It is hereby ORDERED that the Report and Recommendation is **ACCEPTED and**
9 **ADOPTED** to the extent it is consistent with this Order [**Doc. 3**];

10 It is further ORDERED that Plaintiff’s Motion to Dismiss Complaint without Prejudice
11 [**Doc. 4**] is **GRANTED**;

12 This action is **DISMISSED** without prejudice, and this case shall be **CLOSED**.

13 DATED November 6, 2013.

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18 JENNIFER A. DORSEY
19 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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