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### **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

### I. INTRODUCTION

Real Party in Interest D.R. Horton set forth in its Answer Opposing the Issuance of Writs of Mandamus or Prohibition (the "Opposition") that permitting homeowners associations to bring construction defect claims in place of the individual homeowners regarding issues that affect solely their individual property is improper at law and contrary to the public policy of this State. A primary concern of Real Party in Interest as noted in its Opposition was the potential of greed and corruption that can occur when the claims of the actual homeowners are usurped for the profit of others. Recent reports of improprieties with regard to construction defect lawsuits brought by homeowners associations in Nevada confirm that this is not mere rhetoric. In light of these developments, Real Party in Interest's concern that greed and corruption are at play in the instant matter are now substantiated.

Here, Petitioner seeks the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, or in the alternative, a Writ of Prohibition, providing that the Petitioner does have standing to sue on behalf of homeowners for alleged defects existing on their individually-owned property. In addition to the reasons set forth in its Opposition, the new information presented herein confirms that Petitioner is not entitled to the relief sought. Real Party in Interest respectfully requests that this honorable Court deny Petitioner's Petition as the District Court did not err in its judgment.

### II. STANDARD OF REVIEW

Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure Rule 31(d) provides, in pertinent part:

Any party may supplement the party's brief or briefs with supplemental authorities... by filing and serving a supplemental memorandum not later that fifteen (15) days before the day set for oral argument... All matters presented in supplemental memorandum shall be clearly referenced to the parts of the party's briefs on file which are supplemented by memorandum.

Under Rule 31(d), this honorable Court may consider supplemental authority as long as it supplements and references arguments from the party brief being supplemented. The additional points and authorities which are the subject of this brief

directly supplement and reference the arguments from Section "D" of Real Party in Interest's Opposition. As such, this timely supplementation may be considered by this honorable Court under NRAP 31(d).

### III. **ARGUMENT**

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### ALLOWING STANDING IN THIS CASE IS CONTRARY TO THE A. ASSERTED PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE.

1. Recently Discovered Evidence of Improprieties in Construction Defect Lawsuits on Behalf of Homeowners Associations in Nevada Further Demonstrates that Petitioner Is Without Standing to Assert Claims for Defects that Only Affect Individually-Owned Property.

Real Party in Interest's Opposition explained that "giving a homeowners association power over construction defect lawsuits and taking claims away from the homeowners can lead to corruption, greed and abuse of authority." New information has come to light subsequent to submitting its Opposition which confirms that corruption, greed, and abuse of authority are evident in the instant matter. Because recent news reports establish that Petitioner's counsel's actions in the underlying matter are motivated by greed, corruption, and abuse of authority, Petitioner is not entitled to the relief it seeks.

On February 2, 2009, John J. Nicholas, Petitioner's electrical expert, and Liberty Site Control, Petitioner's site inspection coordinator, filed an Amended Complaint detailing the illicit litigation practices of Petitioner's counsel, Nancy Quon ("Quon") of the Quon Bruce Christensen Law Firm ("QBC").<sup>2</sup> Plaintiffs in Nicholas v. Quon allege that Petitioner's counsel hired them to work on a number of constructional defect matters, including the matter at issue here. However, as outlined in their Amended Complaint, "since Quon discovered that she was under investigation by federal authorities, Quon and the Quon (Bruce Christensen) Law Firm have not met their due obligations to Nicholas, Liberty and third parties similarly situated, and there is evidence of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please see Real Party in Interest's Opposition at P. 20, 1l. 20-22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Please see the Amended Complaint filed in John J. Nicholas, et al. v. Nancy Quon, et al.

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significant monies being paid or scheduled to be paid to the Quon (Bruce Christensen) Law Firm, and at the same time, entities being created for the purpose of transferring and protecting assets for the ultimate benefit of Quon and/or her affiliates or relatives."<sup>3</sup>

In a separate lawsuit against Petitioner's counsel, counsel is alleged to have entered into a loan agreements collateralized by proceeds from this litigation. Ignoring for the moment the myriad ethical and legal problems with such financial transactions, it remains that counsel took a pecuniary interest in this litigation which the actual homeowners do not share. There is no dispute that Petitioner's counsel's interests in and to this litigation are directly in contrast with those of the actual homeowners the result of counsel's nefarious financial transactions.

On April 16, 2009, SMS Financial, LLC filed a verified complaint against Petitioner's Counsel, Quon, and QBC, outlining QBC's borrowing of over \$740,000.00 against a potential recovery in the underlying High Noon Arlington Ranch matter.<sup>4</sup> This transaction occurred on August 27, 2007, two (2) months after Petitioner filed its Complaint, and four (4) months before Petitioner served its Notice, in the underlying matter. As noted in Real Party in Interest's Opposition, Petitioner filed a Complaint against Real Party in Interest on June 7, 2007. 5 Petitioner then filed an ex parte motion to stay service of the Complaint, stating that it would "immediately serve Defendants with Notice of Construction Defects pursuant to NRS 40.645." However, Petitioner did not serve the Notice until January 21, 2008, six months after the ex parte motion.

The foregoing establishes that the concerns of Real Party in Interest are now realized. Real Party in Interest asserts in its Opposition that this "construction defect lawsuit (was) being planned and orchestrated in order for certain individuals to profit, none of which include the actual

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(District Court Case No. A580453) attached hereto as Exhibit "AA".

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Please see Exhibit "AA' at P.4, ¶.5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Please see the Verified Complaint filed in SMS Financial, LLC v. Nancy Quon, et al. (District Court Case No. A587918), attached hereto as Exhibit "BB", at PP. 13-14, ¶¶. 70-74

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Please see the underlying Complaint excluding exhibits, attached to Real Party in Interest's Opposition as Exhibit "A"

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homeowners in the development." There is no doubt that Petitioner's counsel abused her authority as counsel for Petitioner by entering into a secret loan agreement, receiving over \$740,000.00 in loan proceeds, without advising Petitioner. The greed and corruption evidenced by this transaction, in and of itself, is sufficient proof of what happens when homeowners are allowed to have their claims appropriated. When coupled with actions described by Petitioner's counsel's own consultants, a pattern of corruption by Petitioner's counsel is wholly apparent now.

SMS Financial has also taken a security interest in the underlying matter. As a result of the greed of Petitioner's counsel in obtaining personal loans against litigation proceeds which properly belong to Petitioner, if any are to be had, Real Party in Interest now faces additional hurdles in trying to resolve the underlying matter. All of this is easily avoided if Nevada law is properly enforced to prevent the abuse of individual homeowners' rights.

This supplemental evidence further supports Real Party in Interest's assertions that "the broadening of the powers of the association provided within NRS 116.3102 and the declaration that govern the association can lead to the ills presented in these recent allegations."8 Petitioner's counsel had Petitioner incur significant costs and expenses in making defect allegations that it lacks standing to assert. Given the number of lawsuits filed against Petitioner's counsel, Petitioner now finds itself one of potentially hundreds of creditors of Petitioner's counsel, hoping to be reimbursed for counsel's outrageous conduct.

Because recent events have shown the greed and corruption that results when homeowners' rights are infringed upon, permitting standing to Petitioner is contrary to the public policy of this State, in addition to well-established canons of statutory construction. As such, Petitioner's Petition for a Writ to overturn Respondent Court's May 27, 2008 ruling, should be denied.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Please see Real Party in Interest's Opposition at P. 22, 1l. 8-12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Please see the "Notice of Security Interest and request for Special Notice", attached hereto as Exhibit "CC", filed by SMS Financial, LLC in the underlying matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Please see Real Party in Interest's Opposition at P. 22, 11. 14-17.

### IV. **CONCLUSION**

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For all of the foregoing reasons, Real Party in Interest respectfully submits that Respondent Court did not abuse its discretion, given that NRS 116.3102 does not confer standing on a homeowners association for individual homeowner defects and that **NRS** 116.3102 expressly provides that the homeowners association's statutory powers are limited by the declaration applicable to the association. As such, Real Party in Interest respectfully requests that Petitioner's Petition for a Writ of Mandamus or, in the alternative, Writ of Prohibition, to overturn Respondent Court's May 27, 2008 ruling, be denied. DATED: May 22, 2009

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### STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF CLARK

I am employed in the County of Clark, State of Nevada. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within action; my business address is 7670 West Lake Mead Boulevard, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128-6652.

On May 22, 2009, I served the following document(s) described as REAL PARTY IN INTEREST D.R. HORTON'S SUPPLEMENT TO ANSWER OPPOSING TO THE ISSUANCE OF WRITS OF MANDAMUS OR PROHIBITION on the interested parties in this action by placing true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct and that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this Court at whose direction the service was made.

