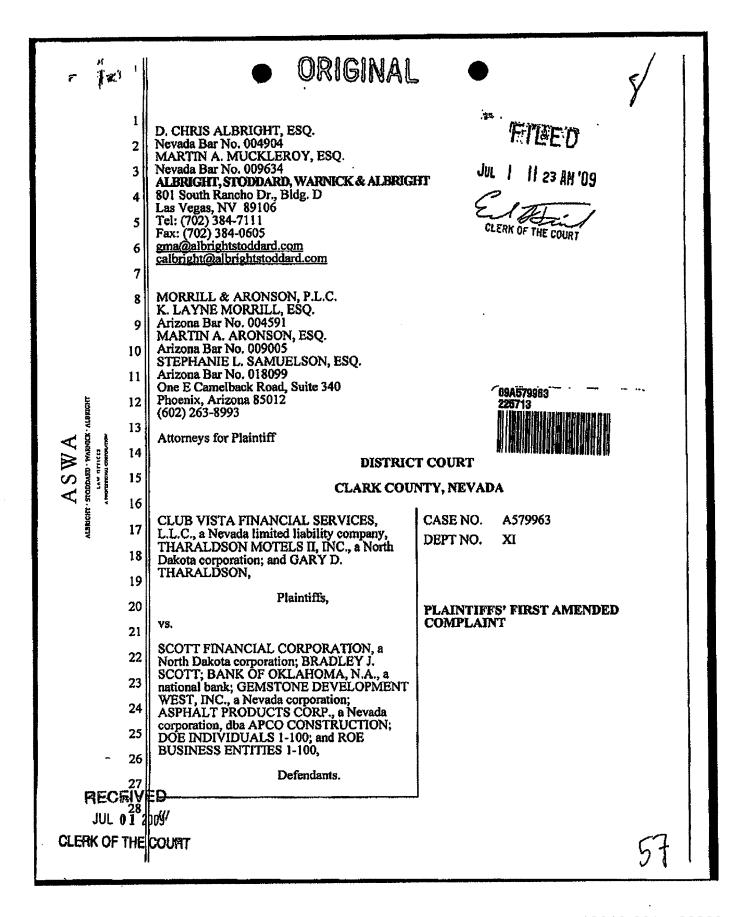
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PLAINTIFFS' FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

COME NOW the Plaintiffs, by and through their counsel undersigned, and for their Amended Complaint against Defendants allege as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

This case for fraud and breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract and other 1. claims arises out of a highly unusual real estate finance deal. Defendants SFC and BoK are co-lead lenders in a 29 lender \$110 Million syndicated loan participation, which those Defendants structured to provide above market interest rates for the lenders and substantial loan origination and servicing fees for co-lead lender Defendant Scott Financial Corporation. Even though called the co-lead lender, SFC did not loan a single dollar to the developer/borrower, but did collect substantial fees. Fiduciary Defendants induced Plaintiffs Tharaldson and Tharaldson Motels II, Inc., with whom Defendants Scott and Scott Financial corporation have long had a fiduciary relationship of the highest trust and confidence, to give 100% unlimited guarantees of the performance of a wholly unrelated developer/borrower. Now that the Project has failed, Plaintiffs have learned that Fiduciary Defendants did not perform appropriate due diligence and loan administration, but instead "underwrote" (without disclosure) the Project solely on the financial strength of Plaintiffs' guarantees. While this allowed Fiduciary Defendants to obtain a sub prime rate of return on a prime rate credit, Defendants wrongfully induced Plaintiffs' participation in the financing transaction through multiple breaches of fiduciary duty, misrepresentations and omissions.

PLAINTIFFS

- 2. Plaintiff Club Vista Financial Services LLC ("CVFS") is a Nevada limited liability company with its principal place of business in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Plaintiff Tharaldson Motels II, Inc. ("TM2I"), is a North Dakota global corporation 3. with its principal place of business in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 4. Plaintiff Gary D. Tharaldson ("Tharaldson") is a resident of the State of Nevada. Tharaldson indirectly owns one hundred percent of the member interests in CVFS and a minority interest in TM2I.

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CVFS, TM2I, and Tharaldson are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs." 5.

THE FIDUCIARY DEFENDANTS

- Defendant Scott Financial Corporation ("SFC") is a North Dakota corporation with 6. its principal place of business in Bismark, North Dakota. SFC is engaged in the business of underwriting and originating loans, selling participations in those loans to various banks, financial institutions, and other investors, and servicing the loans. SFC was a long-time financial advisor to the Plaintiffs. SFC is sued on its own account and in its representative capacity as Co-Lead Lender for 29 participating lenders on the Senior Loan defined below, including CVFS. SFC acted in a position of inherently conflicting interests in its capacity as agent for both Plaintiffs and Defendant Bank of Oklahoma in the transactions at issue herein.
- Defendant Bradley J. Scott ("Scott"), a resident of North Dakota, is the owner, 7. director, and officer of SFC. Scott committed or was responsible for committing the wrongful acts of SFC alleged herein.
- 8. Defendant Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. ("BOk") is a national bank with its principal place of business in Tulsa, Oklahoma. BOk acted in a fiduciary capacity to Plaintiffs as Co-Lead Lender in a \$110,000,000 loan transaction, BOk is sued on its own account and in its representative capacity as Co-Lead Lender for 28 other participating lenders on the Senior Loan defined below, including CVFS. It is also sued because Scott and SFC acted as its agents in connection with the wrongful acts alleged herein.
 - SFC, Scott, and BOk are hereinafter referred to as the "Fiduciary Defendants." 9.

OWNER DEFENDANT

10. Defendant Gemstone Development West, Inc. ("Gemstone West Inc.") is a Nevada corporation which is an obligor by assumption on the Prior Loan and a direct obligor on the Senior Loan, both as defined below, and which owns certain real property located in Clark County, Nevada, which is security for both the Prior Loan and the Senior Loan. Gemstone West Inc. is named as a defendant in this action because it claims an interest in the Property and is therefore an appropriate party to ensure a full adjudication concerning conflicting claims and interests in the Property.

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CONTRACTOR DEFENDANT

Defendant Asphalt Products Corporation d/b/a APCO Construction ("Contractor") 11. is a Nevada corporation which contracted and was responsible for construction of the Project on the Property. Contractor is named as a defendant in this action because it has filed liens against the Property or has caused liens to be filed against the Property directly contrary to its agreement to subordinate its claims (as set forth herein) in favor of the lender under the Senior Loan.

FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS

12. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and therefore allege that the true names and capacities whether individuals, corporate entities, associates or otherwise of DOE 1-100 and ROE 101-200 are presently unknown to Plaintiffs and therefore sue said Defendants by said fictitious names. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and therefore allege that each of the Defendants designated as DOE and ROE is responsible in some manner for the events and happenings described in this Complaint, which proximately caused the damages to Plaintiffs as alleged herein, or claim some interest in the Project, over which Plaintiff's claims have priority. Plaintiffs will seek leave of this Court to amend its Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of the DOE and ROE parties and state appropriate charging allegations when that information has been ascertained.

SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

- 13. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under Article 6, Section 6 of the Nevada Constitution and under NRS 4.370(1), because the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000 and under NRS 4.370(2) because the case involves title to real property and is not a forcible entry and detainer action.
- 14. Plaintiffs also invoke the Nevada Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act, NRS 30.010 to 30.160.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL JURISDICTION

15. SFC is qualified to do business in, and does business in, Clark County, Nevada. In addition, SFC is subject to personal jurisdiction in this Court under NRS 14.065 because it has caused events to occur in Las Vegas, Nevada, which are the subject matter of this action; and

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because the Senior Debt Loan Agreement out of which this action arises provides for personal jurisdiction in Clark County, Nevada.

- Scott is subject to personal jurisdiction in this Court under NRS 14.065 because he 16. has caused events to occur in Las Vegas, Nevada, which are the subject matter of this action.
- BOk is subject to personal jurisdiction in this Court under NRS 14.065 because it 17. has caused events to occur in Las Vegas, Nevada, which are the subject matter of this action; and because the Senior Debt Loan Agreement in which it owns a participation and acts as Co-Lead Lender, provides for personal jurisdiction in Clark County, Nevada.
- Gemstone West Inc. and Contractor are subject to general jurisdiction in this Court 18. because their principal place of business is in Clark County, Nevada.

VENUE

19. Venue is appropriate in this Court under NRS 13.010(2)(a) and (c) because this dispute involves interests in real property located in Clark County, Nevada. Venue is also appropriate under NRS 13.040 as to SFC and Gemstone West Inc., because they are engaged in business in Clark County, Nevada. Furthermore, the Senior Debt Loan Agreement out of which this action arises provides for venue in the state and federal courts located in Clark County, Nevada. Finally, the res of the action is real property located in Clark County, Nevada, in which Plaintiffs and Defendants claim an interest.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

Plaintiffs' Business

- 20. Plaintiff Tharaldson is a successful real estate entrepreneur who has had substantial success in the motel and lodging business.
 - 21. Plaintiff TM2I is an owner and operator of motel and lodging properties.
- 22. Tharaldson and TM2I have very substantial assets and net worth. They are highly credit worthy and routinely obtain credit and credit facilities at or near the prime rate of interest.
- Plaintiff CVFS is an entity owned by Tharaldson which is involved in making or participating as a lender in acquisition, development and construction loans for third party developers' real estate projects.

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Scott's and SFC's Fiduciary Relationship With Plaintiffs

- 24. Theraldson's business relationship with Scott began in about 1992. Scott was employed by Bismark National Bank in Bismark, North Dakota. Scott arranged several loans to Theraldson to finance acquisition or construction of motel properties. In about 2000, Scott, through Bismark National Bank, arranged a \$50,000,000 loan to facilitate Theraldson's sale of motel properties. Scott also arranged some unsecured lines of credit for Theraldson.
- 25. In 2003, Scott left Bismark National Bank and founded his own company, SFC, a firm specializing in corporate lending and lending services. SFC does not actually loan its own moneys. Instead it acts as a "lead lender" in syndicating participation interests to other lenders who actually supply loan funds. In addition to earning origination fees on such loans, SFC typically also earns a loan servicing fee equal to 0.5% interest (fifty "basis points") on each loan it originates.
- 26. Since 2003, Scott has advised Tharaldson concerning business and financial matters, including numerous investments in real estate loans originated, underwritten, and administered by Scott through SFC for the benefit of CVFS and Tharaldson (the "SFC Loans").
- 27. Tharaldson and his business entities have relied exclusively on Scott and SFC for credit underwriting, due diligence and feasibility analysis for the SFC loans. Scott and SFC knew of and encouraged this exclusive reliance. Tharaldson only invested in loans that Scott represented SFC had thoroughly underwritten, investigated and concluded were prudent credit risks based on the financial merits of the underlying projects.
- 28. Scott became Tharaldson's investment broker and agent for loan participation investments by Tharaldson and Tharaldson entities in real estate loans recommended by SFC. Since the inception of their business relationship, Tharaldson or entities he controls have invested and/or participated in the following SFC Loans based on Scott's advice and recommendation:
 - A. \$65,600,000 construction loan and \$38,900,000 construction loan to Gemstone LVS, LLC made in June, 2004 in which Tharaldson Financial Group, Inc. was lender and SFC was its financial consultant in the underwriting, documentation and servicing, secured by Phase 1 and Phase 2

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Lender's interest, made in September 2006 with a maturity of December 31, 2008, secured by land in western Maricopa County, Arizona.

- \$1,890,000 subordinate and \$3,150,000 senior loan to Leadermark H. Communities made in February, 2007, in which SFC was the Lender and CVFS was the 100% participant and owner of the Lender's interest, secured by real property located in Phoenix, Arizona.
- A special relationship of trust and confidence developed between Scott and 29. Tharaldson. Scott and SFC became intimately aware of and advised Tharaldson on Tharaldson's businesses, assets, income, cash flows, and manner of operation. Indeed, throughout this relationship Scott reviewed Tharaldson's internal personal financial statements and provided presentation and formatting suggestions. Also, Scott routinely reformatted Tharaldson financial information for banks with whom Tharaldson deals and acted as Tharaldson's agent in dealing directly with banks who sought to remain current on Tharaldson's financial information.
- 30. In each of the SFC Loans, Plaintiffs relied entirely upon Scott and SFC to underwrite and evaluate the merits of the loans and to prepare the appropriate loan documentation to protect Plaintiffs' legal and financial interests in the SFC Loans, and Scott and SFC knew about and encouraged this reliance. Even though it was not the actual source of loan funds, SFC typically prepared the loan documents for the SFC Loans in its name as the Lender. The only documentation Plaintiffs typically signed with respect to each of the SFC Loans was a separate Non-Recourse Participation Agreement and related commitment acknowledging their acquisition of ownership of the particular SFC Loan as the Participant. It was pursuant to these Agreements that Tharaldson and his entities made loan funds available to the ultimate borrowers.
- Since about 2003, Tharaldson has provided to Scott and SFC office space and 31. facilities, lodging accommodations, and transportation assistance through Tharaldson's Las Vegas office on Scott's regular trips to Las Vegas.
- SFC is licensed by the Mortgage Lending Division of the Nevada Department of 32. Business and Industry. Its license with the Mortgage Lending Division lists Tharaldson's son, Matt Tharaldson, as SFC's "licensed employee" in Las Vegas.

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33. Scott has regularly described his role as overseeing Tharaldson's lending division and third parties have in turn referred to Scott as overseeing Tharaldson's lending operations. Tharaldson has relied exclusively on Scott and SFC to protect Tharaldson's interests in these transactions, and Scott and SFC knew about and encouraged this reliance.

- 34. On information and belief, Defendant BOk knew and understood at all material times that Scott and SFC were acting as Plaintiffs' agents in overseeing Tharaldson's lending operations.
- 35. From January through April 2006, a period during which several of the SFC loans were made, Tharaldson underwent double knee replacement surgeries and back surgery. A long period of recovery followed that included pain medications until February 2007, during which several more of the SFC loans were made. Scott and SFC knew about Tharaldson's medical condition and wrongfully took advantage of it by proposing questionable transactions to Tharaldson at a time when Scott knew Tharaldson was partially incapacitated.
- 36. In connection with each of the SFC Loans, Scott through SFC has performed the credit underwriting, due diligence investigation, negotiated the loan terms with the borrower, hired the same counsel to represent both SFC and CVFS as the participant in documenting the loan, selected the title insurer for obtaining lenders title insurance policies on the real estate loan collateral, sold participations in the loans to Plaintiffs, and then performed all loan administration and servicing, including collection of interest and principal from the borrower and remitting those payments, less SFC's fees, to Plaintiffs and any other participants.
- 37. Plaintiffs' investment in each of the SFC Loans was documented by a separate Nonrecourse Loan Participation Agreement (Consulting Agreements in the case of the Manhattan Loans) prepared by Scott. Each participation agreement (and the Consulting Agreements in the case of the Manhattan Loans) appoints SFC as the agent of CVFS or other Tharaldson affiliate with respect to the loan and acknowledges the fiduciary relationship and agency between SFC and such participant.
- 38. SFC and Scott have earned substantial loan origination fees and servicing fees for their work on the SFC Loans in which Plaintiffs invested based upon their expert advice and

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recommendations, and Plaintiffs' trust in Scott and SFC.

