



1           On October 5, 2017, Deputy Nevada Attorney General Matthew S. Johnson filed  
2 a Notice of Appearance for Respondents (ECF No. 3), stating that he represents “the  
3 interests of the named respondent, the Attorney General of the State of Nevada, and the  
4 interests of the State of Nevada.” Later on October 5, 2017, Johnson filed a “Notice of  
5 Inability to Accept Service and Motion for Enlargement of Time and to Withdraw as  
6 Counsel” (ECF No. 5). In that document, Johnson states that the office of the Attorney  
7 General cannot accept service for the respondent Clark County sheriff, and that the Clark  
8 County district attorney would be the appropriate counsel for the respondent sheriff.  
9 Johnson asks that the office of the attorney general be granted leave to withdraw from its  
10 representation of the respondents. Johnson also asks that the time for respondents to  
11 respond to the petition be extended. On the same date, October 5, 2017, Steven S.  
12 Owens, Chief Deputy Clark County District Attorney, filed a Notice of Appearance (ECF  
13 No. 4), stating that he represents the State of Nevada.

14           The Court will grant the motion of the Deputy Nevada Attorney General to  
15 withdraw, and will direct the Chief Deputy Clark County District Attorney to file an  
16 amended notice of appearance, clarifying whether he represents all respondents in this  
17 action. The Court will also grant the motion for extension of time, and will suspend the  
18 requirement that the respondents respond to the habeas petition pending clarification of  
19 the representation of the respondents.

20           It is therefore ordered that the Nevada Attorney General’s Motion to Withdraw as  
21 Counsel (ECF No. 5) is granted.

22           It is further ordered that the Motion for Enlargement of Time (ECF No. 5) is granted.  
23 The requirement that the respondents respond to the habeas petition in this case is  
24 suspended pending clarification of the representation of the respondents. A new deadline  
25 will be set for respondents’ response at an appropriate time.

26           It is further ordered that, within ten (10) days from the entry of this order, Chief  
27 Deputy Clark County District Attorney Steven S. Owens must file an Amended Notice of


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1 Appearance, clarifying whether he represents all respondents in this action, that is,  
2 whether he represents the Sheriff of Clark County as well as the State of Nevada.

3 It is further ordered that the Clerk of the Court serve this order on Deputy Nevada  
4 Attorney General Matthew S. Johnson and Chief Deputy Clark County District Attorney  
5 Steven S. Owens, as well as on petitioner's counsel.

6 DATED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

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