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### AMENDED COMPLAINT

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COMES NOW Plaintiff, John J. Nicholas, a Nevada resident, d/b/a JN2 Consulting Company ("Nicholas"), and Plaintiff, Liberty Site Control, Inc., a Nevada corporation ("Liberty"), by and through counsel, the law firm of Gordon Silver, and hereby complain and allege against Defendants, Nancy Quon, a Nevada resident, individually and d/b/a Quon Bruce Christensen Law Firm ("Quon"); Nancy Quon, a Nevada Professional Corporation d/b/a Quon Bruce Christensen Law Firm (the "Quon Firm"); Robert Gunderson, ("Gunderson"), Lynne Gallagher, ("Gallagher"); Amber Ridge Condominium Association, a Nevada non-profit corporation ("Amber Ridge"); Chateau Nouveau Condominium Unit-Owners' Association, Inc., a Nevada non-profit corporation ("Chateau Nouveau"), Chateau Versailles Unit-Owners'

Defendants.

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Association, Inc., a Nevada non-profit corporation ("Chateau Versailles"); Dorrell Square Homeowners Association, a Nevada non-profit corporation ("Dorrell"); First Light Homeowners Association, a defaulted Nevada non-profit corporation ("First Light"); Horizon Hills Homeowners Association, a Nevada non-profit corporation ("Horizon Hills"): Maravilla Homeowners Association, a defaulted Nevada non-profit corporation ("Maravilla"); Park Avenue Homeowners; Association, a Nevada non-profit corporation ("Park Avenue"); Sedona Condominium Homeowners Association, Inc., a Nevada non-profit corporation ("Sedona"); Court at Aliante Homeowners Association, a Nevada non-profit corporation ("Aliante"); Triana South Homeowners Association, a Nevada non-profit corporation ("Triana"); Four Turnberry Place Association, a Nevada non-profit corporation ("Turnberry"); Fleur de Lis Condominium Association, Inc. a Florida corporation ("Fleur de Lis"); The Hamptons at Metrowest Condominium Association, Inc., a Florida non-profit corporation ("Hamptons"); Merrick Preserve Condominium Association, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation ("Merrick"); El-Ad Enclave at Miramar Condominium Association, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation ("Miramar"); Promenade Condominium Association, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation ("Promenade"); Vue Condominium Association, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation ("Vue"); Ventnor "B" Condominium Association, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation; Waterstreet at Celebration Condominium Association, Inc. a Florida non-profit corporation ("Waterstreet"); Riverwalk Tower Unit-Owners' Association, a Nevada non-profit corporation ("Riverwalk"); High Noon at Boulder Ranch Homeowners Association ("High Noon"); First Light at Boulder Ranch Homeowners Association, a Nevada non-profit corporation ("Boulder Ranch"); Does I through X and Roe Entities I through XX, inclusive (collectively referred to herein as "Defendants"), as follows:

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# I. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

### A. The Parties:

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1. Plaintiff Nicholas is, and has been at all times relevant hereto, a Nevada resident, and since June 11, 2007, has been doing business as JN2 Consulting Company.

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Gordon Silver Attorneys At Law Ninth Floor 3960 Howard Hughes Pkwy Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 (702) 796-5555 2. Plaintiff Liberty is, and was at all times relevant hereto, incorporated in the State of Nevada and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.

- 3. Upon information and belief, Defendant Quon is, and was at all times relevant hereto, a Nevada resident and incorporated as a professional corporation in the State of Nevada doing business as the Quon Firm.
- 4. Upon information and belief, the Quon Firm represents Defendants Gunderson, Gallagher, Amber Ridge, Chateau Nouveau, Chateau Versailles, Dorrell, First Light, Horizon Hills, Park Avenue, Sedona, Aliante, Turnberry, Triana, Fleur de Lis, Merrick, Miramar, Maravilla, Promenade, Vue, Ventnor "B," Waterstreet, Riverwalk, High Noon and Boulder Ranch. Upon information and belief, the Quon Firm represents these clients on a contingency basis in the prosecution of claims against third parties for alleged construction defects of homes or condominiums.
- 5. Defendants designated herein as Does and Roe Entities are individuals and legal entities that are liable to Plaintiffs for the claims set forth herein. In addition to possible alter egos of the above-named defendants and additional possible liable parties that may be discovered for the alleged obligations, if discovery should reveal Quon and/or the Quon Firm or any of its members are participating in fraudulent transfers for the purpose of avoiding creditors such as Plaintiffs, then members of the Quon Firm and/or third-party transferees, including but not limited to new Quon entities formed for holding property and assets shall be added as defendants herein. Upon information and belief, since Quon discovered she was under investigation by federal authorities, Quon and the Quon Firm have not met their due obligations to Nicholas, Liberty and third parties similarly situated, and there is evidence of significant monies being paid or scheduled to be paid to the Quon Firm, and at the same time, entities being created for the purpose of transferring and protecting assets for the ultimate benefit of Quon and/or her affiliates or relatives. Any transactions and the true capacities of Does and Roe Entities are presently unknown to Plaintiffs and, therefore, Plaintiffs sue said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs will amend his Complaint to assert the true names and capacities of such Doe and Roe Entities when more information has been ascertained.

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### B. The Services Provided By Nicholas:

- 6. At all times relevant hereto, Nicholas has been in the business of providing electrical expert testimony and construction defect litigation support services to homeowners, homeowner associations and law firms, including but not limited to Defendants.
- 7. Prior to Nicholas agreeing to provide services for the benefit of the Quon Firm and its clients, Quon represented to Nicholas that in exchange for his provision of services for the benefit of the Quon Firm and its clients, that she would pay him for those services. At various times over the years, Quon and Nicholas have discussed Nicholas' fee arrangement. The fee arrangement has changed over the years, but only with respect to the percentage of payment to be paid current.
- 8. Prior to June 2007, Nicholas was doing business as JN Consulting Co. Nicholas d/b/a JN Consulting Co. filed a petition for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in April 2007, and during the pendency of the bankruptcy, Nicholas reached an accord and satisfaction for all outstanding receivables due and owing to JN Consulting Co. with the Quon Firm.
- 9. Upon Nicholas commencing work on behalf of Defendants as JN2 Consulting in June 2007, Nicholas and Quon discussed the fee arrangement that would apply on a goingforward basis.
- 10. At all times, Nicholas and Quon have agreed that Nicholas would bill monthly to the Quon Firm for work performed for the benefit of each Quon Firm client. Following the June 2007 accord, Quon agreed that Nicholas would thereafter receive payment for 65% of the amount due for his services on a current basis. In other words, Nicholas was to be paid 65% of all amounts due to him for services rendered until the client's matter was resolved, at which time Nicholas would be paid the remaining 35% due to him. No payment to Nicholas is contingent.
- 11. Nicholas' services performed on behalf of and/or for the benefit of Quon, the Quon Firm, Gunderson, Gallagher, Amber Ridge, Chateau Nouveau, Chateau Versailles, Dorrell, First Light, Horizon Hills, Maravilla, Park Avenue, Sedona, Aliante, Triana, Turnberry, Fleur de Lis, Hamptons, Merrick, Miramar, Promenade, Vue, Ventnor "B," and Waterstreet include, but are not limited to, the following described services:

- a) identify, inspect, investigate, audit, review and analyze the subject housing units that form the subject matter of the litigation;
- b) prepare all required reports and analyses and provide all expert testimony required by the homeowners association or the Quon Firm;
- c) conduct all support services deemed necessary to accomplish the investigations and perform the expert services.
- 12. Nicholas has sent the Quon Firm monthly invoices for services performed on behalf of each of the Quon Firm clients. The Quon Firm has remitted payment in the past, and there was no dispute as to invoices remitted for payment.
- 13. The Quon Firm has failed and/or refused to remit payment for the services performed on behalf of Defendants, despite its obligation to remain 65% current on each matter and to pay the remainder due when a matter is resolved.
- 14. Upon information and belief, the case filed by the Quon Firm on behalf of Park Avenue has settled. Upon information and belief, despite certain settlement proceeds being paid to the Quon Firm and Park Avenue, Nicholas has not been paid for his billed services in that case. Upon information and belief, the case filed by the Quon Firm on behalf of Gallagher has also settled; however, Nicholas has not been paid in full for his services in the Gallagher case either.