The Manhattan West Project

- 39. Based on SFC's recommendations, a Tharaldson entity named Tharaldson Financial Group, Inc. had previously made a successful loan through SFC on a mixed use project known as the Manhattan Project in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Developer of the Manhattan Project was Alexander Edelstein.
- 40. Following the success of the Manhattan Project, SFC through Scott approached Tharaldson about making a loan on a sister project called Manhattan West which is located on 21 acres of land on Russell Road in Las Vegas, Nevada. Manhattan West was being developed by Alexander Edelstein, the same principal who had developed the Manhattan Project.
- 41. An Edelstein entity known as Gemstone Apache, LLC, ("Apache") acquired the land in June 2006 for \$31,540,000.
- 42. The development entity for the Project was Gemstone Development West, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("Developer") which owned 100% of the equity interests in Apache.
- 43. Gemstone Development, L.L.C., a Nevada limited liability company ("Gemstone Development") is wholly owned by Edelstein and serves as manager to Gemstone LVS.
- 44. Manhattan West was designed and approved as a mixed use community featuring more than 600 condominium residences in one 11 story tower and several mid-rise buildings, plus 200,000 square feet of shops, restaurants, and office and hotel space.
- 45. The Project, Phase 1 of Manhattan West, involves approximately 228 residential condominium units and approximately 195,350 square feet of retail and office space.

The Manhattan West Acquisition and Development Financing (The Prior Loan and Edelstein Loan)

46. On or about June 26, 2006, SFC, as lender, entered into a Loan Agreement with Apache, as borrower (the "Prior Loan Agreement") for the purpose of acquisition and preconstruction development of the Manhattan West Project. Although SFC was the named lender under the Prior Loan Agreement, all loan funds came from CVFS.

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47. Pursuant to the Prior Loan Agreement, SFC agreed to loan Apache up to \$25,000,000 (the "Prior Loan").

- The Prior Loan was composed of two parts represented by two separate notes and 48. deeds of trust; a "junior loan" in the maximum amount of \$10,000,000 (the "First Junior DOT Note"), and a "senior loan" in the maximum amount of \$15,000,000 (the "First Senior DOT Note").
- 49, The First Junior DOT is dated June 26, 2006 and was recorded on July 5, 2006 in the real property records of Clark County, Nevada at Book 20060705, Instrument No. 0004265.
- The First Senior DOT is dated June 26, 2006, and was recorded on July 5, 2006 in the real property records of Clark County, Nevada at Book 20060705, Instrument No. 0004264.
- In addition, the Prior Loan Agreement provided that a Third Deed of Trust on the Property and the Project (the "Third DOT") would be executed by Apache in favor of SFC to secure a \$13,000,000 note made by Edelstein payable to SFC (the "Edelstein Note"). As with the Prior Loan Agreement, the loan funds actually came from CVFS and not SFC, even though SFC was named as the lender.
- The Third DOT is dated June 26, 2006, and was recorded on July 5, 2006 in the real 52. property records of Clark County, Nevada at Book 20060705, Instrument No. 0004266.
- The Edelstein Note was executed in connection with a Loan Agreement between 53. Edelstein and SFC dated June 26, 2006 (the "Edelstein Loan Agreement"), the funds of which were to be used solely for the purpose of contributing the Owner's Equity to Apache as needed under the Prior Loan Agreement.
- In addition to the First Junior DOT, First Senior DOT, and Third DOT on the 54. Project, the Prior Loan Agreement also provided for the pledging of additional collateral by Apache, Edelstein, Gemstone LVS, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Gemstone LVS") and Gemstone Development West, L.L.C., as developer as security for the Prior Loan and/or the Edelstein Loan.
- 55. Part of the additional collateral for the Prior Loan and Edelstein Loan included a pledge by Gemstone LVS of certain of collateral, including but not limited to the 59 then unsold

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condominium units in the original Manhattan Project (the "Condo Units").

- 56. Pursuant to a Nonrecourse Participation Agreement dated May 23, 2006 by and between SFC on the Condo Units, as Originating Lender, and CVFS, as Participant, as amended by the Addendum to Nonrecourse Participation Agreement dated May 23, 2006, as well as a Commitment to Participate executed on or about June 29, 2006 (the "Prior Loan Participation Agreement"), CVFS agreed to provide the funds for the Prior Loan. The Prior Loan Participation Agreement provided that SFC was agent for CVFS concerning the Prior Loan and acknowledged SFC's fiduciary duties to CVFS.
- 57. Pursuant to a Nonrecourse Participation Agreement dated May 23, 2006 by and between SFC, as Originating Lender, and CVFS, as Participant, as amended by the Addendum to Nonrecourse Participation Agreement executed May 23, 2006, as well as a Commitment to Participate dated on or about June 26, 2006 (the "Edelstein Loan Participation Agreement"), CVFS agreed to provide the money necessary to fund the Edelstein Loan. The Edelstein Loan Participation Agreement provided that SFC was agent for CVFS concerning the Edelstein Loan and acknowledged SFC's fiduciary duties to CVFS.
- 58. The parties contemplated that at the maturity date of the Prior Loan, the First Junior DOT Note and First Senior DOT Note would be restructured into one credit facility which would be a construction loan.
- 59. Under Section 5 of the Prior Loan Agreement, Apache covenanted and agreed not to create, permit to be created, or allow to exist, any unauthorized liens, charges or encumbrances on the Project.

Subsequent Modifications to Prior Loan and Edelstein Loan

- 60. During the course of the Project, the parties amended the documentation for the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan to provide for the advancement of a total of \$18,000,000 in additional loan funds and to extend the loan maturity dates to December 31, 2007.
- 61. The First Junior DOT was amended by a First Amendment Junior Deed of Trust and Security Agreement with Assignment of Rents and Fixture Filing (Line of Credit) dated May 22, 2007 and recorded in the real property records of Clark County, Nevada on May 22, 2007 at

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Book 20070522, Instrument No. 0004011, to increase the amount secured thereby to \$18,000,000.00 to correspond to an additional \$8,000,000 advance on the Junior Deed of Trust Loan.

- Pursuant to a Nonrecourse Participation Agreement dated May 15, 2007 by and 62. between SFC, as Originating Lender, and CVFS, as Participant, as amended by the Addendum to Nonrecourse Participation Agreement dated May 15, 2007, as well as a Commitment to Participate executed on or about May 17, 2007 (the "LOC Participation Agreement"), CVFS agreed to provide the \$8,000,000 in additional loan funds on the Junior Deed of Trust. The LOC Participation Agreement provided that SFC was agent for CVFS concerning the Additional LOC Note and acknowledged SFC's fiduciary duties to CVFS.
- The Third DOT was amended by a First Amendment to Third Deed of Trust and Security Agreement with Assignment of Rents and Fixture Filing (Line of Credit) dated October 19, 2007 and recorded in the Clark County, Nevada land records on October 24, 2007 at Book 20071024, Instrument No. 0004182, amending the Third DOT to secure an additional \$10,000,000 advanced on the Edelstein Loan.
- Pursuant to a Nonrecourse Participation Agreement dated October 9, 2007 by and 64. between SFC, as Originating Lender, and CVFS, as Participant, as amended by the Addendum to Nonrecourse Participation Agreement dated October 9, 2007, as well as a Commitment to Participate executed on or about October 12, 2007 (the "Construction LOC Participation Agreement"), CVFS agreed to provide funds for the Construction LOC Note to Edelstein. The Construction LOC Participation Agreement provided that SFC was agent for CVFS concerning the Construction LOC Note and acknowledged SFC's fiduciary duties to CVFS.
- As of January 22, 2008, the total outstanding balance owed to Plaintiffs under the 65. Prior Loan was approximately \$42,273,146 and under the Edelstein Loan was approximately \$13,000,000, for a total owed of approximately \$55,273,146.

The Construction Financing Syndication

(The Senior Loan)

By late 2007, the Project was ready to commence vertical construction, but needed 66.

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an additional \$110,000,000 of construction loan funds to commence construction on Phase I.

- 67. Defendants SFC and Scott desired to broker the accumulation of \$110,000,00 in construction loan funds because of the substantial loan origination fees and 50 basis point loan servicing fees the construction financing would generate for SFC.
- 68. On information and belief, the credit markets had begun to tighten and the real estate market had begun to deteriorate significantly and it was not feasible to obtain a construction loan to fund Phase I construction and also "take out" and pay off the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan as was anticipated when those Loans were made.
- 69. On information and belief, Defendant BOk and SFC or Scott had communications about BOk being a lender or participating lender on the construction loan. BOk was not interested in loaning on the Project on its own merits but had a strong interest in making a loan guaranteed by Tharaldson and TM2I because this would allow BOk to receive a subprime rate of return on a prime rate quality credit.
- 70. On information and belief SFC and BOk as co-lead lenders were unable to generate sufficient loan funds to take out the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan. So SFC and BOk needed to arrange for CVFS to agree that those loans would be subordinated to the new construction financing.
- 71. To induce the cooperation of Tharaldson, CVFS and TM2I, SFC and BOk offered Tharaldson and TM2I a 500 basis point (5%) cut of the interest to be paid on the 14% construction loan in exchange for the guarantees of Tharaldson and TM2I and in exchange for CVFS' agreement to subordinate its position to the \$110,000,000 in construction financing. This arrangement would still leave BOk and other participating lenders with a net 8.5% interest rate after payment of 50 basis points (.5%) in loan servicing fees to SFC.
- 72. This complex structure was highly unusual for a number of reasons. First, it is unusual for entities not affiliated with the developer and having no equity stake in the development to be guaranteeing the development's success. Second, it is highly unusual for a subordinating lender and its affiliates to take on both the risk of being subordinated and to guaranty their unaffiliated borrower's performance. Third guarantees are typically given by the borrower's "side"

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27 28 in a financing transaction, and not, as here, given by a substantial project lender.

- Notwithstanding the highly unusual nature of this transaction, Tharaldson and his 73. entities were persuaded to proceed with it due to the unusual level of trust and confidence they had in Scott and SFC.
- This highly unusual transaction was highly advantageous to BOk as co-lead lender 74. for reasons including, but not limited to the following:
 - BOk received the guarantees of prime rate quality credits;
 - BOk received an 8.5% net rate of return which was substantially above the prime rate of interest;
 - BOk contracted for what should have been a first lien position through CVFS' agreement to subordinate the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan;
 - BOk was able to participate in this attractive arrangement without raising the loan capital necessary to take out the Prior Loan and Edelstein Loan;
 - BOk did not need to worry about whether or not the actual project was financially viable in what it knew were rapidly deteriorating real estate market conditions because it could count on full recovery under the Tharaldson and TM2I guarantees even if the actual developer never repaid a nickel of the loan;
 - In effect, although the loan was made to finance the Project BOk looked at the loan as a loan to Tharaldson and TM2I, thereby making the Project's performance virtually irrelevant to BOk.
 - The transaction structure ultimately put all lending risk on the Project on the shoulders of CVFS (who had made and subordinated the Prior Loan and Edelstein Loan) and Tharaldson and TM2I who had guaranteed the \$110,000,000 construction loan.
- SFC acted as Bok's agent in procuring for it this deal which was so highly 75. beneficial to BOk and so highly detrimental to Plaintiffs.

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The Senior Loan Documentation and the "Mezzanine Financing"

- On or about January 22, 2008, SFC, as lender, entered into a Loan Agreement with 76. Gemstone West Inc., as borrower (the "Senior Loan Agreement").
- Pursuant to the Senior Loan Agreement, SFC agreed to loan Gemstone West Inc. up 77. to the amount of \$110,000,000 (the "Senior Loan"). These Loan Funds were ultimately provided by a consortium of 29 participating lenders.
- SFC and BOk are, and since the inception of the Senior Loan have been, Co-Lead 78. Lenders on the Senior Loan.
- At all times while acting as Co-Lead Lenders with respect to the Senior Loan, Bok 79. knew of the fiduciary relationship SFC occupied toward Plaintiffs due to the general relationship of trust and confidence between them and due to the CVFS Pre-Senior Participation Agreements, each of which appointed SFC as agent for CVFS and acknowledged SFC's fiduciary duties to CVFS.
- 80. The Senior Loan was composed of two parts represented by two separate notes: a "Senior Debt Construction Note" in the amount of the \$100,000,000 (the "Senior Construction Note") and a "Senior Debt Contingency Note" in the amount of \$10,000,000 (the "Senior Contingency Note").
- The Senior Construction Note and Senior Contingency Note were secured by a 81. Senior Debt Deed of Trust and Security Agreement with Assignment of Rents and Fixture Filing (Construction) dated January 22, 2008 between Gemstone West Inc, as trustor, and SFC, as beneficiary, which was recorded in the real property records of Clark County, Nevada on February 7, 2008, at Book 20080207, Instrument No. 0001482 (the "Senior DOT").
- The Senior Loan Agreement refers to the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan, as amended, as the "Mezzanine Financing" and the documents relating to the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan, as amended, as the "Mezzanine Financing Documents."
- The Senior Loan Agreement provides that Gemstone West Inc. would assume the 83. obligations of Apache under and in regards to the Mezzanine Financing as set forth in the Mezzanine Financing Documents, including but not limited to the obligations with respect to the

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First Junior DOT, First Senior DOT, and the Third DOT (as amended).

- The Senior Loan Agreement provides that the First Junior DOT, First Senior DOT, 84. and the Third DOT would subordinate to the Senior DOT.
- Pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Senior Loan Agreement, the initial advance under the 85. Senior Construction Note was to be used to pay the Mezzanine Financing with the exception of: a) land costs, b) loan fees or interest expense paid the Mezzanine Financing participant, or c) required equity as defined in the Section 3.1.10 of the Senior Loan Agreement.
- Advances under the Senior Loan for the Construction of Improvements were subject 86. to the satisfaction of several conditions precedent set forth in Article 4 of the Senior Loan Agreement, including but not limited to:
 - Gemstone West Inc. having aggregate pre-sale revenue of not less than \$60,000,000 from: (i) Qualified Sales of condo units, (ii) the capitalized value (at a 7.0% capitalization rate measured against triple net lease payments) of Class A office and retail leases, and (iii) the sales price of Class A office space; and
 - Gemstone West Inc. obtaining and maintaining certain nonrefundable cash B. deposits or deposit bonds on condominium units sold but not yet closed and square footage leased.
- Section 6.2 of the Senior Loan Agreement requires, among other things, that: a) 87. Gemstone West Inc. construct the Improvements free from any mechanic's, laborer's and materialman's liens; b) Gemstone West Inc. further covenants and agrees not to create, permit to be created, or allow to exist any liens, charges or encumbrances on the Trust Property and Improvements other than certain Permitted Encumbrances (as defined therein) or than those otherwise allowed by the Collateral Documents; and c) not encumber any interest of Gernstone West Inc. in the Property and Improvements without the prior written approval of Lender.
- Article 7 of the Senior Loan Agreement defines an event of default under the 88. Agreement, and includes, among other things: a) if Gemstone West Inc. fails to pay principal or interest under the Senior Construction Note or Senior Contingency Note and such failure continues

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for a period of ten (10) days; b) if any representation or warranty made by Gemstone West Inc. in the Senior Loan Agreement or in any certificate or document furnished pursuant to the Senior Loan Agreement proves untrue; c) if Gemstone West Inc. fails to keep, enforce, perform and maintain in full force and effect any provision of the Senior Loan Agreement, the Collateral Documents or Construction Documents after 30 days written notice of said non-monetary default; and d) if Gernstone West Inc. further encumbers the Trust Property or Improvements or an interest therein without the prior written approval of SFC, except as otherwise permitted in the Collateral Documents.

