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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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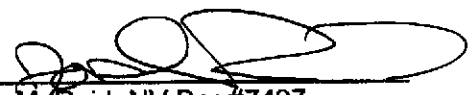
IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA  
WATER AUTHORITY APPLICATION NOS.  
53987 through 53992 AND 54003 through 54021,  
FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE  
UNDERGROUND WATERS OF THE CAVE  
VALLEY, DRY LAKE VALLEY, DELAMAR  
VALLEY AND SPRING VALLEY  
HYDROGRAPHIC BASINS (180, 181, 182, 184)  
LINCOLN COUNTY AND WHITE PINE  
COUNTY, NEVADA

**MOTION TO ASSOCIATE COUNSEL**

Plaintiff, Southern Nevada Water Authority, hereby moves the Court for an order  
permitting Steven O. Sims, Esq., to practice in Nevada pursuant to Nevada Supreme Court Rule  
42 (SCR 42). This motion is supported by the attached "Verified Application for Association of  
Counsel" (Exhibit A), "Certificate of Good Standing from New Mexico (Exhibit B), and the State  
Bar of Nevada Statement (Exhibit C).

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

Submitted by:

  
Josh M. Reid, NV Bar #7497  
NV counsel of record  
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP  
100 N. City Parkway, Suite 1600  
Las Vegas, NV 89106-4614

1 Steven O. Sims  
2 Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP  
3 201 Third St. NW, Suite 1700  
4 Albuquerque NM 87102  
5 505-244-0770  
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7 Attorney for Plaintiff, Southern Nevada Water Authority

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24 **ORDER ADMITTING TO PRACTICE**


25 **STEVEN O. SIMS, Esq.** having filed his Motion to Associate Counsel under Nevada  
26 Supreme Court Rule 42, together with a Verified Application for Association of Counsel, a  
27 Certificate of Good Standing from the State of New Mexico, and the State Bar of Nevada  
28 Statement, said application having been noticed, no objections having been made, and the  
29 Court being fully apprised in the premises, and good cause appearing, it is hereby

30 **ORDERED**, that said application is hereby granted, and **STEVEN O. SIMS, Esq.** is  
31 hereby admitted to practice in the above titled Court for the purposes of the above titled matter  
32 only.  
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34 Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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36 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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38 Submitted by:

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42 Josh M. Reid, NV counsel of record  
43 NV Bar #7497  
44 Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP  
45 100 N. City Parkway, Suite 1600  
Las Vegas, NV 89106-4614

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I herby certify that on this 31st day of March, 2010, I have served the foregoing **Motion to Associate Counsel** and proposed **Order Admitting to Practice** to the following by U. S. Mail:

Dana Walsh, Esq.  
Southern Nevada Water Authority  
1001 S. Valley View Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89153

Paul G. Taggart, Esq.  
108 N. Minnesota St.  
Carson City, NV 89703

Robert A. Dotson, Esq.  
9600 Gateway Dr.  
Reno, NV 89521

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Josh M. Reid, Esq.  
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck  
100 N. City Parkway, Suite 1600  
Las Vegas, NV 89106-4614  
Phone: 702-382-2101

# EXHIBIT A

BEFORE THE STATE ENGINEER, STATE OF NEVADA  
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**VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATION  
OF COUNSEL UNDER NEVADA SUPREME COURT RULE 42**

Steven Owen Sims, Petitioner, respectfully represents:  
First Middle Name Last

1. Petitioner resides at 5900 Papaya Place NE  
Street Address

Albuquerque, Bernalillo, NM, 87111  
City County State Zip Code

( 720 ) 207 - 1305  
Telephone

2. Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of: Brownstein Hyatt

Farber Schreck LLP with offices at 201 N. Third Street NW, Suite 1700  
Street Address

Albuquerque, Bernalillo, NM, 87102  
City County State Zip Code

( 505 ) 244 - 0770  
Telephone

3. Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the above named law firm by  
Southern Nevada Water Authority to provide legal representation in connection with the

above-entitled matter now pending before the above referenced court.