### C. The Services Provided By Liberty:

- 15. Since its formation, Liberty has been in the business of providing construction defect litigation support services to Quon, and since Quon formed the Quon Firm, Liberty has provided those services to the Quon Firm and for the benefit of their homeowner and homeowners' association clients.
- 16. Prior to Liberty agreeing to provide services for the benefit of the Quon Firm and its clients, Quon represented to Liberty that in exchange for its provision of services for the benefit of the Quon Firm and its clients, that she would pay Liberty for those services.
- 17. Quon agreed that Liberty would receive payment for 50% of the amount due for services on a current basis. In other words, Liberty was to be paid 50% of all amounts due for

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1	services rendered until the client's matter was resolved, at which time Liberty would be paid the		
2	remaining 50% due. No payment to Liberty is contingent.		
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5	High Noon, Horizon Hills, Park Avenue, Riverwalk, Boulder Ranch, Sedona and Turnberry		
6	include, but are not limited to, the following described services:		
7	a) identify, inspect, investigate, review and analyze the subject housing units		
8	that form the subject matter of the litigation;		
9	b) attend, supervise and control site inspections;		
10	c) obtain and marshal evidence from site;		
11	d) perform other litigation support services deemed necessary by Quon and		
12	the Quon Firm.		
13	19. Liberty has sent the Quon Firm monthly invoices for services performed or		
14	behalf of each of the Quon Firm clients. The Quon Firm has remitted payment in the past, an		
15	there was no dispute as to invoices remitted for payment.		
16	20. The Quon Firm has failed and/or refused to remit payment for the services		
17	performed on behalf of Defendants, despite their obligation to remain 50% current on each		
18	matter and to pay the remainder due when a matter is resolved.		
19	21. Upon information and belief, the case filed by the Quon Firm on behalf of Park		
20	Avenue has settled. Upon information and belief, despite certain settlement proceeds being pai		
21	to the Quon Firm and Park Avenue, Liberty has not been paid for billed services in that case.		
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23	CLAIMS FOR RELIEF		
24	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION		
25	(Breach of Contract)		
26	25. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1		
27	through 24 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.		
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- 26. Upon information and belief, Gunderson, Gallagher, Amber Ridge, Chateau Nouveau, Chateau Versailles, Dorrell, First Light, Horizon Hills, Park Avenue, Sedona, Aliante, Turnberry, Triana, Fleur de Lis, Merrick, Miravilla, Miramar, Promenade, Vue, Ventnor "B," Waterstreet, Riverwalk, Boulder Ranch and High Noon authorized their attorneys to act on for their benefit and hire professionals such as Plaintiffs to provide expert and other litigation support services. Quon, acting on behalf of her clients, therefore entered into a contract with Plaintiffs for expert and other litigation support services.
- 27. Plaintiffs on one hand and Defendants on the other hand are therefore parties to contract, express and implied. Plaintiffs agreed to provide services for the benefit of Defendants in exchange for payment, and without such payment, Plaintiffs would not have performed the services for the benefit of Defendants.
  - 28. Plaintiffs performed the promised services.
- 29. Defendants have accepted the benefits provided by Plaintiffs pursuant to the contracts for services.
- 30. Despite that Plaintiffs have met their performance obligations, Defendants have failed and/or refused to pay the due amounts to Plaintiffs pursuant to the terms of the contract.
- 31. The breach of contract has resulted in damages to Plaintiffs in excess of \$10,000.00, specific amounts to be proven at trial.
- 32. Plaintiffs contract damages include the cost of collection, including attorneys' fees and costs incurred herein.

### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

### (Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 32. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 31 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 33. Each contract has an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, including the contracts with Plaintiffs for the provision of expert and other litigation support services for the benefit of Defendants.

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

SMS FINANCIAL, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

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NANCY QUON, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation d/b/a QUON BRUCE CHRISTENSEN LAW FIRM: NANCY QUON, individually and d/b/a QUON BRUCE CHRISTENSEN LAW FIRM; JO PRINTING & GRAPHICS, INC., a Nevada corporation; SL PUBLIC RELATIONS, INC., a Nevada corporation; QUON INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; and QUONTUM MARKETING SERVICES, INC., a Nevada corporation; DOES and ROE ENTITIES,

Defendants.

CASE NO. DEPT. NO. 1 58 7918

VERIFIED COMPLA

Exempt from Arbitration: Amount in and Controversy Exceeds \$50,000.00 Receiver Requested

Plaintiff, SMS FINANCIAL, LLC, by and through its counsel, the law firm of Gordon Silver, hereby complains and alleges against Defendants, NANCY QUON, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation d/b/a QUON BRUCE CHRISTENSEN LAW FIRM; NANCY QUON, individually and d/b/a QUON BRUCE CHRISTENSEN LAW FIRM; JQ PRINTING & GRAPHICS, INC.; SL PUBLIC RELATIONS, INC.; QUON INVESTMENTS, LLC; and QUONTUM MARKETING SERVICES, INC., DOES and ROE ENTITIES, I - X, inclusive, as follows:

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### **PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE:**

1. Plaintiff SMS Financial, LLC ("SMS Financial") is, and was at all times relevant herein, an Arizona limited liability company.

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**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS** 

- 2. Upon information and belief, Defendant Nancy Quon, A Professional Corporation, is, and was at all times relevant herein, doing business in Clark County, Nevada as the Quon Bruce Christensen Law Firm (the "Quon Firm"). Upon information and belief, the Quon Firm is a law firm located in Las Vegas, Nevada that is primarily engaged in the practice of construction defect litigation.
- 3. Upon information and belief, Defendant Nancy Quon ("Quon") is, and was at all times relevant herein, an individual residing in Clark County. Quon, in her individual capacity, also does business as the Quon Bruce Christensen Law Firm.
- 4. Upon information and belief, Defendant JQ Printing & Graphics, Inc. ("JQ Printing") is, and was at all times relevant herein, a Nevada corporation conducting business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. Upon information and belief, Defendant SL Public Relations, Inc. ("SL Public") is, and was at all times relevant herein, a Nevada corporation conducting business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 6. Upon information and belief, Defendant Quon Investments, LLC ("Quon Investments") is, and was at all times relevant herein, a Nevada limited liability company conducting business in Clark County, Nevada.
- 7. Upon information and belief, Defendant Quontum Marketing Services, Inc. ("Quontum Marketing") is, and was at all times relevant herein, a Nevada corporation doing business in Clark County Nevada.
- entities that are also liable to SMS Financial for the claims set forth herein. In addition to possible alter egos of the above-named defendants, if discovery should reveal that the above-

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8. Defendants designated herein as Does and Roe Entities are individuals and legal

Gordon Silver Attorneys At Lew Ninth Floor 3960 Howard Hughes Plov named defendants or any of its principals are participating in fraudulent transfers for the purpose of avoiding creditors such as SMS Financial, then third-party transferees, including but not limited to new Quon entities formed for holding property and assets shall be added as defendants herein. Upon information and belief, since Quon discovered she was under investigation by federal authorities, Quon and the Quon Firm have not met their due obligations to third parties, and there is evidence of significant monies being paid or scheduled to be paid to the Quon Firm, and at the same time, entities being created for the purpose of transferring and protecting assets for the ultimate benefit of Quon and/or her affiliates or relatives. Any transactions and the true capacities of Does and Roe Entities are presently unknown to SMS Financial and, therefore, SMS Financial sues said defendants by such fictitious names. SMS Financial will amend this Complaint to assert the true names and capacities of such Doe and Roe Entities when more information has been ascertained.

9. The Quon Firm, Quon, JQ Printing, SL Public, Quon Investments and Quantum Marketing (collectively, the "Defendants") are all parties to written contracts subject of this lawsuit, which provide for the resolution of all disputes in Clark County, Nevada state court.

### B. The Subject Loans:

- 10. On January 12, 2009, SMS Financial acquired from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") all right, title and interest in the following described loans originally entered into between the Quon Firm and First National Bank of Nevada ("Bank of Nevada"). SMS Financial is the successor to the FDIC, as receiver for the failed Bank of Nevada.
- 11. As described in the business loan agreements, the purpose of the loans made from Bank of Nevada to the Quon Firm was to fund the Quon Firm operations (i.e., case litigations). The detail of the outstanding loans is as follows:
- 12. Upon information and belief, on or about June 5, 2006, the Quon Firm executed a Business Loan Agreement and Promissory Note, pursuant to which the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$2,000,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Park Avenue Promissory Note"). A true and correct copy of the Park Avenue Business Loan Agreement and Park Avenue Promissory Note are attached hereto as Exhibit "1-A."

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- 13. Upon information and belief, on June 5, 2006, in connection with the Park Avenue Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case A521169, filed on May 14, 2006, in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada for Plaintiff Park Avenue Homeowner's Association (the "Park Avenue Action"). A true and correct copy of the Park Avenue Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-B."
- 14. Upon information and belief, on July 23, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Second Amendment to Promissory Note wherein the maturity date on the Park Avenue Promissory Note was extended to July 11, 2008. On January 22, 2008, the Quon Firm executed an Amendment to Business Loan Agreement, pursuant to which the principal amount of the loan was increased to \$2,250,000.00. True and correct copies of the Amendments to the Park Avenue Promissory Note are attached hereto as Exhibit "1-C."
- 15. On January 28, 2009, SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the Park Avenue Action. A true and correct copy of the UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-D."
- 16. Upon information and belief, the Park Avenue Action has settled for \$12.5 million. Upon further information and belief, the Quon Firm was to receive all settlement proceeds by no later than April 13, 2009.
- 17. SMS Financial received two payments of \$500,000.00 each, one in January 2009 and one in February 2009. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Park Avenue Promissory Note, as amended, is \$1,488,208.77.
- 18. Upon information and belief, on or about June 6, 2006, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$300,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Amber Ridge Promissory Note"). A true and correct copy of the Amber Ridge Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-E."