- The Senior DOT provides that it shall secure future advances as if made on the date 89. of the Senior DOT, up to the maximum amount of 150% of the principal amount of the Senior Construction Note and Senior Contingency Note.
- The Senior DOT requires Gemstone West Inc. to pay, 10 days before default or 90. delinquency, any obligations secured by liens, encumbrances, charges and/or claims on the Property or any part thereof, which appear to have priority over the lien of the Senior DOT.
- The Senior DOT includes a Due on Sale clause which provides that Gemstone West 91. Inc. shall not make a "Transfer of Interest", which includes but is not limited to, a sale, encumbrance or junior lien on the Property, without Trustor's prior written consent.
- As part of the Senior Loan Agreement, Tharaldson agreed to guarantee the Senior 92. Loan pursuant to Guaranty, and Addendum thereto, each dated January 22, 2008.
- In connection with the Senior Loan Agreement, TM2I agreed to guaranty the Senior 93. Loan pursuant to a separate Guaranty dated January 22, 2008.
- Neither Tharaldson nor TM21 is a shareholder, owner, officer or affiliated party of 94. Gernstone West Inc., but rather executed the Guaranty on the condition that Tharaldson receive 5.0% of the 14.0% interest rate on the Senior Loan regardless of who participated in funding the Senior Loan.
- On or about March 21, 2008, SFC, as Originating Lender, and CVFS, as Participant, 95. executed a Nonrecourse Participation Agreement as amended by the Addendum to Nonrecourse Participation Agreement dated March 21, 2008, as well as a Commitment to Participate dated on or

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about the same date, which superseded two prior CVFS Senior Participation Agreements (the "CVFS Third Senior Participation Agreement"), under which CVFS agreed to provide \$400,000 of the Senior Loan. Under the CVFS Third Senior Participation Agreement, CVFS was to receive 8.5% interest, Guarantor was to receive 5.0% interest, and SFC made a service fee of .50%. The CVFS Third Senior Participation Agreement provided that SFC was agent for CVFS concerning the Senior Construction Note and acknowledged SFC's fiduciary duties to CVFS.

- In connection with the Senior Loan, General Contractor consented to an Assignment 96. of Construction Contract, Plans and Specifications executed by Gemstone West Inc. in favor of SFC, pursuant to a Consent of General Contractor dated January 22, 2008 (the "Contractor Consent"). That Contractor Consent specifically provides that "[a]ll liens, claims, rights, remedies and recourses that [Asphalt Products Corporation] may have or may otherwise be entitled to assert against all or any portion of the Project shall be, and they hereby are made expressly subordinate, junior and inferior to the liens, claims, rights, remedies and recourses as created by the Loan Agreement and the Collateral Documents." In addition, General Contractor executed a certificate as to Sworn Construction Statement dated January 22, 2008 indicating that no work had been completed to date on the Property or Project (the "Contractor Certificate").
- At the closing of the Senior Loan on January 22, 2008, CVFS received a net 97. paydown of \$9,930,348, reducing the unpaid balance of the Prior Loan to approximately \$35,278,688 and of the Edelstein Loan to approximately \$9,229,412, for a total balance then owed to CVFS of \$45,342,798.
- On or about January 22, 2008, Gemstone West Inc., Gemstone Apache and SFC 98. entered into an Assumption Agreement whereby SFC consented to: a) a sale of the Trust Property under the First Senior DOT, First Junior DOT and Third DOT (collectively referred to as the "Mezzanine Deeds of Trust") from Apache to Gemstone West Inc.; and b) Gemstone West Inc.'s assumption of all liability pertaining to the Mezzanine Notes and Mezzanine Loans; and c) the lien of the Mezzanine Deeds of Trust on the Trust Property.
- On or about January 22, 2008, Gemstone West Inc. and SFC executed a Fourth 99. Amendment to Mezzanine Loan Agreement [Prior Loan Agreement] whereby SFC agreed to

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extend the maturity date of the First Junior DOT Note, First Senior DOT Note, and LOC Note (collectively referred to as the "Mezzanine Notes") to December 31, 2009 and increase the total principal amount of the Mezzanine Notes from \$33,000,000 to \$46,000,000, to be evidenced by a new Mezzanine Note dated January 22, 2008 in the maximum principal amount of \$46,000,000.

- On or about January 22, 2008, Gernstone West Inc executed a Mezzanine Note in the principal amount of \$46,000,000 bearing interest at the fixed rate of 14.5% per annum. The Mezzanine Note calls for monthly interest payments only, with the entire principal balance, and all unpaid accrued interest, due in full on the maturity date of December 31, 2009.
- On or about January 22, 2008, Gernstone West Inc. and SFC executed a First 101. Amendment to Senior Deed of Trust and Security Agreement with Assignment of Rents and Fixture Filing (Line of Credit) (Mezzanine) ("First Senior DOT Amendment"), to confirm that the First Senior DOT secured \$28,000,000 of the refinanced Mezzanine Note. The First Senior DOT Amendment was recorded in the real property records of Clark County, Nevada on February 7, 2008 at Book 20080207, Instrument No. 0001484.
- On or about January 22, 2008, Gemstone West Inc. and SFC executed a Second Amendment to Junior Deed of Trust and Security Agreement with Assignment of Rents and Fixture Filing (Line of Credit) (Mezzanine) ("First Junior DOT Second Amendment"), to confirm that the First Junior DOT secured \$18,000,000 of the refinanced Mezzanine Note. The First Junior DOT Second Amendment was recorded in the real property records of Clark County, Nevada on February 7, 2008 at Book 20080207, Instrument No. 0001485.
- Pursuant to a Nonrecourse Participation Agreement dated January 21, 2008 by and 103. between SFC, as Originating Lender, and CVFS, as Participant and Loan Participation Certificate attached thereto (the "Mezzanine Participation Agreement"), CVFS agreed to provide funds for the Mezzanine Loans, primarily by refinancing the outstanding balances on the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan. Under the Mezzanine Participation Agreement, CVFS was to receive 14.0% interest and SFC made a service fee of .50%. The Mezzanine Loan Participation Agreement provided that SFC was agent for CVFS concerning the Mezzanine Note and acknowledged SFC's fiduciary duties to CVFS.

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104. On February 6, 2008, Apache conveyed the Property under the Senior DOT to Gemstone West Inc. via a Grant, Bargain, Sale Deed recorded in the real property records of Clark County, Nevada on February 7, 2008 at Book 20080207, Instrument No. 0001480.

105. On January 30, 2008, SFC's counsel opined to SFC that SFC was in a position to fund the Senior Loan, provided each Participant funds its pro rata share.

The Senior Loan Agreement Signature, the Subordination, the Guaranty, the TM21 Guaranty and the CVFS Participation

- In connection with the Senior Loan, Tharaldson executed the Senior Loan 106. Agreement under the heading "acknowledgment of guarantor" and the Guaranty.
 - In connection with the Senior Loan, TM2I executed the TM2I Guaranty, 107.
- In connection with the Senior Loan, CVFS executed the CVFS Senior Participation 108. Agreement.
- The Senior Loan Agreement, the CVFS Participation, the Guaranty, and the TM2I 109. Guaranty are hereafter collectively referred to as the "Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents."
- In connection with the Senior Loan, SFC executed a Mezzanine Deeds of Trust Subordination Agreement dated January 22, 2008, and recorded in the real property records of Clark County, Nevada on February 7, 2008, at Book 20080207, Instrument No. 0001486, purporting to subordinate the Prior Loan Deeds of Trust to the Senior Loan Deed of Trust.
- SFC expressed its intent that the Prior Loan Deeds of Trust and the indebtedness 111. secured thereby be subordinate to the \$110,000,000 Senior Deed of Trust and indebtedness secured thereby.
- At the time the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents were agreed to, and at all times thereafter, the Fiduciary Defendants owed to Plaintiffs fiduciary duties of undivided loyalty; due care, competence, and diligence; and the duty to provide to Plaintiffs all material information.
- At the time the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents agreed to were executed and at all times thereafter, the Fiduciary Defendants owed to Plaintiffs a duty not to deal with Plaintiffs on behalf of an adverse party in a transaction connected with their fiduciary duty to Plaintiffs.

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Subsequent Changes to Loans

- 114. On August 11, 2008, Edelstein and SFC executed a Fourth Amendment to Loan Agreement (Edelstein) to provide for, among other things: 1) SFC's agreement to lend Edelstein and Gernstone Manhattan Holdings I, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("Gernstone Manhattan") an additional sum of \$9,000,000 to enable Edelstein to refinance the Condo Units; 2) to provide that the first \$6,000,000 of the LOC Note be used to permanently repay the Edelstein Note; 3) to advance funds on the Edelstein Note to make the interest payment for August 2008 but to then convert the Edelstein Note to a closed-end note with no further advances; and 4) to release the lien of the Gernstone LVS DOT on the remaining 17 Condo Units.
- 115. On or about August 11, 2008, Gemstone Manhattan and SFC executed a First Amendment and Assumption Agreement to the Gemstone LVS DOT, which was recorded on September 9, 2008 in the public real property records of Clark County, Nevada at Book 20080909, Instrument No. 0003944 (the "Gernstone LVS DOT Amendment"). Under the Gernstone LVS DOT Amendment, Gernstone Manhattan assumed the obligations of Apache under the Gernstone LVS DOT and the principal amount secured under the Gemstone LVS DOT was increased to include the Rental LOC Note.
- On or about August 18, 2008, SFC, as Origination Lender, and CVFS, as Participant, executed a new Nonrecourse Participation Agreement as amended by the Addendum to Nonrecourse Participation Agreement dated August 18, 2008, as well as a Commitment to Participate dated on or about the same date (the "CVFS Rental Participation Agreement"), under which CVFS agreed to provide the \$9,000,000 for the Rental LOC Note. Under the CVFS Rental LOC Participation Agreement, CVFS was to receive 7.0% interest and SFC made a service fee of .125%. The CVFS Rental LOC Nonrecourse Participation Agreement provided that SFC was agent for CVFS concerning the Construction LOC Note and acknowledged SFC's fiduciary duties to CVFS.

Default under the Prior Loan, the Edelstein Loan, the Mezzanine Loans, the Senior Loan and the Rental LOC Notes

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Senior Loan and the Rental LOC Note (collectively the "Manhattan West Loans") have not made any of the required interest payments since September 2008, and all promissory notes making up the Manhattan West Loans are therefore in monetary default.

- 118. The obligors on the Manhattan West Loans are in material breach of various covenants in the loan documents relating to the Manhattan West Loans, including the Deeds of Trust securing those loans.
- 119. More than sixty (60) days have expired after SFC's written notice of default to the obligors on the Manhattan West Loans dated October 28, 2008, and none of the defaults has been cured within any applicable cure periods.
- 120. The unpaid principal balances on the Manhattan West Loans, together with all accrued but unpaid interest, including late penalties and default interest, are now immediately due and payable.
- 121. On January 9, 2009, the Fiduciary Defendants threatened to commence private trustee sales under the Deeds of Trust securing the Manhattan West Loans, all to Plaintiffs' detriment.

The Fraudulent Inducement

- 122. Plaintiffs' decisions to modify the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan as provided in the Senior Loan Agreement, and to agree to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents was based upon the trust and confidence Plaintiffs reposed in Scott and SFC due to their longstanding business relationship, and upon the Fiduciary Defendants' recommendations to Plaintiffs which Plaintiffs understood to be backed up by the Fiduciary Defendants' rigorous due diligence and the Fiduciary Defendants' assurances to Plaintiffs that the transaction was sound and would be in Plaintiffs' best interest.
- 123. Defendants SFC and BOk as lead lenders co-underwrote and performed all due diligence investigations on the Senior Loan transaction. SFC's April 27, 2007 conditional financing commitment letter to Gemstone Apache states "The Construction Financing Proposal would be followed (sic) executed only after acceptable due diligence is completed inclusive of an industry review, appraisal, underwriting as well as complete Project analysis by the Lender."

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Before Plaintiffs agreed to the Senior Loan transactions, Scott and SFC told 124. Plaintiffs that with the advent of the Senior Loan, their business and economic position with respect to construction lending on the Project, would be:

- The Senior Loan of \$110,000,000 would become a first lien position on the A. Project.
- Plaintiffs would receive a net paydown on the Prior Loan and Edelstein B. Loan aggregating about \$10,000,000, and the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan, as amended, would become a second position lien on the Project.
- There was a fixed price construction agreement with a viable and reputable C. general contractor which would deliver all of the required construction for the Project at a cost of approximately \$79,000,000.
- There would be \$60,000,000 in "lender approved" pre-sales and/or pre-D. leases (the "Pre-Sales Contracts") prior to closing of the Senior Loan, which would provide sources of repayment of the Senior Loan in those amounts.
- Based upon pro formas prepared by Developer and vetted by the Fiduciary E. Defendants prior to the Plaintiffs making any commitments with respect to the Senior Loan, the total acquisition, development, and construction costs estimated for the Project were \$120,000,000 and the total revenues estimated for the Project were \$154,000,000, for a projected net income of \$34,000,000 from the Project. Scott and SFC provided these pro formas to Plaintiffs in May, 2007.
- SFC and BOk had rigorously underwritten the financial pro formas and the F. financial viability of the Project and were relying primarily on the financial viability of the Project in making the Senior Loan.
- Tharaldson's exposure on the Guaranty and TM2I's exposure on the TM2I G. Guaranty of the Senior Loan would be limited to any excess of the Senior Loan balance on any given day over the fair market value of all of the collateral for the Senior Loan (including the Project, the Construction

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1 2 3	1	Contract, and the Pre-Sales Contracts.)					
	2	125. Communications between Plaintiffs and SFC/Scott concerning the Manhattan West					
	3	Loan, and SFC/Scott's material misrepresentations and omissions relating to that loan occurred					
	4	over the period between February 15, 2007 and execution of the Senior Loan documents on					
	5	January 22, 2008. The communications were numerous. They were oral and written, formal and					
	6	informal, in person and telephonic. Sometimes they were no more formal than Scott dropping into					
	7	Tharaldson's office to chat, and most communications were undocumented. Among the many					
	8	communications were	e the following:				
	9	a.	February 15, 2007	Initial presentation by Scott and Edelstein of			
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	19	d.	April 30, 2007	Tharaldson executes first financing			
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	22	e.	May 6, 2007	SFC discusses modifying loan. Does not			
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	25	f.	May 17, 2007	Tharaldson executes \$8 million financing			
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	28	g.	May 21, 2007	SFC provides project pro formas to Plaintiffs.			
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	1 2 3	h.	October 12, 2007	Tharaldson executes modified financing commitment letter.		
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	19 20 21	understanding is reflected in part in a Conditional Commitment Letter dated April 27, 2007 and a modification to Conditional Commitment Letter dated October 8, 2007. The April 27, 2007 Conditional Commitment Letter stated that it was contingent on: "Subordination of Land Loan to Senior Construction Loan." "Senior Construction Loan personally guaranteed by Gary D. Tharaldson." "Monthly lender inspection and third party inspections." "Voucher control on all draws."				
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"Acceptable GMP contract assigned to lender."