4. Since October of 1979, Petitioner has been, and presently is, a member of good standing of the bar of the highest court of the State of Colorado where petitioner regularly practices law.

5. Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States, and/or courts of other states on the dates indicated for each, and is presently a member in good standing of

the bars of said Courts: DATE ADMITTED

<u>United States District Court, District of Colorado</u>	<u>10/09/1979</u>
<u>United States Supreme Court</u>	<u>07/20/2001</u>
<u>United States District Court, Eastern District of California</u>	<u>05/20/2010</u>
<u>New Mexico State Courts</u>	<u>12/09/2009</u>

6. Petitioner is not currently suspended or disbarred in any court except as hereinafter provided (Give particulars; e.g., Court, jurisdiction, date): N/A

7. Petitioner is not currently subject to any disciplinary proceedings by any organization with authority at law except as hereinafter provided (give particulars, e.g., court, discipline authority, date, status). N/A

8. Petitioner has never received public discipline including, but not limited to, suspension or disbarment, by any organization with authority to discipline attorneys at law except as hereinafter provided (give particulars, e.g. court, discipline authority, date, status). N/A

9. Petitioner has never had any certificate or privilege to appear and practice before any regulatory administrative body suspended or revoked except as hereinafter provided (give particulars, e.g. date, administrative body, date of suspension or reinstatement): N/A

10. Petitioner, either by resignation, withdrawal, or otherwise, has never terminated or attempted to terminate Petitioner's offices as an attorney in order to avoid administrative, disciplinary, disbarment, or suspension proceedings except as hereinafter provided: N/A

11. Petitioner has filed the following application(s) to appear as counsel under Supreme Court Rule 42 during the past three (3) years in the following matters: *(do not include Federal Pro Hacs)*

<u>Date of Application</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator</u>	<u>Was Granted or Denied</u>
<u>None</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

12. Nevada Counsel of Record for Petition in this matter is:

Josh M. Reid, who has offices at  
First Name Middle Name Last Name  
100 North City Parkway, Suite 1600, Las Vegas, Clark,  
Street Address City County  
89106-4614, (702) 382-2101.  
Zip Code Phone Number

13. The following accurately represents the names and addresses of each party in this matter, WHETHER OR NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, and the names and addresses of each counsel of record who appeared for said parties:

NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

Southern Nevada Water Authority                      1001 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89153

Dana R. Walsh, Esq.                                      1001 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas NV 89153

Paul G. Taggart, Esq.                                      108 N. Minnesota St., Carson City, NV 89703

Robert A. Dotson, Esq.                                      9600 Gateway Dr., Reno, NV 89521

Because the protest period for this matter has not yet closed, additional parties have not been identified.

14. Petitioner agrees to comply with the provisions of Nevada Supreme Court Rule 42(3) and (13) and Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada in accordance with provisions as set forth in SCR 42(3) and (13). Petitioner respectfully requests that Petitioner be admitted to practice in the above-entitled court FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS MATTER ONLY.

15. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

I, Steven O. Sims, do hereby swear/affirm under penalty of perjury that the assertions of this application are true:

That I am the Petitioner in the above entitled matter, that I have read the foregoing and know the contents thereof; that the same is true of my own knowledge except as to those matters therein stated on information and belief, and as to the matter I believe them to be true.

That I further certify that I am subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts and disciplinary



boards of this state with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada; that I understand and shall comply with the standards of professional conduct required by members of the State Bar of Nevada; and that I am subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction to the State Bar of Nevada with respect to any of my actions occurring in the course of such appearance.

**EXHIBIT B**



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

*Certificate*


STATE OF NEW MEXICO }  
  } ss.  
SUPREME COURT                     }

I, KATHLEEN JO GIBSON, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, hereby certify that **STEVEN O. SIMS** was admitted to practice law in the Supreme Court and other courts of the State of New Mexico on December 9, 2009, and has at all times since been and is now a member of the Bar of said Supreme Court in good standing.