Attorneys At Law Ninth Floor 3960 Howard Hughes Pkw Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 19. Upon information and belief, on June 6, 2006, in connection with the Amber Ridge Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case A533852, filed on January 4, 2007 in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada for Plaintiff Amber Ridge Condominium Association (the "Amber Ridge Action"). A true and correct copy of the Amber Ridge Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-F."

- 20. Upon information and belief, on July 23, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Fourth Amendment to Promissory Note wherein the maturity date on the Amber Ridge Promissory Note was extended to July 11, 2008. On December 19, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Sixth Amendment to Promissory Note, pursuant to which the principal amount of the loan was increased to \$750,000.00. True and correct copies of the Amendments to the Amber Ridge Promissory Note are attached hereto as Exhibit "1-G."
- 21. On January 28, 2009, SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the Amber Ridge Action. A true and correct copy of the Amber Ridge UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-H."
- 22. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Amber Ridge Promissory Note, as amended, is \$831,435.79.
- 23. Upon information and belief, the Amber Ridge Action has settled for the amount of \$5.8 million, at least \$1,914,451.85 which has funded. The Quon Firm never notified SMS Financial that the Amber Ridge action settled and has not paid SMS Financial any portion of the settlement income.
- 24. Upon information and belief, on or about June 6, 2006, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$900,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "First Light Promissory Note"). The maturity date of the First Light Promissory Note was May 29, 2007. A true and correct copy of the First Light Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-I."

Gordon Silver Attorneys At Law Ninth Floor 3960 Housed Hughes Pkwy 25. On January 28, 2009, SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in the First Light Action. A true and correct copy of the First Light UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-J."

- 26. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the First Light Promissory Note, as amended, is \$1,226,929.78.
- 27. Upon information and belief, on or about June 6, 2006, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$796,549.24 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Gunderson Promissory Note"). The Gunderson Promissory Note was secured by the proceeds from the outcome of Case No. A495059 filed on November 10, 2004 with the Eighth Judicial District Court of Clark County, Nevada on behalf of Robert and Phyllis Gunderson and other similarly situated homeowners (the "Gunderson Action"). A true and correct copy of the Gunderson Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-K."
- 28. Upon information and belief, on July 23, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Third Amendment to Promissory Note, wherein the maturity date on the Gunderson Promissory Note was extended to July 11, 2008. On April 18, 2008, the Quon Firm executed a further Amendment to Promissory Note, pursuant to which the principal amount of the loan was increased to \$1,600,000.00. True and correct copies of the Amendments to the Gunderson Promissory Note are attached hereto as "Exhibit 1-L."
- 29. On January 28, 2009, SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in the proceeds from the outcome of the Gunderson Action. A true and correct copy of the UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-M."
- 30. According to Court records, the Gunderson Action is closed. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Gunderson Promissory Note, as amended, is \$1,659,259.95.
- 31. Upon information and belief, on or about June 6, 2006, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$200,000.00 from

Bank of Nevada (hereinaster the "Dorrell Square Promissory Note"). A true and correct copy of the Dorrell Square Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-N."

- 32. Upon information and belief, on June 12, 2007, in connection with the Dorrell Square Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case A527688, filed on September 6, 2006 in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada for Plaintiff Dorrell Square Homeowners Association (the "Dorrell Square Action"). A true and correct copy of the Dorrell Square Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-O."
- 33. Upon information and belief, on July 23, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Fourth Amendment to Promissory Note wherein the maturity date on the Dorrell Square Action was extended to July 11, 2008. On December 19, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Sixth Amendment to Promissory Note, pursuant to which the principal amount of the loan was increased to \$325,000.00. True and correct copies of the Amendments to the Dorrell Square Promissory Note are attached hereto as Exhibit "1-P."
- 34. On January 28, 2009, SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the Dorrell Square Action. A true and correct copy of the UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-Q."
- 35. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Dorrell Square Promissory Note, as amended, is \$359,586.63.
- 36. Upon information and belief, on or about August 19, 2003, the Quon Firm executed a Business Loan Agreement and Promissory Note, pursuant to which the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$250,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Line of Credit Promissory Note"). A true and correct copy of the Line of Credit Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-R."
- 37. Upon information and belief, on August 19, 2003, in connection with the Line of Credit Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Security Agreement pursuant to

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- 38. Upon information and belief, on May 21, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Fifth Amendment to Promissory Note, wherein the maturity date on the loan was extended to July 11, 2008. True and correct copies of the Amendments to the Quon Firm Line of Credit Promissory Note are attached hereto as Exhibit "1-T."
- 39. Upon information and belief, on February 20, 2008 Bank of Nevada recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its security interest in all inventory, chattel paper, accounts, equipment and general intangibles. A true and correct copy of the Line of Credit UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-U."
- 40. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Quon Firm Line of Credit Promissory Note, as amended, is \$239,033.93.
- 41. Upon information and belief, on or about October 30, 2006, the Quon Firm executed a Business Loan Agreement, documenting \$7,500,000.00 in principal due to Bank of Nevada, as well as a new Commercial Pledge Agreement, pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a further security interest in the chattel, equipment, accounts, records and general intangibles of the Quon Firm. A true and correct copy of the October 30, 2006 Business Loan Agreement and Commercial Pledge Agreement are attached hereto as Exhibits "I-V" and "I-W," respectively.
- 42. Upon information and belief, on or about November 2, 2006, the Quon Firm executed a Business Loan Agreement and Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$600,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Chateau Nouveau Promissory Note"). A true and correct copy of the Chateau Nouveau Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-X."
- 43. Upon information and belief, on November 2, 2006, in connection with the Chateau Nouveau Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and

Gordon Silver Attorneys At Law Ninth Floor 3960 Howard Hughes Pkw Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 (702) 796-5555 proceeds from the outcome of case A532047, filed on November 27, 2006 in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada for Plaintiff Chateau Nouveau Condominium Unit Owners' Association, Inc. (the "Chateau Nouveau Action"). A true and correct copy of the Chateau Nouveau Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-Y."

- 44. Upon information and belief, on July 23, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Fourth Amendment to Promissory Note, wherein the maturity date on the Chateau Nouveau Action was extended to July 11, 2008. On December 19, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Sixth Amendment to Promissory Note, pursuant to which the principal amount of the loan was increased to \$1,050,000.00. True and correct copies of the Amendments to the Chateau Nouveau Promissory Note are attached hereto as Exhibit "1-Z."
- 45. On January 28, 2009, SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the Chateau Nouveau Action. A true and correct copy of the UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-AA."
- 46. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Chateau Nouveau Promissory Note, as amended, is \$1,054,749.24.
- 47. Upon information and belief, on or about November 2, 2006, the Quon Firm executed a Business Loan Agreement and Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$500,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Court at Aliante Promissory Note"). A true and correct copy of the Court at Aliante Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-BB."
- 48. Upon information and belief, on November 2, 2006, in connection with the Court at Aliante Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case A527941, filed on September 5, 2006 in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada for Plaintiff Aliante Homeowners Association (the "Aliante Action"). A true and correct copy of the Court at Aliante Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-CC."

Gordon Silver Attorneys At Law Ninth Floor 3960 Howard Hughes Plow Las Vegas, Nevada 89165 (200) 704.5555 49. Upon information and belief, on May 21, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Second Amendment to Promissory note, wherein the maturity date of the Court at Aliante Promissory Note was extended to July 13, 2007. On December 19, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Fourth Amendment to Promissory Note, pursuant to which the principal amount of the loan was increased to \$1,000,000.00. True and correct copies of the Amendments to the Court at Aliante Promissory Note are attached hereto as Exhibit "1-DD."

- 50. On January 28, 2009 SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the Aliante Action. A true and correct copy of the Court at Aliante UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-EE."
- 51. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Court at Aliante Promissory Note, as amended, is \$1,109,923.76.
- 52. Upon information and belief, on or about November 2, 2006, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$300,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Sedona Promissory Note"). A true and correct copy of the Sedona Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-FF."
- 53. Upon information and belief, on November 2, 2006, in connection with the Sedona Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case A523113, filed on June 9, 2006 in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada for Plaintiff Sedona Condominium Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "Sedona Action"). A true and correct copy of the Sedona Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-GG."
- 54. Upon information and belief, on July 23, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Second Amendment to Promissory Note, wherein the maturity date on the Sedona Promissory Note was extended to July 11, 2008. True and correct copies of the Amendments to the Sedona Promissory Note are attached hereto as Exhibit "1-HH."