- "All sales must be approved by lender."
- "Lender and Participant to verify cash flow and IRR calculations."
- "Total pre-sale revenue \$60 million required to be secured before vertical financing."
- "A minimum of monthly SFC on site inspections will be required."
- Scott, SFC and BOk knew that Scott and SFC occupied a fiduciary relationship with 127. Plaintiffs based on the overall longstanding business advisory relationship and specifically with reference to the several Participation Agreements relating to various components of the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan.
- Consistent with their prior course of dealing, Plaintiffs relied upon the lending 128. experience and expertise of Scott and SFC to perform the underlying due diligence with respect to the Senior Loan, to engage counsel to represent both SFC and Plaintiffs in preparation of the appropriate loan documentation, and to properly close and administer the Senior Loan.
- The Fiduciary Defendants knew that SFC and BOk, as Co-Lead Lenders, also occupied a fiduciary relationship with Plaintiffs with specific reference to the Senior Loan as a participant in the Senior Loan, as the intended Guarantors of the Senior Loan, and as sole owner of the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan to be subordinated to the Senior Loan.
- The Fiduciary Defendants knew but did not identify and resolve with Plaintiffs that the Senior Loan transaction presented direct and substantial conflicts between: (a) SFC's and Scott's position as fiduciaries to Plaintiffs with respect to Plaintiffs 100% ownership interest in the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan; and (b) the Fiduciary Defendants' position as fiduciaries to all Senior Loan participants, including CVSF.
- In connection with the Senior Loan, the Fiduciary Defendants made misrepresentations to Plaintiffs and failed to disclose to Plaintiffs material information concerning the Project and the Senior Loan, which are described in the following sections.

Deteriorated Financial Prospects.

SFC, Scott and BOk attached to the Senior Loan Agreement a pro forma for the

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Project that showed projected net income for the Project of \$10,000,000 rather than the \$34,000,000 reflected in the pro forma the Fiduciary Defendants had previously provided to Plaintiffs and on which Plaintiffs had relied in agreeing to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents.

- 133. The Fiduciary Defendants knew about and initialed the revised pro forma showing estimated net income from the Project less than one-third of the amount represented to Plaintiffs.
- The Fiduciary Defendants failed to disclose the revised pro forma to Plaintiffs or ask Plaintiffs to initial it.
- The revised pro forma was highly material and Plaintiffs never would have agreed 135. to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents had they known of the substantial deterioration in the projected financial viability of the Project.

Primary Reliance on Guarantors.

- The Fiduciary Defendants failed to disclose to Plaintiffs that their underwriting of the Senior Loan relied solely on the Guaranty and the TM2I Guaranty, not on the financial viability of the Project. Instead they misled Plaintiffs into believing that SFC, Scott and BOk had found the Senior Loan to be credit worthy on the basis of the merits and projected performance of the Manhattan West Project.
- Plaintiffs never would have agreed to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents had they known that the Fiduciary Defendants were not relying primarily on the financial viability of the Project in underwriting the Senior Loan.
- The Fiduciary Defendants later admitted to Plaintiffs orally in October 2008 and in writing in December 2008, that their underwriting of the Senior Loan had relied solely on the financial resources of the Guarantors and not primarily on the financial viability of the Project as Plaintiffs had understood.

Fraud Relating to the Pre-sale Condition.

A condition to the closing of the Senior Loan, and therefore to the effectiveness of Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents was that \$60,000,000 in "lender approved" pre-sales and/or pre-leases must have occurred (the "Pre-Sale Condition"). (Senior Loan Agreement §§ 4.1.3, 1.16.)

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140. Plaintiffs would not have agreed to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents had they known that the Pre-Sale Condition was not satisfied, because bona fide, third party pre-sales and pre-leases provide an assurance of true market interest in a project and a known source of revenue for repayment of the loan.

- 141. The Fiduciary Defendants knew or should have known that the Pre-Sale Condition was commercially atypical and unreasonable because it used language unusual for this type of a condition in large commercial loans, by not expressly requiring that Pre-Sales be bona fide sales to parties unrelated to the borrower and its affiliates, as this condition is designed to provide strong evidence of market acceptance of the project from persons whose net worth is not already invested in the project.
- The Fiduciary Defendants had a duty not to approve and count toward satisfaction of the pre-sale condition, pre-sales that were made to insiders, affiliates or other persons or entities related to the borrower. Nevertheless, the Fiduciary Defendants certified at the closing of the Senior Loan that there were \$62,700,000 of "lender approved" pre-sales and/or pre-leases, and that the Pre-Sale Condition had been satisfied. It was not reasonable or appropriate to make this certification.
- The Fiduciary Defendants certified that the lender approved pre-sales and/or pre-143. leases consisted of \$45,000,000 in residential pre-sales and \$17,250,000 of commercial pre-sales and/or pre-leases.
- 144. The Fiduciary Defendants knew or should have known that at the closing of the Senior Loan, at least \$2,500,000 of the "lender approved" residential pre-sales (5.6%) were sales to parties closely related to Gemstone West Inc., including but not limited to family members of Gemstone West Inc.'s principal Alex Edelstein (Alex Edelstein, Charles Edelstein, Sara Edelstein), Peter Smith (Gemstone West Inc.'s COO), and Defendant Scott. Other "lender approved" residential pre-sales may also be questionable related party sales.
- 145. The Fiduciary Defendants knew or should have known that at the closing of the Senior Loan, all \$17,250,000 of the commercial pre-sales and/or pre-leases were sales and/or leases to parties closely related to the Gemstone West Inc. All three pre-leases were with

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affiliates of the Gemstone West Inc. (Manhattan West Residential, Inc., Gemstone Coffee House, LLC, and Gemstone Development LLC (1,800 square feet)). The one commercial sale (\$5,500,000) was to Santa Rita Management Company, an entity owned by the Edelstein's father.

- 146. The Fiduciary Defendants failed to disclose to Plaintiffs that highly questionable related party sales and leases made up nearly one third of the entire \$60,000,000 in "lender approved" pre-sales.
- The certification by the Fiduciary Defendants that the Pre-Sale Condition had been satisfied was false and fraudulent.
- After the closing of the Senior Loan, many of the related party condominium sales 148. and the \$5.5 million office sale were cancelled. The office sale was then "replaced" by a lease to Gernstone West Inc.'s affiliate Gemstone Development, L.L.C. (19,861 square feet).

Fraud Relating to First Lien Condition.

- 149. A condition to the closing of the Senior Loan, and therefore to the effectiveness of Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents, was that the Gemstone West Inc. provide a first position Deed of Trust on the Project (the "First Lien Condition"). (Senior Loan Agreement §§ 3.1.1, 1.18; 3.1.3, 3.1.4)
- Plaintiffs would not have agreed to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents had 150. they known that the First Lien Condition was not satisfied, because of the hassle, expense, and uncertainty of resolving senior lien claims.
- The Fiduciary Defendants were aware prior to the closing of the Senior Loan of 151. any construction work that had been performed on the Project prior to recording of the Senior Loan Deed of Trust, that might cause a broken priority with respect to the Senior Loan.
- The Fiduciary Defendants knew or should have known that under NRS 108.225(1) 152. and (2) mechanics liens for any work performed prior to the recording date of the Senior Loan Deed of Trust (the "Priority Construction Liens") would be prior and superior to the Senior Loan Deed of Trust.
- The Fiduciary Defendants also knew that the Deeds of Trust securing the Prior 153. Loan were prior and superior to any Priority Construction Liens.

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- 155. The Fiduciary Defendants certified at the closing of the Senior Loan that the First Lien Condition had been satisfied.
 - 156. This certification was a misrepresentation and a fraud.

Insurance Over Broken Priority; Switched Title Insurance Companies.

- 157. Rather than informing Plaintiffs of any Priority Construction Liens that enjoyed statutory priority over the Senior Loan Deed of Trust, Defendants chose to "insure over" the Priority Construction Liens in a title policy issued by Defendants' chosen title company, Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company ("Commonwealth"). Fiduciary Defendants did not disclose this decision to Plaintiffs.
- 158. This was a change from First American Title Insurance Co. ("First American") which had provided the title work and title insurance on the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan.
- 159. The Fiduciary Defendants failed to inform Plaintiffs prior to the closing of the Senior Loan that they had chosen to "insure over" any Priority Construction Liens or that they had switched from First American to Commonwealth.
- 160. The Fiduciary Defendants knew or should have known that Commonwealth was financially troubled and that First American was not.
- 161. The Fiduciary Defendants failed to inform Plaintiffs prior to the closing of the Senior Loan, of Commonwealth's questionable financial condition.
- 162. Plaintiffs would not have agreed to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents had they known that the Fiduciary Defendants were insuring over the Priority Construction Liens and were switching from First American to Commonwealth.
- 163. In November 2008, the Nebraska Insurance Commissioner informed Commonwealth that it was in a "hazardous financial condition" under Nebraska law and filed a petition for rehabilitation against Commonwealth. Commonwealth consented to the rehabilitation petition.

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164. Also in November 2008, the parent company of Commonwealth, Land America Financial Group, Inc. filed a petition under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

165. On or about December 22, 2008, under regulatory pressure on Commonwealth, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company acquired Commonwealth from its parent company. It is not presently known whether Fidelity National Title Insurance Company assumed all of the liabilities of Commonwealth.

Subordination Exacerbates Broken Priority.

- The Fiduciary Defendants knew or should have known that subordinating the 166. Deeds of Trust securing the Prior Loan to the Deed of Trust securing the Senior Loan would create a substantial risk of elevating any Priority Construction Liens in priority ahead of the Prior Loan.
- The Fiduciary Defendants failed to inform Plaintiffs of the risk that any Priority 167. Construction Liens would become senior to the Deeds of Trust securing the Prior Loan as a result of the Subordination and to provide their evaluation of that risk.
- The Fiduciary Defendants caused the Subordination Agreement to be drafted in a manner that substantially increased the risk that any Priority Construction Liens would become senior to the Prior Loan as a result of the Subordination. Specifically, paragraph 1 provides that the extent of the subordination is "as though the Mezzanine Deeds of Trust had been recorded subsequent to the recordation of the \$110,000,000 Senior Debt Deed of Trust." Under that hypothetical recording order, the Prior Loan would also have been subordinate to any previously vested Priority Construction Liens. If the language of paragraph 1 had been drafted so that the extent of the subordination were "as though the Senior Debt Deed of Trust had been recorded prior to the recordation of the Mezzanine Deeds of Trust" that argument would be negated. Also paragraph 10 provides that this Subordination Agreement "shall not be construed as affecting the priority of any other liens or encumbrances in favor of SFC on the Trust Property." The failure also to negate any intent to affect the priority of other liens arguably supports giving effect to the literal language of paragraph 1.
 - Plaintiffs would not have agreed to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents, had

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they known that the Fiduciary Defendants through their drafting of the Subordination had substantially increased the risk of any Priority Construction Liens gaining priority over the Deeds of Trust securing the Prior Loan and the Edelstein Loan.

170. The Fiduciary Defendants failed to inform Plaintiffs that the Subordination Agreement had been drafted in a manner that substantially increased the risk that any Priority Construction Liens would become senior to the Prior Loan as a result of the Subordination.

Fraud Relating to Terms of Guaranty, the TM2I Guaranty and the Subordination.

- As Fiduciaries, Defendants Scott, SFC and BOk had a duty to disclose that they were preparing legal instruments that had the effect of negating protective provisions of Nevada law.
- The Fiduciary Defendants caused to be prepared and submitted to Tharaldson for 172. signature a form of Guaranty of the Senior Loan that contained a Nevada choice of law provision.
- The Fiduciary Defendants knew or should have known that Nevada law provided a single action rule and also accorded to a guarantor of a real estate loan a fair market value defense, insuring that the guarantor's exposure for a deficiency judgment was limited to the excess of the loan over the fair market value of the loan collateral for a deficiency judgment.
- The Fiduciary Defendants knew that Nevada law permitted a guarantor in a commercial loan over \$500,000 to waive the single action rule and the guarantor's fair market value defense.
- The Fiduciary Defendants inserted in the Guaranty of the Senior Loan a waiver of all statutory rights of a guarantor under Nevada law, including the single action rule and the fair market value defense. They did not disclose to Plaintiffs their insertion of this waiver provision.
- The Fiduciary Defendants caused to be prepared and submitted to TM21 for signature a form of guaranty that adopted North Dakota law.
- The Fiduciary Defendants knew or should have known that North Dakota law did not provide a single action rule nor extend a borrower's fair market value defense to a guarantor. They did not disclose to Plaintiffs that they had selected the law of a state which substantially altered their rights as they would have existed under Nevada law.

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178. The Fiduciary Defendants advised Plaintiffs that the documents they were signing, including the Guaranty and the TM2I Guaranty, were appropriate to sign and protected Plaintiffs' interests, as was the Subordination Agreement relating to the Prior Loan which SFC as Lender was signing.

- 179. The Fiduciary Defendants failed to advise Plaintiffs that under the Guaranty and the TM2I Guaranty as presented, Tharaldson's exposure on the Guaranty and TM2I's exposure on the TM2I Guaranty would be far greater than Plaintiffs intended or understood because of the waivers contained in the Guaranty and the choice of law in the TM2I Guaranty.
- 180. The provisions the Fiduciary Defendants inserted into the Guaranty instruments were one sided and greatly benefitted BOk and the other participating lenders to the substantial detriment of Tharaldson and TM2I. The Fiduciary Defendants failed to advise Plaintiffs to consult with independent counsel concerning the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents due to the Fiduciary Defendants' conflicting duties of undivided loyalty with respect thereto.
- 181. In agreeing to Plaintiff's Senior Loan Documents, Plaintiff's were unaware of Nevada law permitting waiver of the fair market value defense, the legal effect of the waiver provisions inserted in the Guaranty, that North Dakota law did not extend a Borrower's fair market value defense to a guarantor, or the legal risks inherent in the Subordination in light of the undisclosed Priority Construction Liens.
- 182. Plaintiffs would not have agreed to the Senior Loan Documents had they known any of the matters alleged in the preceding paragraph.

Administration of Senior Loan

- 183. During their due diligence review of the Senior Loan, the Fiduciary Defendants failed to detect that the \$79,000,000 fixed sum construction contract for the Project failed to cover about \$3,800,000 in work required by the construction drawings for completion of the Project.
- 184. During the course of their administration of the Senior Loan, when the Fiduciary Defendants did become aware of this problem, they failed to secure an early and appropriate resolution of the scope problem with the existing contractor to maintain a fixed sum contract increased by some amount to cover cost overruns.

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185. During the course of their administration of the Senior Loan, the Fiduciary Defendants in their inspections of construction progress, failed to detect that about \$7,900,000 in work on the Project was not properly performed in accordance with the construction documents and would have to be redone.

- 186. During their administration of the Senior Loan, the Fiduciary Defendants failed take appropriate action to avert approximately \$25.8 million in construction liens against the Project.
- 187. As the direct and proximate result of these actions and omissions by the Fiduciary Defendants, Plaintiffs and the other participants in the Senior Loan are left with an unfinished Project on which construction has ceased, encumbered by \$25.8 million in construction liens, and with virtually all pre-sale purchasers of residential condominiums and lessees of commercial office space having fled from the Project.

Defamatory Statements

- 188. From at least December 15, 2008, SFC and BOk as Co-Lead Lenders have engaged in oral and written communications with the other participants in the Senior Loan.
 - 189. These communications have included, but are not limited to, such statements as:
 - A. Tharaldson's failure to agree to the Co-Lead Lenders' restructure proposal "will likely have farther reaching negative implications for his banking relationships with all banks going forward."
 - B. Tharaldson's "reputation will be unquestionably damaged."
 - C. "The 29 banks stretching from North Dakota to Oklahoma that are in this deal, plus banks not in this deal, will look very unfavorably on any future credit request from Gary."
- 190. In light of the Fiduciary Defendants' fraud, constructive fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breaches of contract, and negligence which caused the problems now facing Plaintiffs and the other participants in the Senior Loan, the above statements are false and misleading.
 - 191. The above statements are defamatory per se.