"Good standing" means that the attorney is current on payment of State Bar dues; has complied with Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements; and is not presently under either administrative or disciplinary suspension. No disciplinary action involving professional misconduct has been taken against the attorney's law license. This certification expires 30 days from this date, unless sooner revoked or rendered invalid by operation of rule or law.

WITNESS, My official signature and the seal  
of said Court this 3rd day of  
March, 2011

Kathleen J. Gibson  
Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New Mexico

**SUPREME COURT**  
  
**State of Colorado,**

STATE OF COLORADO, ss:

I, Susan J. Festag Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that

STEVEN OWEN SIMS

has been duly licensed and admitted to practice as an

*ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW*

within this State; and that his/her name appears upon the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors at Law in my office of date the 9<sup>th</sup>

day of October A. D. 1979 and that at the date hereof

the said STEVEN OWEN SIMS

is in good standing at this Bar.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Supreme Court, at Denver, in said State, this

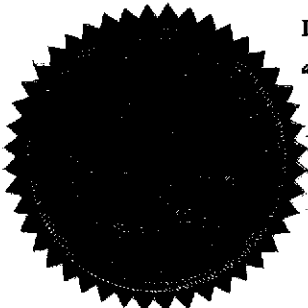
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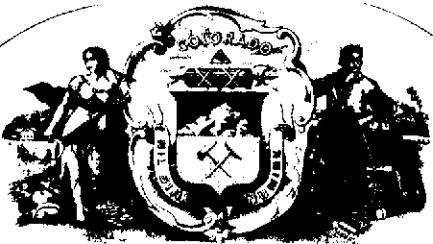
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Deputy Clerk



# SUPREME COURT



## State of Colorado

STATE OF COLORADO, ss:

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4<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 2011

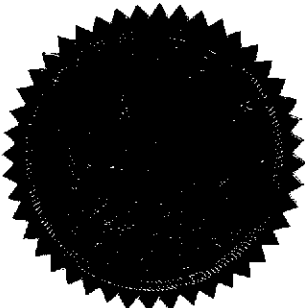
Susan J. Festag

Clerk

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Carla Luffello

Deputy Clerk



**EXHIBIT C**

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5 DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

6 IN THE MATTER OF  
7 Southern Nevada Water  
8 Authority Application No.'s  
9 53987 through 53992 et al

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11 STATE BAR OF NEVADA STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE  
12 42 (3) (b)

13 THE STATE BAR OF NEVADA, in response to the application of  
14 Petitioner, submits the following statement pursuant to SCR42(3):

15 SCR42(6) **Discretion.** The granting or denial of a motion to associate  
16 counsel pursuant to this rule by the court is discretionary. The  
17 court, arbitrator, mediator, or administrative or governmental  
18 hearing officer may revoke the authority of the person permitted to  
19 appear under this rule. Absent special circumstances, repeated  
20 appearances by any person or firm of attorneys pursuant to this rule  
21 shall be cause for denial of the motion to associate such person.

22 (a) **Limitation.** It shall be presumed, absent special  
23 circumstances, and only upon showing of good cause, that  
24 more than 5 appearances by any attorney granted under  
25 this rule in a 3-year period is excessive use of this  
26 rule.

27 (b) **Burden on applicant.** The applicant shall have the  
28 burden to establish special circumstances and good cause  
for an appearance in excess of the limitation set forth  
in subsection 6(a) of this rule. The applicant shall set  
forth the special circumstances and good cause in an  
affidavit attached to the original verified application.

1. DATE OF APPLICATION: 3/15/2011


2. APPLYING ATTORNEY: Steven Owen Sims, Esq.

3. FIRM NAME AND ADDRESS: Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP,  
201 N. Third Street NW, Suite 1700, Albuquerque, NM 87102

1 4. NEVADA COUNSEL OF RECORD: Josh M. Reid, Esq., Brownstein Hyatt  
2 Farber Schreck, 100 City Parkway, Suite 1600, Las Vegas, NV  
3 89106

4 5. There is no record of previous applications for appearance by  
5 petitioner within the past three (3) years.

6 DATED this March 21, 2011

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9 Mary Jorgensen  
10 Member Services Coordinator  
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