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- 56. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Sedona Promissory Note, as amended, is \$255,173.16.
- 57. Upon information and belief, on or about November 2, 2006, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$150,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Pebble Beach Promissory Note"). A true and correct copy of the Pebble Beach Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-JJ."
- 58. Upon information and belief, on February 1, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a First Amendment to Promissory Note, pursuant to which the principal amount of the loan was increased to \$305,000.00. On July 23, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Third Amendment to Promissory Note, wherein the maturity date on the Pebble Beach Promissory Note was extended to July 11, 2008. True and correct copies of the Amendments to the Pebble Beach Promissory Note are attached hereto as Exhibit "1-KK."
- 59. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Pebble Beach Promissory Note, as amended, is \$329,853.57.
- 60. Upon information and belief, on or about March 14, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$300,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Horizon Hills Promissory Note"). A true and correct copy of the Horizon Hills Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-LL."
- 61. Upon information and belief, on March 14, 2007, in connection with the Horizon Hills Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case A538988, filed on April 6, 2007 in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada for Plaintiff Horizon Hills Homeowners Association (the Horizon Hills

Action"). A true and correct copy of the Horizon Hills Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-MM."

- 62. Upon information and belief, on July 23, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Third Amendment to Promissory Note, wherein the maturity date on the Horizon Hills Promissory Note was extended to July 11, 2008. A true and correct copy of the Third Amendment to the Horizon Hills Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-NN."
- 63. On January 28, 2009 SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the Horizon Hills Action. A true and correct copy of the Horizon Hills UCC Financing Statement is attached here as Exhibit "1-OO."
- 64. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Horizon Hills Promissory Note, as amended, is \$259,187.78.
- 65. Upon information and belief, on or about March 14, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Business Loan Agreement and Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$600,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Chateau Versailles Promissory Note"). A true and correct copy of the Chateau Versailles Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-PP."
- 66. Upon information and belief, on March 14, 2007, in connection with the Chateau Versailles Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case A536343, filed on February 16, 2007 in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada for Plaintiff Chateau Versailles Condominium Unit Owners' Association, Inc. (the "Chateau Versailles Action"). A true and correct copy of the Chateau Versailles Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-QQ."
- 67. Upon information and belief, on July 23, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Second Amendment to Promissory Note wherein the maturity date on the Chateau Versailles Promissory note was extended to July 11, 2008. On December 19, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Third Amendment to Promissory Note, pursuant to which the principal amount of the loan was

increased to \$800,000.00. True and correct copies of the Amendments to the Chateau Versailles Promissory Note are attached hereto as Exhibit "1-RR."

- 68. On January 28, 2009 SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the Chateau Versailles Action. A true and correct copy of the Chateau Versailles UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-SS."
- 69. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Chateau Versailles Promissory Note, as amended, is \$781,632.47.
- 70. Upon information and belief, on or about August 27, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$500,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "High Noon Arlington Promissory Note"). The maturity date of the High Noon Arlington Promissory Note was July 11, 2008. A true and correct copy of the High Noon Arlington Promissory Note is attached here as Exhibit "1-TT."
- 71. Upon information and belief, on August 27, 2007, in connection with the High Noon Arlington Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case A542616, filed on June 7, 2007 in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada for Plaintiff High Noon at Arlington Ranch Homeowners Association (the "High Noon Arlington Action"). A true and correct copy of the High Noon Arlington Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-UU."
- 72. Upon information and belief, on December 19, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a First Amendment to Promissory Note, pursuant to which the principal amount of the loan was increased to \$700,000.00. A true and correct copy of the First Amendment to the High Noon Arlington Action is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-VV."
- 73. On January 28, 2009 SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the High Noon Arlington Action. A true and correct copy of the

High Noon Arlington UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-WW."

- 74. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the High Noon Arlington Promissory Note, as amended, is \$744,734.92.
- 75. Upon information and belief, on or about August 27, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$600,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Riverwalk Tower Promissory Note"). The maturity date of the Riverwalk Tower Promissory Note was July 11, 2008. A true and correct copy of the Riverwalk Tower Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-XX."
- 76. Upon information and belief, on August 27, 2007, in connection with the Riverwalk Tower Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case CV07 01917, filed on August 23, 2007 in the Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County, Nevada for Plaintiff Riverwalk Tower Unit Owners Association (the "Riverwalk Tower Action"). A true and correct copy of the Riverwalk Tower Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-YY."
- 77. On January 28, 2009, SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the Riverwalk Tower Action. A true and correct copy of the Riverwalk Tower UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-ZZ."
- 78. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Riverwalk Tower Promissory Note, as amended, is \$413,697.50.
- 79. Upon information and belief, on or about November 12, 2007, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$500,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Fleur de Lis Promissory Note"). The maturity date of the Fleur de Lis Promissory Note was July 11, 2008. A true and correct copy of the Fleur de Lis Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-AAA."

Gordon Silver Attorneys At Law Ninth Floor 3960 Howard Hughes Pkw Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 (700) 708-5556 80. Upon information and belief, on November 12, 2007, in connection with the Fleur de Lis Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case CV07 02527, filed on November 5, 2007 in the Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County, Nevada for Plaintiff Tanamera Resort Condominiums, LLC (the "Fleur de Lis Action"). A true and correct copy of the Fleur de Lis Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-BBB."

- 81. On January 28, 2009 SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the Fleur de Lis Action. A true and correct copy of the Fleur de Lis UCC Financing Statement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-CCC."
- 82. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Fleur de Lis Promissory Note, as amended, is \$554,290,52.
- 83. Upon information and belief, on or about March 11, 2008, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$400,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Waterstreet Promissory Note"). The maturity date of the Waterstreet Promissory Note was July 11, 2008. A true and correct copy of the Waterstreet Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-DDD."
- Waterstreet Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case CI 08 CI1486, filed on February 25, 2008 in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Oscelo County, Florida for Plaintiff Waterstreet at Celebration Condominium Association, Inc. (the "Waterstreet Action"). A true and correct copy of the Waterstreet Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-EEE."
- 85. On January 28, 2009, SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and

Gordon Silver Attorneys At Law Ninth Floor 3960 Howard Hughes Ploy Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 (702) 796-5555 proceeds from the outcome the Waterstreet Action. A true and correct copy of the Waterstreet UCC Financing Statement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-FFF."

- 86. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Waterstreet Promissory Note, as amended, is \$292,316,47.
- 87. Upon information and belief, on or about March 26, 2008, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$500,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Merrick Preserve Promissory Note"). The maturity date of the Merrick Preserve Promissory Note was July 11, 2008. A true and correct copy of the Merrick Preserve Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-GGG."
- 88. Upon information and belief, on March 26, 2008, in connection with the Merrick Preserve Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case CACE08011218, filed on March 14, 2008 in the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Broward County, Florida for Plaintiff Merrick Preserve Condominium Association, Inc. (the Merrick Preserve Action"). A true and correct copy of the Merrick Preserve Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-HHH."
- 89. On January 28, 2009 SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the Merrick Preserve Action. A true and correct copy of the Merrick Preserve UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-III."
- 90. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Merrick Preserve Promissory Note, as amended, is \$87,405.19.
- 91. Upon information and belief, on or about May 5, 2008, the Quon Firm executed a Promissory Note wherein the Quon Firm borrowed the principal amount of \$500,000.00 from Bank of Nevada (hereinafter the "Hamptons Promissory Note"). The maturity date on the Hamptons Promissory Note was July 11, 2008. A true and correct copy of the Hamptons Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-JJJ."

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Attorneys At Law Ninth Floor 3960 Howard Hughes Pkw Las Vegas, Nevada 89189 92. Upon information and belief, on May 5, 2008, in connection with the Hamptons Promissory Note, the Quon Firm executed a Commercial Pledge Agreement pursuant to which the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of case 48-2008-CA-008235-O, filed on April 11, 2008 in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Orange County, Florida for Plaintiff Hamptons at Metrowest Condominium Association, Inc. (the "Hamptons Action"). A true and correct copy of the Hamptons Commercial Pledge Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-KKK."

- 93. On January 28, 2009 SMS Financial recorded a UCC Financing Statement Amendment reflecting its assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the Hamptons Action. A true and correct copy of the Hamptons UCC Financing Statement Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-LLL."
- 94. As of March 9, 2009, the outstanding balance due and owing under the Hamptons Promissory Note, as amended, is \$330,159.65.
- 95. Upon information and belief, on or about August 20, 2003, Quon executed an unlimited Commercial Guaranty wherein she unconditionally promised to pay any and all obligations of Quon Professional Corporation then existing or thereafter incurred with Bank of Nevada. A true and correct copy of the Quon Commercial Guaranty is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-MMM."
- 96. Upon information and belief, on or about July 25, 2007, JQ Printing executed an unlimited Commercial Guaranty wherein it unconditionally promised to pay any and all obligations of Quon Professional Corporation then existing or thereafter incurred with Bank of Nevada. A true and correct copy of the JQ Printing Commercial Guaranty is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-NNN."
- 97. Upon information and belief, on or about July 25, 2007, SL Public executed an unlimited Commercial Guaranty wherein it unconditionally promised to pay any and all obligations of Quon Professional Corporation then existing or thereafter incurred with Bank of Nevada. A true and correct copy of the SL Public Commercial Guaranty is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-OOO."