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Termination of SFC's Agency on Prior Loan, the Edelstein Loan,

the Mezzanine Loans, and the Senior Loan

- On or about January 12, 2009, Plaintiffs terminated all of the CVFS Pre-Senior 192. Loan Participation Agreements and demanded that SFC assign all components of the loans covered thereby to CVFS and deliver all of the executed original loan documents for such loans to CVFS.
- On or about January 12, 2009, Plaintiffs terminated the CVFS Senior Participation 193. Agreement and demanded that SFC assign all components of the loans covered thereby to CVFS to the extent of its percentage interest therein.

Punitive Damages

- As set forth more fully in the following claims for relief, Plaintiffs' claims against the Fiduciary Defendants for fraud, constructive fraud, securities fraud, defamation, breach of fiduciary duty, aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty, acting in concert/civil conspiracy, and negligence to the extent such negligence rises to the level of gross negligence (the "Predicate Claims") are independent tort claims not arising from contract.
- The Fiduciary Defendants' actions giving rise to the Predicate Claims make them 195. guilty of "oppression, fraud or malice, express or implied."
- The Fiduciary Defendants' actions giving rise to the Predicate Claims constituted conduct intended to injure Plaintiffs.
- The Fiduciary Defendants' actions giving rise to the Predicate Claims constitute 197. "despicable conduct which is engaged in with a conscious disregard of the rights of others"
- The Fiduciary Defendants acted intentionally and/or in concert and are subject to joint and several liability for all damages resulting therefrom.
- Plaintiffs are entitled to an award of punitive damages against the Fiduciary Defendants in an amount not more than three times the compensatory damages proved at trial.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Fraudulent Misrepresentation)

Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of their Amended 200.

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201. Defendants Scott and SFC, in connection with inducing Plaintiffs to enter into the Senior Loan transaction made the following misrepresentations of material fact:

- a. Scott and SFC told Plaintiff that SFC and BOk had thoroughly underwritten the Manhattan West Project and that the Project, on its own merits was a viable and prudent credit risk that justified the Senior Loans;
- Scott and SFC told Plaintiffs that SFC and BOk expected the Project to generate \$34,000,000 in net revenues based on project pro formas and their thorough underwriting of the Project;
- c. SFC and BOk, by making statements, representations and warranties either expressed or necessarily implied in closing the Senior Loan transaction that the pre-sale conditions to closing the Senior Loan had been satisfied through bonafide arms-length presales to legitimate buyers or tenants who were unrelated to the Project developer;
- d. SFC and BOk, by making statements, representations and warranties either expressed or necessarily implied in closing the Senior Loan transaction that the First Lien condition to closing of the Senior Loan had been satisfied;
- , 202. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Scott and SFC made additional misrepresentations of fact which Plaintiffs have not yet discovered and reserve the right to prove additional misrepresentations at trial.
- 203. General Contractor made certain representations to SFC, as agent for Plaintiffs, in connection with the Senior Loan. Specifically, General Contractor represented that: A) "[a]ll liens, claims, rights, remedies and recourses that [Asphalt Products Corporation] may have or may otherwise be entitled to assert against all or any portion of the Project shall be, and they hereby are made expressly subordinate, junior and inferior to the liens, claims, rights, remedies and recourses

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as created by the Loan Agreement and the Collateral Documents"; and B) that no work had been completed to date on the Property or the Project.

- 204. Scott, SFC and General Contractor made the aforementioned representations with either knowledge or belief that they were false or without sufficient foundation.
- Scott, SFC and General Contractor made the aforementioned representations with the intent that Plaintiffs rely on them.
- The representations by Scott, SFC and General Contractor were material to 206. Plaintiffs' actions with respect to the Senior Loan.
- Plaintiffs had a right to rely on the representations of Scott, SFC and General 207. Contractor.
- Plaintiffs did detrimentally rely upon those representations by agreeing to the 208. Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents.
- Scott, SFC and General Contractor knew or should have known that the 209. representations were false.
 - Plaintiffs were ignorant of the falsity of the representations. 210.
- As the direct and proximate result of the representations, Scott, SFC and General Contractor induced Plaintiffs to agree to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents.
- Scott and SFC acted as agents for BOk in connection with making the misrepresentations alleged above, and BOk is liable as if it had made those misrepresentations itself.
- As the result of the Fiduciary Defendants' conduct and General Contractor's 213. conduct, Plaintiffs were substantially damaged in an amount to be proven at trial.
- Plaintiffs' agreement to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents was induced by Fiduciary Defendants' fraud and the General Contractor's and therefore are not the valid, binding, or enforceable obligations of Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs are entitled to a Declaratory Judgment voiding the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan documents. Alternatively, they are entitled to equitable reformation of the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan documents.
 - 215. In the alternative, the matters alleged as fraudulent misrepresentations were mutual

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mistakes of fact or law or unilateral mistakes of fact or law induced through Defendants' inequitable conduct, and Plaintiffs are entitled to equitable rescission or reformation of Plaintiffs' Senior Loan documents.

216. By virtue of their agencies for one another, the Fiduciary Defendants are jointly and severally liable on this claim.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Fraudulent Concealment/Fraudulent Omissions)

- Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of their Amended 217. Complaint.
- By making the misrepresentations and reliance-inducing statements alleged herein, 218. Defendants Scott and SFC had a duty to speak and disclose the following material facts, which they knew and which were necessary to make the statements which Scott and SFC did make not misleading:
 - That even though they had previously shared with Plaintiffs a pro a. forma projecting \$34 million in net project income, Defendants Scott, SFC and BOk had in their possession at the time the Senior Loan closed a revised pro forma which they did not share with Plaintiffs projecting only \$10 million in net project income;
 - That SFC and BOk had not underwritten the Senior Loan on the ъ. basis of the financial merits and viability of the Manhattan West Project, but instead had based their underwriting decision solely on the strength of the guarantees of Tharaldson and TM2I;
 - That First American Title Insurance Co. had refused to issue title C. insurance because of prior recorded liens of the General Contractor;
 - That SFC and BOk were closing the Senior Loan transaction with đ. actual and undisclosed knowledge that they were insuring over known General Contractor lien claims;
 - That so-called lender approved pre-sales were not arms length sales e.

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to unrelated third parties, but in many cases were to the affiliates or principals of the developer or to other insiders;

- f. That Scott and SFC acting as dual agents for Plaintiffs and BOk had an inherent conflict of interest that could not be waived;
- g. That Scott and BOk had prepared guaranty documentation that substantially reduced Plaintiffs' rights under Nevada law and materially enhanced BOk's position at Plaintiffs' expense and detriment.
- 219. On information and belief, Scott and SFC concealed and omitted to state additional material facts which Plaintiffs have not yet discovered. Plaintiffs reserve the right to prove such additional concealment and omissions at trial.
- 220. Defendants Scott and SFC knew the truth of the foregoing facts, knew that Plaintiffs were ignorant of the truth of those facts and knew that they were material to Plaintiffs' decision to enter into the Senior Loan transaction. Defendants Scott and SFC concealed and omitted to state these material facts for the purpose of inducing Plaintiffs to enter into the Senior Loan transaction.
- 221. Defendants Scott and SFC were acting as agent for Defendant BOk in connection with these concealed and omitted facts and BOk is liable to Plaintiffs for the actions of Scott and SFC as if BOk itself had concealed material facts and made material omissions.
- 222. Plaintiffs have been damaged and are entitled to recover their damages according to proof at trial.
- 223. Plaintiffs' agreement to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan documents was induced by the fiduciary Defendants' fraudulent concealment and omissions and therefore are not the valid, binding or enforceable obligations of Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs are entitled to a Declaratory Judgment voiding Plaintiffs' Senior Loan documents. Alternatively, they are entitled to equitable reformation of the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan documents.
- 224. In the alternative, the matters fraudulently concealed or omitted were mutual mistakes of fact or law or were unilateral mistakes of fact or law induced by Defendants'

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inequitable conduct and Plaintiffs are entitled to equitable rescission or reformation of Plaintiffs' Senior Loan documents.

225. By virtue of their agencies for one another, the Fiduciary Defendants are jointly and severally liable on this claim.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Constructive Fraud)

- Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of their Amended 226. Complaint.
- The Fiduciary Defendants had a fiduciary and confidential relationship with 227. Plaintiffs.
- Given the nature of their relationship, the Fiduciary Defendants were under a duty 228. to disclose to Plaintiffs on a timely basis all material information relating to their decisions to agree to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents.
- The Fiduciary Defendants were aware of all of the following prior to the closing of the Senior Loan:
 - The Deteriorated Financial Prospects as set forth under that heading above. A.
 - The Primary Reliance on Guarantors as set forth under that heading above. ₿.
 - The Insurance over Broken Priority and Switched Title Insurance C. Companies as set forth under that heading above.
 - The Subordination Exascerbates Broken Priority as set forth under that D. heading above.
 - The Fraud Relating to Terms of Guaranty, TM2I Guaranty and E. Subordination as set forth under that heading above.
 - The Fiduciary Defendants also failed to disclose: 230.
 - That they were underwriting the Project based solely on the Guarantees; A.
 - That the pro forms project profits had decreased from \$34,000,000 to B. \$10,000,000;
 - That the pre-sale conditions were met only through significant sales to C.

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insiders and affiliates;

- That there were known lien priority problems which at least one title D. insurer had refused to insure over;
- That Scott and SFC had substantial conflicts of interest; E.
- That SFC and BOk had prepared guaranty documents that were highly F. disadvantageous to Plaintiffs' rights under Nevada law.
- Each of the items of information described in the preceding paragraphs were material to Plaintiffs' decisions to agree to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents.
 - The Fiduciary Defendants failed to disclose that material information to Plaintiffs. 232.
- As the direct and proximate result of the Fiduciary Defendants' misrepresentations 233. and omissions, Plaintiffs were substantially damaged in an amount to be proven at trial.
- Plaintiffs' agreement to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents was induced by Fiduciary Defendants' constructive fraud and therefore are not the valid, binding, or enforceable obligations of Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs are entitled to a Declaratory Judgment voiding the Senior Loan documents. Alternatively, they are entitled to equitable reformation of the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan documents.
- In the alternative, the matters alleged as constructively fraudulent were mutual mistakes of fact or law or were unilateral mistakes of fact or law induced by Defendants' inequitable conduct, and Plaintiffs are entitled to equitable rescission or reformation of Plaintiffs' Senior Loan documents.
- By virtue of their agencies for one another, the Fiduciary Defendants are jointly and severally liable on this claim.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Negligent Misrepresentation/Negligent Omission)

- Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of their Amended 237. Complaint.
- The Fiduciary Defendants had a duty to exercise due care in making 238. representations to Plaintiffs concerning the Senior Loan, to make all material disclosures, and to

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scrupulously act in Plaintiffs' best interests.

- The Fiduciary Defendants' made certain representations to Plaintiffs in connection with the Senior Loan, including but not limited to:
 - That the Fiduciary Defendants were primarily relying on the financial A. viability of the Project in underwriting the Senior Loan and that Tharaldson's exposure on the Guaranty and TM2I's exposure on the TM2I Guaranty would be limited.
 - That the Pre-Sale Condition was satisfied. В.
 - C. That the First Lien Condition was satisfied.
- On information and belief, Fiduciary Defendants made other negligent 240. misrepresentations which Plaintiffs have not yet discovered. Plaintiffs reserve the right to prove such other negligent misrepresentations at trial.
- The Fiduciary Defendants had a duty to exercise due care in not omitting to state material facts, to make all material disclosures, and to scrupulously act in Plaintiffs' best interest.
 - The Fiduciary Defendants breached this duty by omitting to state: 242.
 - That even though they had previously shared with Plaintiffs a pro a. forma projecting \$34 million in net project income, Defendants Scott, SFC and BOk had in their possession at the time the Senior Loan closed a revised pro forma which they did not share with Plaintiffs projecting only \$10 million in net project income;
 - That SFC and BOk had not underwritten the Senior Loan on the b, basis of the financial merits and viability of the Manhattan West Project, but instead had based their underwriting decision solely on the strength of the guarantees of Tharaldson and TM2I;
 - That First American Title Insurance Co. had refused to issue title Ç. insurance because of prior recorded liens of the General Contractor;
 - That SFC and BOk were closing the Senior Loan transaction with đ. actual and undisclosed knowledge that they were insuring over

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known General Contractor lien claims;

- e. That so-called lender approved pre-sales were not arms length sales to unrelated third parties, but in many cases were to affiliates or principals of the developer or to other insiders;
- f. That Scott and SFC acting as dual agents for Plaintiffs and BOk had an inherent conflict of interest that could not be waived;
- g. That Scott and BOk had prepared guaranty documentation that substantially reduced Plaintiffs' rights under Nevada law and materially enhanced BOk's position at Plaintiffs' expense and detriment.
- 243. On information and belief, Fiduciary Defendants made additional negligent omissions which Plaintiffs have not yet discovered. Plaintiffs reserve the right to prove such additional negligent omissions at trial.
- 244. In making these negligent misrepresentations, and negligent omissions the Fiduciary Defendants breached their duty of care.
 - 245. The representations were false, and the facts omitted were material.
- 246. As the direct and proximate result of the Fiduciary Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiffs were substantially damaged in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 247. Plaintiffs' agreement to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents was induced by Fiduciary Defendants' negligent misrepresentations and omissions and therefore are not the valid, binding, or enforceable obligations of Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs are entitled to a Declaratory Judgment voiding the Senior Loan documents. Alternatively, they are entitled to equitable reformation of the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan documents.
- 248. In the alternative, the matters identified as misrepresentations or omissions were mutual mistakes of fact or law or unilateral mistakes of fact or law induced by Defendants' inequitable conduct, and Plaintiffs are entitled to equitable rescission or reformation of Plaintiffs' Senior Loan documents.
 - 249. By virtue of their agencies for one another, the Fiduciary Defendants are jointly

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and severally liable on this claim.

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FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Securities Fraud - Violation of NRS 90.211 et seq.)

- Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of their Amended 250. Complaint.
- As alleged more fully above and incorporated herein, the Fiduciary Defendants, 251. directly or indirectly, made certain untrue statements of material fact and/or omitted to state certain material facts necessary to make the statements made not misleading to Plaintiffs in connection with an offer to sell and/or the sale of a security.
- The Senior Loan Agreement, including the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents and 252. Loan Participation, are all "securities" within the meaning of NRS 90.295.
- The Loan Participation transaction and Senior Loan Agreement were unique and were made in reliance on the unusual relationship of trust and confidence that existed between Plaintiffs and Scott and SFC.
- 254. The Loan Participation transaction was not a simple investment in a promissory note or even a typical loan participation transaction for numerous reasons including, but not limited to the following:
 - A typical loan participation has one to four participating lenders. This loan participation had 29 participants.
 - A usual seller of participation interests is a bank who sells b. participations in a loan to avoid violating federal lending limits. Here the "seller" is not an actual lender and does not advance its own loan funds. Instead its entire business is to find investors to invest in and fund loans.
 - Usual loan participants are banks or other lending institutions. Here c. Plaintiff Participant CVFS as well as other participants were nonbank entities.
 - In a typical participation, the participants fund only part of the loan d.

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with the seller funding the balance. Here the participants funded the entire loan and Plaintiff Participant funded only a small percentage of the Senior Loan but its affiliates Tharaldson and TM2I gave 100% guarantees of the entire loan.