98. Upon information and belief, on or about July 25, 2007, Quon Investments executed an unlimited Commercial Guaranty wherein it unconditionally promised to pay any and all obligations of Quon Professional Corporation then existing or thereafter incurred with Bank of Nevada. A true and correct copy of the Quon Investments Commercial Guaranty is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-PPP."

- 99. Upon information and belief, on or about August 20, 2003, Quontum Marketing executed an unlimited Commercial Guaranty wherein it unconditionally promised to pay any and all obligations of Quon Professional Corporation then existing or thereafter incurred with Bank of Nevada. A true and correct copy of the Quontum Marketing Commercial Guaranty is attached hereto as Exhibit "1-QQQ."
- 100. Upon information and belief, the Quon Firm has transferred most of the abovereferenced actions to other law firms for prosecution. SMS Financial was not notified of any transfers and/or the identification of new counsel. To date, SMS Financial has received no proceeds upon transfer, or received any communications from new counsel indicating any intent to pay sums due and owing under the above-referenced promissory notes.
- As set forth above, the Park Avenue Action and the Amber Ridge Action have settled and funded, however SMS Financial was not paid the amount due and owing under the Park Avenue Promissory Note as amended, or the Amber Ridge Promissory Note, as amended. Further, the Quon Firm never even notified SMS Financial that the Amber Ridge Action settled.
- As set forth above, all of the loans with the Quon Firm have matured. Despite maturity, Defendants have failed to repay funds as they promised under the various Promissory Notes and Guaranties. Upon information and belief, Defendants are in default of their payment obligations under the above-referenced Promissory Notes, as amended, and Guaranties.
- 103. As of March 9, 2009, SMS Financial was owed \$12,017,579.08. Interest and late fees continue to accrue on this amount. In addition, SMS Financial has incurred and will likely to continue to incur attorneys' fees and costs in order to pursue its collection remedies.

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II.

#### **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

#### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Breach of Contract Against the Quon Firm)

- SMS Financial incorporates by reference, Paragraphs 1 through 103 of this Verified Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- Bank of Nevada and the Quon Firm entered into valid and enforceable contracts 105. under Nevada law.
- 106. Pursuant to the terms of the Promissory Notes, the Quon Firm agreed to pay back the full loan amount under each Promissory Note, plus interest.
- 107. Bank of Nevada performed its obligations due under the Promissory Notes by loaning the funds as agreed.
- SMS Financial properly acquired from the FDIC all the right, title and interest in the Promissory Notes.
- 109. The Quon Firm's failure to adhere to the express terms of the Promissory Notes constitutes a material breach of the Promissory Notes. As a result of the Quon Firm's breach, the Quon Firm is liable for the total outstanding balance due under the Promissory Notes, as amended, which is \$12,017,579.08, as of March 9, 2009.
- The amount due from Quon Firm's breach is an amount in excess of \$10,000.00. 110. As interest, fees and costs continue to accrue, a specific amount will be proven at the time of trial.
- 111. It has become necessary for SMS Financial to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action, and according to the terms of the Promissory Notes, SMS Financial is entitled to recover its attorneys' fees, together with costs of suit incurred therein.

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#### SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (Breach of Contract Against Quon, JQ Printing, SL Public, Quon Investments and Quontum Marketing)

- 112. SMS Financial incorporates by reference, Paragraphs 1 through 111 of this Verified Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 113. Bank of Nevada and Quon, JQ Printing, SL Public, Quon Investments and Quontum Marketing entered into valid and enforceable contracts under Nevada law.
- 114. Pursuant to the terms of the Guaranties, Quon, JQ Printing, SL Public, Quon Investments and Quontum Marketing agreed to pay all the obligations of the Quon Firm due under the Promissory Notes.
- 115. SMS Financial properly acquired from the FDIC all the right, title and interest in the Guaranties.
- 116. Quon, JQ Printing, SL Public, Quon Investments and Quontum Marketing's failure to adhere to the express terms of the Guaranties constitutes a material breach of the Guaranties. As a result of this breach, Quon, JQ Printing, SL Public, Quon Investments and Quontum Marketing are liable for the total outstanding balance under the Promissory Notes, which is \$12,017,579.08 as of March 9, 2009.
- 117. The amount due from the guarantor Defendants is in excess of \$10,000.00. As interest, fees and costs continue to accrue, a specific amount will be proven at the time of trial.
- 118. It has become necessary for SMS Financial to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action, and according to the terms of the Commercial Guarantees, SMS Financial is entitled to recover its attorneys' fees, together with costs of suit incurred therein.

#### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (Claim and Delivery Against All Defendants)

- 119. SMS Financial incorporates by reference, Paragraphs 1 through 118 of this Verified Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 120. SMS Financial has a security interest in the income and proceeds from the abovedescribed Actions, including the Park Avenue Action and the Amber Ridge Action.

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121. Upon information and belief, the Park Avenue Action and the Amber Ridge Action have settled and funded.

- 122. Defendants are currently in default under the Park Avenue Promissory Note and Amber Ridge Promissory Note. As a secured party, SMS Financial is entitled to immediate possession of all proceeds from the Park Avenue Action and the Amber Ridge Action, but Defendants have failed and refused to surrender the proceeds. Claim and delivery is appropriate.
- 123. It has become necessary for SMS Financial to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action, and according to the terms of the Promissory Notes, SMS Financial is entitled to recover its attorneys' fees, together with costs of suit incurred therein.

#### FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (Appointment of Receiver Pursuant to N.R.S. §32.010)

- 124. SMS Financial incorporates by reference, Paragraphs 1 through 123 of this Verified Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 125. Between August 19, 2003 and May 5, 2008, the Quon Firm entered into various Promissory Notes with Bank of Nevada.
- 126. Many of the principal amounts under the Promissory Notes were increased pursuant to several amendments, and as of March 9, 2009, Defendants owe \$12,017,579.08.
- 127. To secure the Promissory Notes, the Quon Firm executed either a Commercial Pledge Agreement or other Commercial Security Agreement.
- 128. On January 12, 2009, SMS Financial acquired from the FDIC all right, title and interest in the Promissory Notes originally entered into between the Quon Firm and Bank of Nevada, as well as the security agreements securing these Promissory Notes.
- 129. The Quon Firm defaulted under the Promissory Notes by failing to pay the principal plus interest on the date of maturity. All of the Promissory Notes have matured.
- 130. The Quon Firm has received settlement proceeds without remuneration to SMS Financial, and there has been a transfer of Actions without notification or payment to SMS Financial.

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JONATHAN D. HOFFER, under penalty of perjury states that he is the Manager of SMS Management, LLC, the Manager of SMS Financial, LLC in the above-entitled matter; that he has read the foregoing Complaint and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except those matters stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, he believes them to be true.

DATED this 16 h day of April , 2009.

JONATHAN B. HOFFER, Manager of SMS Management, LLC, Manager of Financial, LLC

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#### DISTRICT COURT

#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

HIGH NOON AT ARLINGTON RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Nevada non-profit corporation, for itself and for all others similarly situated,

CASE NO. A542616 DEPT. NO. XXII

Plaintiff,

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D.R. HORTON, INC., a Delaware Corporation, et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SECURITY INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the Commercial Pledge Agreement, executed by the Quon Firm on August 27, 2007, wherein the Quon Firm granted Bank of Nevada a security interest in all income and proceeds from the outcome of the above-captioned matter, and the UCC Financing Statement Amendment filed with the Nevada Secretary of State, reflecting SMS Financial, LLC's assignment of Bank of Nevada's security interest, SMS Financial, LLC ("SMS Financial") hereby gives notice of its security interest in any income and proceeds in the above-captioned action. True and correct copies of the Commercial Pledge Agreement and the UCC Financing Statement Amendment are attached hereto as Exhibits "1" and "2" respectively.

SMS Financial further requests special notice of all hearings, actions, contested matters, and adversary proceedings in this case, together with copies of all notices, pleadings, motions, responses, and other related materials that are issued or filed in connection with these proceedings. All notices and copies in response to the foregoing should be sent to the following:

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Erika Pike Turner, Esq. 1 Kerri A. Sparks, Esq. 2 **GORDON SILVER** 3960 Howard Hughes Parkway, Ninth Floor 3 Las Vegas, Nevada, 89169 4 Dated this day of April 2009. 5 **GORDON SILVER** 6 7 ERIKA PIKE TURNER Nevada Bar No. 6454 8 KAREN L. HANKS Nevada Bar No. 9578 9 KERRI A. SPARKS Nevada Bar No. 11282 10 3960 Howard Hughes Pkwy., 9th Floor Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 11 (702) 796-5555 Attorneys for SMS Financial, LLC 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

The undersigned, an employee of Gordon Silver, hereby certifies that on the 2040 day of April 2009, she served a copy of the NOTICE OF SECURITY INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL NOTICE, by placing said copy in an envelope, postage fully prepaid, in the U.S. Mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, said envelope addressed to:

Matthew L. Grode, Esq. 3993 Howard Hughes Pkwy., #530 Las Vegas, NV 89169 Attorney for High Noon at Arlington Ranch Attorney for DR Horton, Inc. Homeowners Association

Joel D. Odou, Esq. 7670 W. Lake Mead Blvd., #250 Las Vegas, NV 89128

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deems advisable, without obtaining the Grantor or the Collateral. prior written consent of Granior, and no such act or failure to act shall affect Lender's rights against

All Colleteral Secures Indebtedness. All Colleteral shall be security for the Indebtedness, whether the Colleteral is located at one or more offices or branches of Lender. This will be the case whether or not the office or branch where Grantor obtained Grantor's loan knows about the Colleteral or relies upon the Colleteral as security.