- In a typical participation, guarantees are provided by affiliates of the e. borrower. Here, Plaintiffs who had no interest in the borrower provided 100% guarantees.
- In a typical loan participation, the loan is underwritten and f. collateralized on the value of a first position lien on the project property, with guarantees serving as potential and additional supplemental collateral. Here, the co-lead lenders admit that the loan was underwritten not based on the real property collateral, but based solely on the guarantees provided by Plaintiff Participant.
- In a typical participation, if the project fails the participant loses no g, more than its participation interest. Here, if the project fails, Plaintiff Participants are on the hook through their guarantees for 100% of the Senior Loan.
- The existence of 100% guarantees by a project lender and affiliates of a project 255. participation make this investment an unusual transaction that never would have proceeded without guarantees by parties who were wholly unaffiliated with the Project developer/borrower. This investment is not a normal lender/borrower relationship or a standard lending transaction.
- The transaction whereby Defendants SFC and BOk induced Tharaldson and TM2I to give guarantees in exchange for a 5% or 500 basis point "cut" of interest on money they did not loan was an investment contract and therefore a security under Nevada law. The guarantees were a passive investment of risk capital without control involving an investment of money or a monetary equivalent (the guarantees) in a common enterprise (the Project and the Senior Loan consortium and its 29 participating lenders) with an expectation of profits (the 500 basis point cut) solely from the efforts of others (the developer's ability to retire the Senior Loan through success

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of the Manhattan West Project and/or the co-lead lender's management of the Loan/Project). The guarantors were not lenders receiving interest on money loaned.

- 257. On information and belief, both Plaintiffs and Defendants viewed (a) the investment contract transaction involving the guarantees and (b) the loan participation transaction as securities, and their motivation in entering into the transactions treated Plaintiffs, through their guarantees, as if they had made an investment in the Manhattan West Project. All purchasers of loan participation interests were motivated by investment motives.
- The loan participation transaction including the guarantees given by Plaintiffs 258. involved a broad plan of distribution and common trading with 29 actual participating lenders and, on information and belief, additional offerees of participation interests who chose not to invest. Co-lead lender SFC made no funding investment with its own money; all the loan capital came from loan participants, several of whom were not banks or financial institutions.
- On information and belief, parties to the senior loan transaction and Plaintiffs' senior loan documents considered participation in the senior loan transaction to be an investment, and reasonably expected the participation interests to be investments.
- There is no effective regulatory scheme outside of the securities laws to protect 260. Plaintiffs or the loan participants.
- Plaintiffs did not know that a statement of material fact was untrue or that there was an omission of a statement of material fact.
- The Fiduciary Defendants knew or in the exercise of reasonable care could have 262. known of the untrue statements or misleading omissions.
- The Fiduciary Defendants are civilly liability to Plaintiffs for damages as provided in NRS 90.660(1)(d).

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Defamation)

- Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of their Amended 264. Complaint as if set forth fully herein.
 - SFC and BOk as Co-Lead Lenders made statements, including but not limited to,

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that:

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- A. Tharaldson's failure to agree to the Co-Lead Lenders' restructure proposal "will likely have farther reaching negative implications for his banking relationships with all banks going forward."
- B. Tharaldson's "reputation will be unquestionably damaged."
- C. "The 29 banks stretching from North Dakota to Oklahoma that are in this deal, plus banks not in this deal, will look very unfavorably on any future credit request from Gary."
- 266. The statements made by SFC and BOk as Co-Lead Lenders were published to the other 27 Senior Loan participants and potentially republished to numerous other people, including but not limited to persons employed by the 27 Senior Loan participants, persons doing business with the 27 Senior Loan participants, and persons in the communities in and around the Property and Project.
- 267. The statements made by SFC and BOk are false and defamatory and impeached the honesty and integrity of Plaintiffs.
- 268. SFC and BOk made the statements with knowledge of their falsity or with reckless disregard of whether the statements were true, but at a minimum, negligently.
- 269. As a direct and proximate result of the defamation made by SFC and Bok, Plaintiffs have suffered serious injury to their business reputations.
- 270. Further, in light of the Fiduciary Defendants' fraud, constructive fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breaches of contract, and negligence which caused the problems now facing Plaintiffs and the other participants in the Senior Loan, the above statements are false and misleading and defamatory *per se* and are actionable irrespective of special harm.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- 271. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of their Amended Complaint.
 - 272. The Fiduciary Defendants were agents of Plaintiffs and owed to Plaintiffs fiduciary

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duties of undivided loyalty, due care, and full disclosure of material information.

- The Fiduciary Defendants breached their fiduciary duties to Plaintiffs by making misrepresentations, concealing and failing to disclose material facts and failing to inform Plaintiffs of material information related to their agency, and by acting for their own benefit and the benefit of others which actions conflicted with the best interests of Plaintiffs.
- As the direct and proximate result of the Fiduciary Defendants' breaches of 274. fiduciary duty, Plaintiffs have been substantially damaged.
- The Fiduciary Defendants acted intentionally and/or in concert and are subject to 275. joint and several liability for all damages resulting therefrom.

EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(BOk, Aiding and Abetting Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of their Amended 276. Complaint.
- The Fiduciary Defendant BOk was aware of the fiduciary duties owed to Plaintiffs 277. by the Fiduciary Defendants Scott and SFC.
- The Fiduciary Defendant BOk knew or should have known that Fiduciary Defendants Scott and SFC were breaching their fiduciary duties to Plaintiffs.
- The Fiduciary Defendant BOk acted intentionally and/or in concert with Scott and 279. SFC and provided substantial assistance to them in their breaches of fiduciary duty toward Plaintiffs.
- As the direct and proximate result of the actions of Fiduciary Defendant BOk, the 280. Plaintiffs have been substantially damaged in an amount to be proven at trial.

NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Acting in Concert/Civil Conspiracy)

- Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of their Amended 281. Complaint.
- The Defendants, and each of them, acting in concert with each of the other 282. Defendants' tortious conduct constituted a breach of their duties, including fiduciary duties, to

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Plaintiffs.

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- 283. Defendants, and each of them, knew that they were agreeing to engage in conduct that involved breach of fiduciary duties and a substantial risk of harm to Plaintiffs.
- 284. The Defendants, and each of them, knowingly or recklessly gave substantial assistance or encouragement to each of the other Defendants in committing their tortious acts against Plaintiffs in breach of their duties to Plaintiffs.
- 285. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiffs have suffered substantial damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of Contract)

- 286. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of their Amended Complaint.
- 287. The Fiduciary Defendants had contractual duties to Plaintiffs related to the Senior Loan Agreement.
- 288. The Fiduciary Defendants breached those duties to Plaintiffs in many ways, including but not limited to the following:
 - A. Certifying that the Pre-Sale Condition was satisfied when it was not, in violation of the CVFS Senior Participation Agreement.
 - Certifying that the First Lien Condition was satisfied when it was not in violation of the CVFS Senior Participation Agreement
- 289. As the direct and proximate result of the Fiduciary Defendants' breaches of contract, Plaintiffs have been substantially damaged in an amount to be proven at trial.

ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 290. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of their Amended Complaint.
- 291. Implied in all of the contractual relations between Plaintiffs and the Fiduciary Defendants is a covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

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The Fiduciary Defendants breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair Making the misrepresentations concerning the Pre-Sale Condition and the Failing to disclose to Plaintiffs the material information related to the Senior Loan and the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents as alleged herein. Failing to raise with Plaintiffs the conflicts of interest inherent in the Failing to advise Plaintiffs to consult with independent counsel concerning Preferring their interests (to earn fees and eight and one-half per cent interest per annum in a time that the prime rate was six and one half percent and the interest rate environment was sharply downward) over Plaintiffs interests in having the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents reasonably and adequately protect their reasonable expectations concerning the Senior Loan based upon the discussions that occurred between Plaintiffs and the Due to the fiduciary and confidential nature of the parties' relationship, the breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing by the Defendants gives rise to tort liability. As the direct and proximate result of the Fiduciary Defendants' breaches of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Plaintiffs have been substantially damaged and Defendants are responsible for all natural and probable consequences of their wrong in an amount TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all prior paragraphs of their Amend

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	1	connection with the underwriting, funding, and administration of the Senior Loan.
	2	297. The Fiduciary Defendants breached their duty of due care in many ways, including
	3	but not limited to the following:
	4	A. Making the misrepresentations concerning the Pre-Sale Condition and the
	5	First Lien Condition as alleged herein.
	6	B. Failing to disclose to Plaintiffs the material information related to the
	7	Senior Loan and the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents as alleged herein.
	8	C. Failing to raise with Plaintiffs the conflicts of interest inherent in the
	9	Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents.
	10	D. Failing to advise Plaintiffs to consult with independent counsel concerning
	11	the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents.
E	12	E. Failing to determine, prior to funding of the Senior Loan, that a substantial
· ALBRIC	13	amount of work required by the construction drawings for the Project was
A'A		not covered by the construction agreement.
ASWA STODUNG WARNICS	15	F. Failing to determine, during the course of inspections of the Project during
A	16	construction, that nearly \$8,000,000 in substandard work was performed.
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3	18	for work reflected in that draw.
	19	Reclure to make sure that the loan draws were spent by the contractor to pay
	20	subcontractors and material suppliers.
	21	A Howing \$26,000,000 in construction liens to be filed against the Project
	27	during the course of their loan administration.
	23	and A she direct and provimate result of the Fiduciary Defendants' negligence,
	24	Plaintiffs have been substantially damaged.
	2	THIPTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
	20	(Declaratory Judgment)
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	2	Complaint as if set forth fully herein.
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As is set forth herein, Gemstone West Inc. is the owner of the Property and Project 300. and the primary obligor on the Senior Loan and, by assumption, the Prior Loan.

- As set forth herein, Contractor is the General Contractor of the Project.
- As is set forth herein, the General Contractor consented to the Assignment of 302. Construction Contract, Plans and Specifications executed by Gemstone West Inc. in favor of SFC, pursuant to a General Contractor Consent.
- That General Contractor Consent specifically provides that "[a]ll liens, claims, rights, remedies and recourses that [Asphalt Products Corporation] may have or may otherwise be entitled to assert against all or any portion of the Project shall be, and they hereby are made expressly subordinate, junior and inferior to the liens, claims, rights, remedies and recourses as created by the Loan Agreement and the Collateral Documents."
- Plaintiffs are entitled to a court order declaring that the Deed of Trust securing the Prior Loan has a first lien position on the Property and the Project notwithstanding any other liens created therein by or for the benefit of Gemstone West Inc. or Contractor.
- Plaintiffs are entitled to a court order declaring that Tharaldson and TM2I have no further liability relating to the Senior Loan and that as between Tharladson, TM2I and Gemstone West Inc., Gemstone West Inc. is the sole party responsible for the Senior Loan.
- Plaintiffs are entitled to a court order declaring that the Deeds of Trust relating to the Prior Loan have priority over the Construction Liens due to recordation date, and a court order declaring that the Senior Loan DOT has priority over the Construction Liens due to the Consent signed by the Contractor, wherein the Contractor specifically agreed to subordinate any and all claims to SFC.
- In addition, the Contractor executed the Contractor Certificate indicating that no 307. work had been completed on the Property or the Project to date.
- Plaintiffs are entitled to a court order declaring that the Senior Loan Documents 308. were induced by fraud and/or mistake and are not the valid, legally binding, and/or enforceable obligations of Plaintiffs.
 - Plaintiffs are entitled to a court order declaring that, upon CVFS's restoration to 309.

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the Fiduciary Defendants as agent for the Senior Loan Participants of the net \$10,000,000 paydown received from the Senior Loan proceeds together with interest thereon, the Subordination is rescinded.

- 310. Plaintiffs are entitled to a court order declaring that the Deeds of Trust securing the Prior Loan are prior and superior to the Senior Loan Deed of Trust and to any liens for construction work performed on the Property after July 5, 2006, and to any and all other liens or encumbrances on the Project recorded subsequent to recordation of the Deeds of Trust securing the Prior Loans and constitute first lien positions on the Property.
- 311. Plaintiffs are entitled to a court order declaring that Plaintiffs have one or more valid legal defenses to the Plaintiffs' Senior Loan Documents if those documents would otherwise be the valid, legally binding, or enforceable obligation of Plaintiffs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- A. Declaring that CVFS has terminated all of the CVFS Pre-Senior

 Participation Agreements and the CVFS Senior Loan Participation

 Agreement, that SFC has no authority to act for CVFS with respect to any

 of the loans covered thereby, and ordering SFC to execute and deliver

 appropriate assignments of those loans and related documents to CVFS.
- B. Declaring that the Senior Loan Documents were induced by fraud, misrepresentation, omission and/or mistake and are not the valid, legally binding, and/or enforceable obligations of Plaintiffs.
- C. Declaring that, upon CVFS's restoration to the Fiduciary Defendants as agent for the Senior Loan Participants of the net \$10,000,000 paydown received from the Senior Loan proceeds together with interest thereon, the Subordination is rescinded.
- D. Declaring that the Deeds of Trust securing the Prior Loan are prior and superior to the Senior Loan Deed of Trust and to any liens for construction work performed on the Property after July 5, 2006, and to any and all other liens or encumbrances on the Project recorded subsequent to recordation of

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING day of June, 2009, I served the foregoing I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the _ 2 PLAINTIFFS' FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT by mailing a copy of the same, postage prepaid 3 and addressed to the following: 5 Gwen Rutar Mullins, Esq. 6 Howard & Howard 3800 Howard Hughes Parkway 7 Suite 1400 Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 8 Attorneys for Defendant APCO 9 John D. Clayman, Esq. Frederic Dorwart Lawyers 10 Old City Hall 124 East Fourth Street 11 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103-5010 Attorneys for Bank of Oklahoma 12 LENGHT - STODDARD - WARNICK - ALBINGHT Von S. Heinz, Esq. 13 Lewis and Roca, LLP 3993 Howard Hughes Parkway 14 Suite 600 Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 15 Attorneys for Bank of Oklahoma 16 Mark M. Jones, Esq. Harrison, Kemp, Jones & Coulthard 3800 Howard Hughes Parkway, 17th Floor 17 Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 18 Attorneys for Defendants Bradley Scott and Scott Financial Corporation 19 Gemstone Development West, Inc. 20 C/o Alexander Edelstein, Registered Agent 9121 W Russell Road, Suite 117 21 Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 22 23 An Employee of Albright, Stoddard, Warnick & Albright 24 25 26 27 28 Page 57 of 57

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CLUB VISTA FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.L.C., a Nevada limited liability company; THARALDSON MOTELS II, INC., a North Dakota corporation; and GARY D. THARALDSON,

CASE NO. A579963-B DEPT. NO. XIII

Plaintiff(s),

SCOTT FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a North Dakota corporation; BRADLEY

APCO CONSTRUCTION, a Nevada

J. SCOTT; BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., a) national bank; GEMSTONE DEVELOPMENT)

WEST, INC., a Nevada corporation;

ASPHALT PRODUCTS CORPORATION D/B/A

Defendant(s).

vs.

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MARK R. DENTON DISTRICT JUDGE

DEPARTMENT THIRTEEN LAS VEGAS, NV 89155

(Consolidated with

A608563; A609288)

Date: January 18, 2011 Time: 9:00 a.m.

DECISION

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on January 18, 2011 for hearing on, inter alia, Defendant/Counterclaimaint Scott Financial Corporation's Motion for Summary Judgment Regarding Plaintiffs' First, Second, and Third Claims for Relief and on Defendant Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.'s Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Plaintiffs' First Claim for Relief (Fraudulent Misrepresentation) and Second Claim for Relief (Fraudulent Concealment/Fraudulent Omissions), and the Court, having considered the papers submitted in connection with such item(s) and heard the arguments made on behalf of the parties and then taken the matter under advisement for further consideration;

Given the number of motions that the Court is now hearing in this case and the time constraints involved and the need for prompt decisions in light of the quickly approaching trial date, the Court must be brief in announcing its rulings. It will thus look to counsel who are directed to submit proposed orders to fill in interstices consistent with briefing and argument that the Court has accepted in its rulings.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Court decides the submitted issues as follows:

A. Scott Financial's Motion.

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED IN PART as to the First Claim for Relief, as the Court discerns no genuine issue of material fact going to affirmative fraudulent misrepresentations.
- 2. The Motion is DENIED IN PART as to the Second and Third Claims for Relief, as the Court is persuaded that there are genuine issues regarding concealment and constructive fraud given the relationship between Plaintiff Tharaldson and his entities and the Scott Defendants and the expectations that relationship may have engendered.

B. Bank of Oklahoma's Motion.

The Motion is GRANTED, as the Court is persuaded that there are no genuine issues of material fact on the subjects of the implicated claims and that Defendant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

MARK R. DENTON DISTRICT JUDGE

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C. Conclusion.

Counsel for the Scott Defendants is directed to submit a proposed order consistent with A(1) above.

Counsel for Plaintiffs is directed to submit a proposed order consistent with A(2) above.

Counsel for Defendant Bank of Oklahoma is directed to submit a proposed order consistent with B. above.

In addition, such proposed order should be submitted to opposing counsel for approval/disapproval. Instead of seeking to litigate any disapproval through correspondence directed to the Court or to counsel with copies to the Court, any such disapproval should be the subject of motion practice.

This Decision is a summary of the Court's analysis of the matter and sets forth the Court's intended disposition on the subject, but it anticipates further order of the Court to make such disposition effective as an order or judgment.

DATED this 25 day of January, 2011.

MARK R. DENTON DISTRICT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that on or about the date filed, this document was e-served or a copy of this document was placed in the attorney's folder in the Clerk's Office or mailed to:

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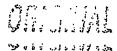
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CORPORATION DB/A APCO . 於 24 125 125 RUSIUSUS 7011 FEB 25. ි₂₆ CONSTRUCTION, a Nevada corporation; DOE INDIVIDUALS 1-100; and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1-100,

Defendants.

Case No. A579963 Department No. 13 Consolidated With Case No. A-10-609288-C ORDER DENYING IN PART THE SCOTT DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT REGARDING PLAINTIFFS' FIRST (FRAUD) SECOND (CONCEALMENT) AND THIRD (CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD) CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

1 AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS 2 3 CLUB VISTA FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.L.C., a Nevada limited liability company; THARALDSON MOTELS II, INC., a North Dakota corporation; and GARY D. THARALDSON, 4 5 6 Plaintiffs. 7 8 ALEXANDER EDELSTEIN, an individual, 9 Defendant. 10 11

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This matter having come before the Court on January 18, 2011 on Defendant Scott Financial Corporation's and Defendant Bradley J. Scott's Motion For Summary Judgment Regarding Plaintiffs' First (Fraud), Second (Concealment) and Third (Constructive Fraud) Claims for Relief; and the Court, having considered the papers submitted in connection with such Motion and heard oral arguments made on behalf of the parties and then taken the matter under advisement for further consideration; and the Court, having found there are genuine issues of material fact regarding concealment and constructive fraud given the relationship between Plaintiffs Club Vista Financial Services, LLC, Gary D. Tharaldson and Tharaldson Motels II, Inc., on the one hand, and Defendants Scott Financial Corporation and Bradley J. Scott, on the other hand, and the expectations that relationship may have engendered; and good cause appearing,

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED Defendant Scott Financial Corporation's and Defendant 1 Bradley J. Scott's Motion For Summary Judgment Regarding Plaintiffs' First (Fraud), Second 2 (Concealment) and Third (Constructive Fraud) Claims for Relief is DENIED as to Plaintiffs' 3 Second and Third Claims for Relief. 4 day of February, 2011. DATED this 2 5 IT IS SO ØRDERED б 7 8 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 9 10 Submitted by 11 COOKSEY, TOOLSEN GAGE, DUFFY & WOOG 12 13 14 MARTIN A. MUCKLEROY COOKSEY, TOOLSEN GAGE, DUFFY 3920 Howard Hughes Parkway & WOOG Suite 200 16 Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 17 Terry A. Coffing, Esq. MARQUIS AUERBACH & COFFING, P.C. 10001 Park Run Drive 18 Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 19 20 MARTIN A. ARONSON JOHN T. MOSHIER 21 MORRILL & ARONSON, PLC Admitted Pro Hac Vice 22 One East Camelback Road, Suite 340 Phoenix, Arizona 85012 23 Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Defendants.

AND ALL RELATED MATTERS.

Case No.: A579963 Dept. No.: XIII

ORDER GRANTING IN PART SCOTT FINANCIAL CORPORATION AND BRADLEY J. SCOTT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT REGARDING PLAINTIFFS' FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

This matter having first come before this Court on January 20, 2011, regarding Defendant/Counterclaimant Scott Financial Corporation's and Defendant Bradley J. Scott's Motion for Summary Judgment Regarding Plaintiffs' First, Second, and Third Claims for Relief, the Court having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file herein, and having heard the arguments of counsel

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for Plaintiffs, Martin A. Aronson, Esq., Martin Muckleroy, Esq., and Terry A. Coffing, Esq.; and of counsel for Defendants Scott Financial Corporation and Bradley J. Scott, J. Randall Jones, Esq.; Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., John Clayman, Esq., and Jennifer Hostetler, Esq.; APCO Construction, Gwen Rutar Mullins, Esq., and Alex Edelstein, Kyle Smith, Esq.; and with good cause appearing and there being no just cause for delay, the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

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FINDINGS OF FACT

- Only three people associated with Plaintiffs, apart from Plaintiffs' attorneys, have knowledge 1, related to the project in this case: Gary Tharaldson, Ryan Kucker, and Kyle Newman. See Depo. of Gary Tharaldson at 299:18-301:6, and Depo. of Ryan Kucker at 339:8-340:3.
- Gary Tharaldson does not know the extent of alleged fraudulent representations. See Depo. 2. of Gary Tharaldson at 30:20-32:3.
- Gary Tharaldson admits that he has no personal knowledge of fraud allegations. See id. at 3. 425:11-22.
- Gary Tharaldson did not provide any information to his attorneys about specific instances that 16 4. he believed he was lied to with regard to the Manhattan West project. See id. at 1198:13-17.
 - Kyle Newman has no knowledge of Brad Scott or Scott Financial Corporation committing 5. fraud in connection with any project. See Depo. of Kyle Newman at 134:1-19.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- There is no genuine issue of material fact going to affirmative fraudulent misrepresentations of either Scott Financial Corporation or Bradley J. Scott.
- There are genuine issues regarding concealment and constructive fraud given the relationship 25 2. between Plaintiff Tharaldson and his entities and the Scott Defendants and the expectations that relationship may have engendered. 27

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CONCLUSION

ITIS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Scott Financial Corporation and Bradley J. Scott's Motion for Motion for Summary Judgment is GRANTED IN PART as to Plaintiffs First Claim for Relief. As to the Second and Third Claims for Relief, the Motion for Summary Judgment is DENIED IN PART

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that a Judgment in favor of Scott Financial Corporation, and Bradley J. Scott and against Plaintiffs in hereby entered as to Plaintiffs' First Claim for Relief of the First Amended Complaint.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that each of the Court's findings of fact is to be construed as a conclusion of law, and each of the Court's conclusion of law is to be construed as a finding of fact, as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this Order.

DATED this / day of February, 2011.

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CLUB VISTA FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.L.C., a Nevada limited liability company; THARALDSON MOTELS II, INC., a North Dakota corporation; and GARY D. THARALDSON,

Plaintiff(s).

vs.

SCOTT FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a North Dakota corporation; BRADLEY J. SCOTT; BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., a) national bank; GEMSTONE DEVELOPMENT) WEST, INC., a Nevada corporation; ASPHALT PRODUCTS CORPORATION D/B/A APCO CONSTRUCTION, a Nevada corporation,

Defendant(s).

CASE NO. A579963-B DEPT. NO. XIII

(Consolidated with A608563; A609288)

) Date: January 20, 2011 Time: 9:00 a.m.

DECISION

THIS MATTER having come before the Court on January 20, 2011 for hearing on, inter alia, Defendant Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.'s Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Plaintiffs' Third (Constructive Fraud), Seventh (Breach of Fiduciary Duty), and Eleventh (Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing) Claims for Relief and on Defendants/Cross-Claimants Scott Financial Corporation and Bradley J. Scott's Motion for Summary Judgment on Tharaldson's and Tharaldson Motels II Inc.'s Third and Seventh Claim for Relief, and for Partial Summary Judgment on their Eleventh Claim for Relief (Re Fiduciary Duty), and the Court, having considered the papers submitted in connection with

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such item(s) and heard the arguments made on behalf of the parties and then taken the matter under advisement for further consideration;

Given the number of motions that the Court is now hearing in this case and the time constraints involved and the need for prompt decisions in light of the quickly approaching trial date, the Court must be brief in announcing its rulings. It will thus look to counsel who are directed to submit proposed orders to fill in interstices consistent with briefing and argument that the Court has accepted in its rulings.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Court decides the submitted issues as follows:

Bank of Oklahoma's Motion.

The Court is persuaded that there are no genuine issues of material fact going to the subject causes of action and that Defendant is entitled to partial judgment as a matter of law relative thereto. Accordingly, the Motion is GRANTED.

- B. Scott Defendants' Motion.
- The Court agrees that the Motion relative to the specific Plaintiffs against whom it is made is meritorious as to the Seventh Claim for Relief regarding breach of fiduciary duty, and the same is GRANTED IN PART as to that claim for relief against those Plaintiffs.
 - 2. However, in light of the past relationship between

the parties and the complexities of the transactions and statements made by Scott Defendants pertaining to such relationship, the Court cannot say that there are no genuine issues regarding the Third (constructive fraud) and Eleventh (breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing) Claims for Relief, and the Motion is thus DENIED IN PART as to those claims.

C. Conclusion.

Counsel for Defendant Bank of Oklahoma is directed to submit a proposed order consistent with A. above.

Counsel for the Scott Defendants is directed to submit a proposed order consistent with B(1) above.

Counsel for Plaintiffs is directed to submit a proposed order consistent with B(2) above.

In addition, such proposed order should be submitted to opposing counsel for approval/disapproval. Instead of seeking to litigate any disapproval through correspondence directed to the Court or to counsel with copies to the Court, any such disapproval should be the subject of motion practice.

This Decision is a summary of the Court's analysis of the matter and sets forth the Court's intended disposition on the

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subject, but it anticipates further order of the Court to make such disposition effective as an order or judgment.

> DATED this 25 of January, 2011.

> > MARK R. DENTON DISTRICT JUDGE

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DEVELOPMENT WEST, INC., a Nevada
corporation; ASPHALT PRODUCTS
CORPORATION D/B/A APCO
CONSTRUCTION, a Nevada corporation;
DOE INDIVIDUALS 1-100; and ROE
BUSINESS ENTITIES 1-100

Case No. A579963 Department No. 13 Consolidated With Case No. A-10-609288-C

ORDER DENYING, IN PART, DEFENDANTS SCOTT FINANCIAL CORPORATION AND BRADLEY J. SCOTT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON THARALDSON'S
AND THARALDSON MOTEL II,
INC.'S THIRD AND SEVENTH
CLAIMS FOR RELIEF, AND FOR
PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON
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Defendants.

1 AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS 2 3 CLUB VISTA FINANCIAL SERVICES. L.L.C., a Nevada limited liability company; THARALDSON MOTELS II, INC., a North Dakota corporation; and GARY D. THARALDSON, 4 5 6 Plaintiffs. 7 ٧. ALEXANDER EDELSTEIN, an 8 individual, 9 Defendant. 10

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This matter having come before the Court on January 20, 2011, on Defendant Scott Financial Corporation's and Defendant Bradley J. Scott's Motion For Summary Judgment Regarding Tharaldson And Tharaldson Motels II, Inc.'s Third And Seventh Claims For Relief, And For Partial Summary Judgment On Their Eleventh Claim For Relief (Re: Fiduciary Duty); and the Court, having considered the papers submitted in connection with such Motion and heard oral arguments made on behalf of the parties and then taken the matter under advisement for further consideration; and the Court, having found that, in light of the past relationship between Plaintiffs Club Vista Financial Services, LLC, Gary D. Tharaldson and Tharaldson Motels II, Inc., on the one hand, and Defendants Scott Financial Corporation and Bradley J. Scott (collectively, "Scott Defendants"), on the other hand, and the complexities of the transactions and statements made by the Scott Defendants pertaining to such relationship, there are genuine issues of material fact regarding Plaintiffs' Third (constructive fraud) and Eleventh (breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing) Claims for Relief; and therefore, good cause appearing,

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED Defendant Scott Financial Corporation's and Defendant 1 Bradley J. Scott's Motion For Summary Judgment Regarding Tharaldson And Tharaldson Motels 2 II. Inc.'s Third And Seventh Claims For Relief, And For Partial Summary Judgment On Their 3 Eleventh Claim For Relief (Re: Fiduciary Duty) is DENIED as to Plaintiffs' Third and Eleventh 4 5 Claims for Relief. DATED this O day of February, 20] 6 IT IS SÓ ORDERED 7 8 9 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 10 11 Submitted by 12 COOKSEY, TOOLSEN GAGE, DUFFY & WOOG 13 14 15 MARTIN A. MUCKLEROY COOKSEY, TOOLSEN GAGE, DUFFY & WOOG 3920 Howard Hughes Parkway 16 Suite 200 17 Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 18 Terry A. Coffing, Esq.
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Plaintiffs,

ALEXANDER EDELSTEIN, an individual,

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ORDER GRANTING, IN PART, AND DENYING, IN PART, DEFENDANT ALEX EDELSTEIN'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT (CASE NO. A609288)

This matter having come before the Court on January 27, 2011 on Defendant Alex Edelstein's Motion for Summary Judgment (Case No. A609288); and the Court, having considered the papers submitted in connection with such Motion and heard oral arguments made on behalf of the parties and then taken the matter under advisement for further consideration; and the Court having previously found there are no genuine issues of material fact regarding whether or not Plaintiff Tharaldson Motels II, Inc. ("TM2I"), acting through Plaintiff Gary D. Tharaldson, was fraudulently induced to execute the "TM2I Guaranty" by affirmative misrepresentations of fact; and, good cause appearing;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED Defendant Alex Edelstein's Motion for Summary Judgment (Case No. A609288) against Plaintiff Club Vista Financial Services, LLC is DENIED;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Defendant Alex Edelstein's Motion for Summary Judgment (Case No. A609288) against Plaintiff Gary D. Tharaldson ("Tharaldson") is GRANTED only as to Plaintiff Tharaldson's Third Claim for Relief ("Aiding and Abetting Breach of Fiduciary Duty") and is DENIED as to Plaintiff Tharaldson's First (Fraudulent Misrepresentation), Second (Fraudulent Concealment/Fraudulent Omissions) and Fourth (Aiding and Abetting Misrepresentations and Omissions) Claims for Relief; and

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Defendant Alex Edelstein's Motion for Summary Judgment (Case Ĺ No. A609288) against Plaintiff Tharaldson Motels II, Inc. ("TM2I") is GRANTED only as to Plaintiff 2 TM2I's Third Claim for Relief ("Aiding and Abetting Breach of Fiduciary Duty") and is DENIED as to 3 Plaintiff TM2I's Second (Fraudulent Concealment/Fraudulent Omissions) and Fourth (Aiding and 4 Abetting Misrepresentations and Omissions) Claims for Relief. 5 б tiary, 2011. IT IS SO ORDERED: 8 9 DISTRICT COUR# JUDGE 10 11 Submitted by 12 COOKSEY, TOOLSEN GAGE, DUFFY & WOOG 13 14 15 MARTIN A. MUCKLEROY COOKSEY, TOOLSEN GAGE, DUFFY & WOOG 16 3920 Howard Hughes Parkway Suite 200 17 Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 18 Terry A. Coffing, Esq. MARQUIS AUERBACH & COFFING, P.C. 19 10001 Park Run Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 20 MARTIN A. ARONSON 21 JOHN T. MOSHIER MORRILL & ARONSON, PLC 22 Admitted Pro Hac Vice One East Camelback Road, Suite 340 Phoenix, Arizona 85012 23 Attorneys for Plaintiff 24 CLUB VISTA FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.L.C., THARALDSON MOTELS II, INC., and 25 GARY D. THARALDSON 26 27

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

CLUB VISTA FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.L.C., a Nevada limited liability company, THARALDSON MOTELS II, INC., a North Dakota corporation; and GARY D. THARALDSON,

Petitioners,

VS.