Collection of Collateral. Lender at Lender's option may, but need not, collect the income and Proceeds directly from the Obligors. Grantor authorizes and directs the Obligors, if Lender decides to collect the income and Proceeds, to pay and deliver to Lender all income and Proceeds from the Collateral and to accept Lender's receipt for the payments.

Power of Attorney. Grantor irrevocably appoints Lander as Grantor's attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, (a) to demand, collect, receipt for, sue and recover all income and Proceeds and other sums of money and other property which may now or hereafter become due, owing or peyable from the Obligors in accordance with the terms of the Collateral; (b) to execute, sign and endorse any and all instruments, receipts, checks, drafts and warrants issued in payment for the Collateral; (c) to settle or compromise any and all claims arising under the Collateral, and in the place and stead of Grantor, execute and deliver Grantor's release and acquittance for Grantor; (d) to file any claim or daints or to take any action or institute or take part in any proceedings, either in Lander's own name or in the name of Grantor, or otherwise, which in the discretion of Lender may seem to be necessary or advisable; and (e) to execute in Grantor's name and to deliver to the Obligora on Grantor's behalf, at the time and in the marrier specified by the Collateral, any necessary instruments or documents.

Perfection of Security interest. Upon Lander's request, Grantor will deliver to Lender any and all of the documents evidencing or constituting the Collateral. When applicable law provides more than one method of perfection of Lander's security interest, Lender may choose the method(s) to be used. Upon Lander's request, Grantor will eigh and deliver any writings necessary to perfect Lender's security interest. Grantor hereby appoints Lender as Grantor's irrevocable attorney-in-fact for the purpose of executing any documents necessary to perfect, amend, or to continue the security interest granted in this Agreement or to demand termination of fitings of other secured parties.

LENDER'S EXPENDITURIES, if any action or proceeding is commenced that would materially affect Lender's interest in the Collateral or if Grantor falls to comply with any provision of this Agreement or any Related Documents, including but not limited to Grantor's failure to discharge or pay when due any amounts Grantor is required to discharge or pay under this Agreement or any Related Documents, Lender on Grantor's behalf may (but shalf not be obligated to) take any action that Lender deems appropriate, including but not timited to discharging or paying all taxes, liens, security interests, encumbrances and other claims, at any time levied or placed on the Collateral and paying all costs for insuring, maintaining and preserving the Collateral. All such expenditures incurred or paid by Lender for paid by Lender for such purposes will then bear interest at the rate charged under the Note from the date incurred or paid by Lender for the date of repayment by Grantor. All such expenses will become a part of the Indebtedness and, at Lender's option, will (A) be payable on demand; (B) be added to the balance of the Note and be apportioned among and be payable with any installment payments to become due during either (1) the term of any applicable insurance policy; or (2) the remaining term of the Note; or (C) be treated as a balloon payment which will be due and payable at the Note's maturity. The Agreement also will secure payment of these amounts. Such right shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies to which Lender may be entitled upon Default.

LIMITATIONS ON OBLIGATIONS OF LENDER, Lender shall use ordinary reasonable care in the physical preservation and custody of the Collateral in Lender's possession, but shall have no other obligation to protect the Collateral or its value. In particular, but without limitation, Lender shall have no responsibility for (A) any depreciation in value of the Collateral or for the collection or protection of any income and Proceeds from the Collateral, (B) preservation of rights against parties to the Collateral or against third persons, (C) accertaining any maturities, calls, conversions, exchanges, offers, tenders, or similar matters relating to any of the Collateral, or (D) informing Grantor about any of the above, whether or not Lender has or is deemed to have knowledge of such matters. Except as provided above, Lender shall have no liability for depreciation or deterioration of the Collateral.

DEFAULT. Each of the following shall constitute an Event of Default under this Agreement:

Payment Default. Grantor talls to make any payment when due under the indebtedness.

Other Defaults. Grantor falls to comply with or to perform any other term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in this Agreement or in any of the Related Documents or to comply with or to perform any term, obligation, covenant or condition contained in any other agreement between Lender and Grantor.

Default in Favor of Third Parties. Should Grantor or any Grantor default under any loan, extension of credit, security agreement, purchase or sales agreement, or any other agreement, in favor of any other creditor or person that may materially affect any of Grantor's property or Grantor's or any Grantor's ability to repay the indebtedness or perform their respective obligations under this Agreement or any of the Related Documents.

False Statements. Any warranty, representation or statement made or furnished to Lender by Grantor or on Grantor's behalf under this Agreement or the Related Documents is false or misiseding in any material respect, either now or at the time made or furnished or becomes false or misiseding at any time thereafter.

Defective Collaboralization. This Agreement or any of the Related Documents ceases to be in full force and effect (including failure of any collaboral document to create a valid and perfected security interest or lian) at any time and for any reason.

Insolvency. The dissolution or termination of Granton's existence as a going business, the insolvency of Granton, the appointment of a receiver for any part of Granton's property, any assignment for the benefit of creditors, any type of creditor workout, or the commencement of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws by or against Granton.

Creditor or Ferfeiture Proceedings. Commencement of foreclosure or forfeiture proceedings, whether by judicial proceeding, self-help, repossession or any other method, by any creditor of Grantor or by any governmental agency against any collateral securing the indibtedness. This includes a garnishment of any of Grantor's accounts, including deposit accounts, with Lender. However, this Event of Default shall not apply if there is a good faith dispute by Grantor as to the validity or reasonableness of the claim which is the basis of the creditor or forfeiture proceeding and disposits with Lender montes or a surely bond for the creditor or forfeiture proceeding and disposits with Lender montes or a surely bond for the creditor or forfeiture proceeding an adequate reserve or bond for the dispute.

Events Affecting Guarantor. Any of the preceding events occurs with respect to any Guarantor of any of the indebtedness or Guarantor clies or becomes incompetent or revokes or disputes the validity of, or liability under, any Guaranty of the indebtedness.

Adverse Change. A material adverse change occurs in Grantor's financial condition, or Lender believes the prospect of payment or performence of the indebtedness is impaired.

Cure Provisions. If any defaut, other than a defaut in payment is curable and if Grantor has not been given a notice of a breach of the same provision of this Agreement within the preceding twelve (12) months, it may be cured if Grantor, after receiving written notice from Lender



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demanding cure of such default: (1) cures the default within fifteen (15) days; or (2) If the cure requires more than fifteen (15) days, immediately initiates steps which Lender deems in Lender's sole discretion to be sufficient to cure the default and thereafter continues and completes all reasonable and necessary steps sufficient to produce compliance as soon as reasonably practical.

RIGHTS AND REMEDIES ON DEFAULT. If an Event of Default occurs under this Agreement, at any time thereafter. Lender may exercise any one or more of the following rights and remedies:

Accelerate indebtedness. Declare all indebtedness, including any prepayment penalty which Grantor would be required to pay, immediately due and payable, without notice of any kind to Grantor.

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Sell the Collateral. Sell the Collateral, at Lender's discretion, as a unit or in parcels, at one or more public or private sales. Unless the Collateral is perishable or threatens to decline speedily in value or is of a type customarily sold on a recognized market. Lender shall give or mail to Grantor, and other persons as required by law, notice at least ten (10) days in advance of the time and place of any public sale, or of the time after which any private sale may be made. However, no notice need be provided to any person who, after an Event of Default occurs, enters into and authenticates an agreement waiving that person's right to notification of sale. Grantor agrees that any requirement of reasonable notice as to Grantor is satisfied if Lender mails notice by ordinary mail addressed to Grantor at the last address Grantor has given Lender in writing. If a public sale is held, there shall be sufficient compliance with all requirements of notice to the public by a single publication in any newspaper of general circulation in the county where the Collateral is located, setting forth the time and place of sale and a brief description of the property to be sold. Lender may be a purchaser at any public sale.

Sell Securities. Sell any securities included in the Collateral in a manner consistent with applicable federal and state securities laws. If, because of restrictions under such laws, Lender is unable, or believes Lender is unable, to sell the securities in an open market transaction, Grantor agrees that Lender will have no obligation to delay sale until the securities can be registered. Then Lender may make a private sale to one or more persons or to a restricted group of persons, even though such sale may result in a price that is less favorable than might be obtained in an open market transaction. Such a sale will be considered commercially reasonable. If any securities held as Collateral are "restricted securities" as defined in the Rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (such as Regulation D or Rule 144) or the rules of state securities departments under state "Blue Sky" laws, or if Grantor or any other owner of the Collateral is an affiliate of the issuer of the securities, Grantor agrees that inside the constant of the control of the control of the securities of such issuer without obtaining Lender's prior written consent.

Foreclosure. Maintain a judicial suit for foreclosure and sale of the Collateral.

Transfer Title. Effect transfer of title upon sale of all or part of the Collateral. For this purpose, Grantor irrevocably appoints Lender as Grantor's attorney-in-fact to execute endorsements, assignments and instruments in the name of Grantor and each of them (if more than one) as shall be necessary or reasonable.

Other Rights and Remedies. Have and exercise any or all of the rights and remedies of a secured creditor under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, at law, in equity, or otherwise.

Application of Proceeds. Apply any cash which is part of the Collateral, or which is received from the collection or sale of the Collateral, to reimbursement of any expenses, including any costs for registration of securities, commissions incurred in connection with a sale, attorneys' fees and court costs, whether or not there is a lawsuit and including any fees on appeal, incurred by Lender in connection with the collection and sale of such Collateral and to the payment of the indebtedness of Grantor to Lender, with any excess funds to be paid to Grantor as the interests of Grantor appear. Grantor agrees, to the extent permitted by law, to pay any deficiency after application of the proceeds of the Collateral to the interests.

Election of Remedies. Except as may be prohibited by applicable law, all of Lender's rights and remedies, whether evidenced by this Agreement, the Related Documents, or by any other writing, shall be cumulative and may be exercised singularly or concurrently. Election by Lender to pursue any remedy shall not exclude pursuit of any other remedy, and an election to make expenditures or to take action to perform an obligation of Grantor under this Agreement, after Grantor's failure to perform, shall not affect Lender's right to declare a default and exarcise its remedies.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS. The following miscellaneous provisions are a part of this Agreement:

Amendments. This Agreement, together with any Related Documents, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties as to the matters set forth in this Agreement. No alteration of or amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless given in writing and signed by the party or parties sought to be charged or bound by the alteration or amendment.

Attorneys' Fees; Expenses. Grantor agrees to pay upon demand all of Lender's costs and expenses, including Lender's attorneys' fees and Lender's legal expenses, incurred in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement. Lender may hire or pay someone else to help enforce this Agreement, and Grantor shall pay the costs and expenses of such enforcement. Costs and expenses include Lender's attorneys' fees and legal expenses whether or not there is a lawsuit, including attorneys' fees and legal expenses for bankruptcy proceedings (including efforts to modify or vacate any automatic stay or injunction), appeals, and any anticipated post-judgment collection services. Grantor also shall pay all court costs and such additional fees as may be directed by the court.

Caption Headings. Caption headings in this Agreement are for convenience purposes only and are not to be used to interpret or define the provisions of this Agreement.

Governing Law. This Agreement will be governed by federal law applicable to Lender and, to the extent not preempted by federal law, the laws of the State of Nevada without regard to its conflicts of law provisions. This Agreement has been accepted by Lender in the State of Nevada.

Choice of Venue. If there is a invalit, Grantor agrees upon Lander's request to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of Clark County, State of Nevada. (Initial Here

No Walver by Lender. Lander shall not be deemed to have waived any rights under this Agreement unless such waiver is given in writing and signed by Lender. No delay or omission on the part of Lander in exercising any right shall operate as a waiver of such right or any other right. A waiver by Lender of a provision of this Agreement shall not prejudice or constitute a waiver of Lender's right otherwise to demand strict compliance with that provision or any other provision of this Agreement. No prior waiver by Lender, nor any course of dealing between Lender and Grantor, shall constitute a waiver of any of Lender's rights or of any of Grantor's obligations as to any future transactions. Whenever the

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consent of Lender is required under this Agreement, the granting of such consent by Lender in any instance shall not constitute confinuing consent to subsequent instances where such consent as lender may be granted or withheld in the sole discretion of Lender.

Notices. Any notice required to be given under this Agreement shall be given in writing, and shall be effective when actually delivered, when actually received by leiestschille (unless otherwise required by law), when deposited with a nationally recognized overnight courier, or, if mailed, when deposited in the United States mail, as first class, certified or registand mail postage prepaid, directed to the addresses shown near the beginning of this Agreement. Any party may change its address for notices under this Agreement by giving formel written notice to the other parties, specifying that the purpose of the notice is to change the party's address. For notice purposes, Grantor agrees to keep Lander Informed at all times of Grantor's current address. Unless otherwise provided or required by law, if there is more than one Grantor, any notice given by Lander to any Grantor is deemed to be notice given to all Grantors.

Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision of this Agreement to be litegal, invalid, or unenforceable as to any other circumstance. If feasible, the circumstance and invalid and invalid to the considered modified so that it becomes legal, valid and enforceable. If the offending provision cannot be so modified, it shall be considered deleted from this Agreement. Unless otherwise required by law, the itiegality, invalidity, or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

Successors and Assigns. Subject to any Entlations stated in this Agreement on transfer of Grantor's interest, this Agreement shall be birding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors and assigns. If ownership of the Collaboral becomes vested in a person other than Grantor, Lender, without notice to Grantor, may deal with Grantor's successors with reference to this Agreement and the indebtedness by way of forbearance or extension without releasing Grantor from the obligations of this Agreement or lability under the indebtedness.

Time is of the Easence. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

Walve Jury. All parties to this Agreement hereby walve the right to any jury trial in any action, proceeding, or counterclaim brought by any party against any other party.

DEFINITIONS. The following capitalized words and terms shall have the following meanings when used in this Agreement. Unless specifically stated to the contrary, all references to dollar amounts shall mean amounts in lawful money of the United States of America. Words and terms used in the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular, as the context may require. Words and terms not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings attributed to such terms in the Unitorn Commercial Code:

Agreement. The word "Agreement" means this Commercial Pledge Agreement, as this Commercial Pledge Agreement may be modified from time to time, together with all exhibits and schedules attached to this Commercial Pledge Agreement from time to time.

Borrower. The word "Borrower" means NANCY QUON, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation and includes all co-signers and co-makers signing the Note and all their successors and assigns.

Colleteral. The word "Colleteral" means all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to all the Colleteral as described in the Colleteral Description section of this Agreement.

Default. The word "Default" means the Default set forth in this Agreement in the section titled "Default".

Event of Default. The words "Event of Default" mean any of the events of default set forth in this Agreement in the default section of this

Granter. The word "Grantor" means NANCY QUON, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation.

Guarantor. The word "Guarantor" means any guarantor, surety, or accommodation party of any or all of the Indebtedness.

Guaranty. The word "Guaranty" means the guaranty from Guarantor to Lender, including without limitation a guaranty of all or part of the Note

Income and Proceeds. The words "income and Proceeds" mean all present and future income, proceeds, earnings, increases, and substitutions from or for the Collsteral of every kind and nature, including without limitation all payments, inferest, profits, distributions, and substitutions warrants, dividends, stock splits, stock rights, regulatory dividends, subscriptions, monies, claims for money due and to become due, proceeds of any insurance on the Collsteral, shares of stock of different par value or no par value issued in substitution or exchange for shares included in the Collateral, and all other property Grantor is entitled to receive on account of such Collateral, including accounts, documents, instruments, chattel paper, and general intangibles.

indebtactness. The word "indebtedness" means the indebtedness evidenced by the Note or Related Documents, including all principal and interest together with all other indebtedness and costs and expenses for which Grantor is responsible under this Agreement or under any of the Related Documents.

Lander. The word "Lander" means First National Bank of Nevada, its successors and assigns.

Note. The word "Note" means the Note executed by NANCY QUON, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, a Newada corporation in the principal amount of \$500,000.00 dated August 27, 2007, together with all renewals of, extensions of, modifications of, refinancings of, consolidations of, and substitutions for the note or credit agreement.

Obligor. The word "Obligor" means without limitation any and all persons obligated to pay money or to perform some other Collaberal.

Property. The word "Property" means all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to all the Property as described in the "Collateral Description" section of this Agreement.

Related Documents. The words "Related Documents" mean all promissory notes, credit agreements, loan agreements, environmental agreements, security agreements, mortgages, deeds of trust, security deeds, collateral mortgages, and all other instruments, agreements and documents, whether now or hereafter existing, executed in connection with the indebtedness.

grantor has read and understood all the provisions of this commercial pledge agreement and agrees to its Terms. This agreement is dated august 27, 2007.

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