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK, AND THE HONORABLE MARK R. DENTON, DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondents.

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Real Parties in Interest.

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REPLY IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY MOTION UNDER NRAP 27(e) (Relief Needed Before July 6, 2011)

I. **INTRODUCTION**

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The Scott Defendants and BOK agree that this Court should consider Plaintiffs' stay motion on an expedited basis, as allowed by NRAP 27(e). However, these Defendants felt that it was necessary to lodge a response with this Court to cast accusations at Plaintiffs regarding the true state of the record in the District Court. The Scott Defendants and BOK employed a similar tactic in their respective answers to writ petition which required Plaintiffs to provide this Court with a comprehensive explanation in the reply in support of writ petition that identifies the operative orders entered by the District Court maintaining Plaintiffs' second claim for fraudulent concealment/fraudulent omissions and Plaintiffs' third claim for constructive fraud against the Scott Defendants. As such, the Scott Defendants' continued representation that Plaintiffs' have no fraud claims related to the signing of the guaranties containing the jury trial waivers is without merit and should be disregarded by this Court. Mere argument in this Court cannot change the District Court orders maintaining the viability of Plaintiffs' second and third claims against the Scott Defendants.

Moreover, the fact that the District Court has awarded summary judgment to BOK on Plaintiffs' second and third claims is of no consequence since Plaintiffs do not need to prove that more than one party committed fraud in order to invalidate the jury trial waivers.² So, Defendants' arguments against a stay are not well founded in fact or law.

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See Reply in Support of Petition for Writ of Mandamus, or Alternatively, Petition for Writ of Prohibition filed in this case on May 26, 2011, at pages 3–5.

² Id. at pages 5–6 (discussing Hayas v. Bernhard, 85 Nev. 627, 631, 461 P.2d 857, 859– 860 (1969) (stating a contract induced by fraud can be voided and rescinded, such that a contract no longer exists); see also Bishop v. Stewart, 13 Nev. 25, 42 (1878); Friendly Irishman v. Ronnow, 74 Nev. 316, 330 P.2d 497 (1958); Lovato v. Catron, 20 N.M. 168, 148 P. 490 (1915); C.I.T. Corp. v. Panac, 25 Cal.2d 547, 154 P.2d 710 (1944)).

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Therefore, according to Defendants' agreement, this Court should consider Plaintiffs' stay motion on an expedited basis. And, based upon the briefing already filed, this Court should grant a stay of the District Court proceedings pending the resolution of their pending writ petition.

II. PLAINTIFFS' SECOND AND THIRD CLAIMS FOR FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT AND CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD WARRANTS REMAIN VIABLE.

Contrary to the representations made by the Scott Defendants and BOK, Plaintiffs have never claimed that their first claim for fraudulent misrepresentation remains against the Scott Defendants. However, Plaintiffs' second and third claims remain completely viable as set forth in District Court orders affirming that a genuine issue of material fact exists.³ Instead of acknowledging these orders, the Scott Defendants and BOK focus on other orders that do not completely address the true state of Plaintiffs' claims. Therefore, taking into account these District Court orders, the Court should reject Defendants' suggestion that Plaintiffs have no fraud claims relevant to the guaranties and the jury trial waivers.

PLAINTIFFS' SECOND AND THIRD CLAIMS FOR FRAUDULENT Α. CONCEALMENT AND CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD.

The District Court's order striking Plaintiffs' jury demand and bifurcating the trial was based upon the background information and claims made in Plaintiffs' first amended complaint.⁴ Plaintiffs' second claim for fraudulent concealment/fraudulent omissions

For the Court's convenience, Plaintiffs attach to this reply the relevant pages of the appendix already filed with this Court that demonstrate the continued viability of Plaintiffs' second and third claims for fraudulent concealment and constructive fraud against the Scott Defendants with respect to the signing of the guaranties containing the jury trial waivers.

Plaintiffs' first amended complaint was included in Petitioners' Appendix ("PA") 1:206-262 and is attached as Exhibit 1. Although Plaintiffs have filed a second amended complaint since the time they filed their writ petition in this Court, the second and third Page 2 of 10

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listed numerous areas in which the Scott Defendants had "a duty to speak and disclose" certain material facts.⁵ And, Plaintiffs further alleged that the Scott Defendants concealed and omitted facts for the purpose of inducing Plaintiffs to enter into the loan documents that form the basis of this litigation.⁶ Because of the described fraud, Plaintiffs asked for relief from the loan documents in the form of voiding the documents. equitable rescission, or reformation.⁷

Plaintiffs' third claim for constructive fraud similarly alleged that the Scott Defendants⁸ had a duty to disclose to Plaintiffs "all material information" related to the loan documents. In support of this claim, Plaintiffs described a variety of factors that were material to their decision to sign the loan documents. 10 Due to the fraud by silence, Plaintiffs asked for the same relief from the loan documents in the form of voiding the documents, equitable rescission, or reformation.¹¹

In Nevada, the law does *not* require an affirmative misrepresentation to qualify as inducement. 12 Instead, silence can provide the basis for inducement, as this Court has held in NOLM, LLC v. County of Clark: 13

claims have remained unchanged. See the Scott Defendants' Appendix ("SA") 1:178-183.

⁵ Exhibit 1, page 244, ¶ 218.

⁶ <u>Id.</u>, page 245, ¶¶ 218–221.

⁷ Id., pages 245–246, ¶¶ 223–224.

⁸ Plaintiffs third claim for constructive fraud also made allegations against BOK which has been dismissed from this claim by summary judgment.

⁹ Id., page 246, ¶ 228.

¹⁰ Id., page 246–247, ¶¶ 229–231.

¹¹ Id., page 247, ¶¶ 234–235.

¹² Plaintiffs' first claim was for fraudulent misrepresentation dealing with affirmative misrepresentations. See Exhibit 1, pages 241–244.

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Furthermore, section 161 of the Restatement provides that a party's silence regarding a fact is tantamount to a declaration that the fact does not exist:

- (b) where he knows that disclosure of the fact would correct a mistake of the other party as to a basic assumption on which that party is making the contract and if non-disclosure of the fact amounts to a failure to act in good faith and in accordance with reasonable standards of fair dealing.
- (c) where he knows that disclosure of the fact would correct a mistake of the other party as to the contents or effect of a writing, evidencing or embodying an agreement in whole or in part.¹⁴

Most of the western states are in accord with these rules and allow for reformation of an instrument where one party makes a unilateral mistake and the other party knew about it but failed to bring it to the mistaken party's attention. 15

Therefore, the arguments offered by the Scott Defendants and BOK that Plaintiffs have no claims for fraud under the second and third claim that would affect the guaranties and the jury trial waivers is simply untrue.

В. THE JANUARY 18, 2011 HEARING ON DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT.

After hearing the motion for partial summary judgment filed by the Scott Defendants to dismiss Plaintiffs' first, second, and third claims; and BOK's motion for

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¹³ 120 Nev. 736, 740, 100 P.3d 658, 661 (2004).

¹⁴ RESTATEMENT (SECOND) OF CONTRACTS § 161 (1981).

¹⁵ See, e.g., Belk v. Martin, 136 Idaho 652, 39 P.3d 592, 599 (2001) (holding that, where the respondents had made a typographical error in the lease and the appellant had known about the error but failed to alert the respondents to it, reformation of the lease was appropriate); Jones v. Reliable Sec. Incorporation, Inc., 29 Kan. App. 2d 617, 28 P.3d 1051, 1062 (2001) ("[A] written instrument may be reformed where there is ignorance or mistake on one side and fraud or inequitable conduct on the other; this can occur where one party to an instrument has made a mistake and the other knows it and fails to inform him or her of the mistake or conceals the truth from him or her."); Oftedal v. State ex rel. Transp. Com'n, 308 Mont. 50, 40 P.3d 349, 352, 359 (2002) (allowing reformation of a contract where a contractor had underbid by such a large amount that the other party was on notice of the mistaken bid); Diamond v. Granite Falls School Dist., 117 Wash.App. 157, 70 P.3d 966, 971 (2003) (holding that, where the school district knew of appellant's mistake when the parties entered into a contract, the trial court should have relieved appellant from its unilateral mistake).

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partial summary judgment to dismiss Plaintiffs' first and second claim, the Court granted BOK's motion. 16 The District Court also granted the Scott Defendants' motion in part by dismissing only Plaintiffs' first claim. 17 However, the District Court denied the Scott Defendants' motion as to Plaintiffs' second claim for fraudulent concealment/fraudulent omissions and Plaintiffs' third claim for constructive fraud:

The motion is DENIED IN PART as the Second and Third Claims for Relief, as the Court is persuaded that there are genuine issues regarding concealment and constructive fraud given the relationship between Plaintiff Tharaldson and his entities and the Scott Defendants and the expectations that relationship may have engendered. 18

The District Court's preservation of Plaintiffs' second and third claims was based upon various exhibits submitted in the summary judgment proceedings. ¹⁹ In accordance with the District Court decision, 20 Plaintiffs submitted an order maintaining their second and third claims following the Scott Defendants' motion for partial summary judgment.²¹ Although the Scott Defendants were directed to submit an order limited to the granting of Plaintiffs' first claim only, 22 the Scott Defendants' separate order also reflects that

¹⁶ The District Court decision from the January 18, 2011 hearing was included in various locations in the appendix, including Petitioners' Reply Appendix ("PRA") 3:537-540, and is attached as Exhibit 2. See especially Exhibit 2, page 538, ¶B.

¹⁷ Id., ¶ A.1.

¹⁸ Id., ¶ A.2 (emphasis added).

¹⁹ See PRA 1:129–148.

²⁰ See Exhibit 2, page 539.

²¹ The order denying in part the Scott Defendants' motion for partial summary judgment was included in various locations in the appendix, including PRA 3:552-554 and is attached as Exhibit 3.

²² See Exhibit 2, page 539.

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"[t]here are genuine issues regarding concealment and constructive fraud . . ."23 In light of the nature of Plaintiffs' second and third claims dealing with fraud by silence and the Scott Defendants' inducement with regard to the guaranties and the jury trial waivers, the issues presented to this Court are not moot, as Defendants improperly suggest. Because of the live issues before this Court, a stay is warranted on an expedited basis under NRAP 27(e).

THE JANUARY 20, 2011 HEARING ON DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS C. FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT.

Approaching Plaintiffs' third claim for constructive fraud from another angle, the Scott Defendants once again attempted to dismiss this claim by partial summary judgment.²⁴ The Scott Defendants successfully argued that they had no fiduciary duty to Plaintiffs; however, the District Court once again maintained the viability of Plaintiffs' third claim.²⁵ Additionally, the Court also allowed Plaintiffs' eleventh claim for breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing to remain:

However, in light of the past relationship between the parties and the complexities of the transactions and statements made by Scott Defendants pertaining to such relationship, the Court cannot say that there are no genuine issues regarding the Third (constructive fraud) and Eleventh (breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing), Claims for relief, and the Motion is DENIED IN PART as to those claims.

The order denying in part the Scott Defendants' motion for partial summary judgment on Plaintiffs' second and third claims was included in various locations in the appendix, including PRA 3:549–551 and is attached as **Exhibit 4** (emphasis added).

²⁴ PRA 1:189–231.

²⁵ The District Court decision from the January 20, 2011 hearing was included in various locations in the appendix, including PRA 3:545-548 and is attached as Exhibit 5. See especially Exhibit 5, pages 546–547, ¶B.

²⁶ Id. (emphasis added).

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In accordance with the District Court's decision, 27 Plaintiffs submitted an order preserving their third claim for constructive fraud, as well as their eleventh claim for breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing.²⁸ Incidentally, Plaintiffs' eleventh claim also dealt in part with the Scott Defendants' fraud by silence with regard to the guaranties and the jury trial waivers.²⁹ Therefore, Defendants' suggestion that Plaintiffs have no fraud claims is inaccurate and does not stand as a bar to Plaintiffs' request for stay relief and expedited treatment under NRAP 27(e)

THE JANUARY 27, 2011 HEARING ON DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS D. FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT.

As further evidence that Plaintiffs maintain viable claims for fraud, the District Court also denied in part a separate motion for partial summary judgment filed by Defendant Alex Edelstein against Plaintiff Tharaldson, including his first claim (fraudulent misrepresentation), second claim (fraudulent concealment/fraudulent omissions), and fourth claim (aiding and abetting misrepresentations and omissions).³⁰ Moreover, in denying Edelstein's motion for partial summary judgment, the District Court also preserved claims made by Plaintiff Tharaldson Motels II, Inc. including the second claim (fraudulent concealment/fraudulent omissions) and the fourth claim (aiding and abetting misrepresentations and omissions).³¹ So, Defendants' suggestion that

²⁷ <u>See</u> Exhibit 5, page 547.

²⁸ The order denying in part the Scott Defendants' motion for partial summary judgment on Plaintiffs' third and eleventh claims was included in various locations in the appendix, including PRA 3:555–557 and is attached as Exhibit 6.

²⁹ See Exhibit 1, pages 255–256.

³⁰ The order denying in part Edelstein's motion for partial summary judgment was included in various locations in the appendix, including PRA 3:558-560 and is attached as Exhibit 7.

³¹ <u>Id.</u>

Plaintiffs have misrepresented the nature of their claims to this Court is itself a misrepresentation and is in direct contradiction to the written District Court orders. Therefore, Defendants' attempt to misconstrue the status of Plaintiffs' claims and the proceedings of the District Court does not prevent this Court from granting stay relief on an expedited basis under NRAP 27(e).

III. CONCLUSION

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In summary, Plaintiffs' second claim for fraudulent concealment/fraudulent omissions and Plaintiffs' third claim for constructive fraud against the Scott Defendants remain viable. The fact that the District Court has dismissed Plaintiffs' second and third claims against BOK is of no consequence because Plaintiffs only need to demonstrate fraud as to a Defendant, not all Defendants, to invalidate the guaranties and the jury trial waivers contained within the guaranties. Therefore, Defendants' contention that Plaintiffs no longer have any fraud claims sufficient to defeat the guaranties is not only inaccurate, but the bare contention does not prevent this Court from granting Plaintiffs stay relief on an expedited basis, as allowed by NRAP 27(e).

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2011.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing **REPLY IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY** MOTION UNDER NRAP 27(e) was filed electronically with the Nevada Supreme Court on the 22nd day of June, 2011. Electronic Service of the foregoing documents shall be made in accordance with the Master Service List as follows:

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