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8	DISTRIC	T COURT
9	CLARK COUN	NTY, NEVADA
10	THE BOURASSA LAW GROUP, LLC	Case No.: A651563
11	Plaintiff,	Dept. No.: XXVIII
12	vs.	NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT FROM
13	CALIFORNIA BACK SPECIALISTS MEDICAL GROUP, INC., a California	A JUDGMENT OF A DISTRICT COURT
14	corporation; CALIFORNIA MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY CENTER, an	
15	unknown entity; CONEJO NEUROLOGICAL MEDICAL GROUP, INC., a California	
16	corporation; LOS ANGELES ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTE, INC., a	
17	California corporation; MEDICAL IMAGING MEDICAL GROUP, an unknown entity;	
18	MOUNTAIN VIEW SURGICAL CENTER, INC., a California corporation; CHARLES K. NEAL, an individual; QUEST	
19	DIAGNOSTICS WEST HILLS, a foreign Delaware corporation; SCREEN ACTORS	
20	GUILD, INC., a California corporation; THOUSAND OAKS SPINE MEDICAL	
21	GROUP, INC., a California corporation; STEVEN ZLATT, M.D., INC., a California	
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27	OPEN MRI, LLC, a California limited liability company; and DOES I-V, inclusive; and ROE CORPORATIONS VI-X, inclusive,	
28	Defendants.	

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7	Counterclaim Defendants.
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9	McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP, a Nevada limited liability partnership,
10	Cross-Claimant,
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14	corporation; CALIFORNIA MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY CENTER, an unknown entity; CONEJO NEUROLOGICAL
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2	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of the law firm of McDonald Carano			
3	Wilson LLP and, on December 13, I caused a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF APPEAL			
4	TO THE SUPREME COURT FROM A JUDGMENT OF A DISTRICT COURT to b			
5	served, via U.S. Mail, upon the following:			
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11	Mark J. Bourassa, Esq. Christopher W. Carson, Esq.	James T. Studer, Esq. James Studer & Associates		
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14	Attorneys for Plaintiff			
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1		CASE APPEAL STATEMENT
2	1.	Name of appellant filing this case appeal statement:
3		McDonald Carano Wilson LLP ("McDonald Carano").
4	2.	Identify the judge issuing the decision, judgment, or order appealed from:
5		The Hon. Ronald J. Israel, Department XXVIII, Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark
6	Cour	nty.
7	3.	Identify each appellant and the name and address of counsel for each appellant:
8		Appellant – McDonald Carano Wilson LLP
9		George F. Ogilvie III
		Patrick J. Murch
10		McDonald Carano Wilson LLP
11		2300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 1200
11		Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
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13	4.	Identify each respondent and the name and address of appellate counsel, if known, for each respondent (if the name of a respondent's appellate counsel is unknown,
		indicate as much and provide the name and address of that respondent's trial
14		counsel):
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16		Respondent – The Bourassa Law Group, LLC (the "Bourassa Firm")
		Mark J. Bourassa, Esq.
17		Christopher W. Carson, Esq.
10		The Bourassa Law Group, LLC
18		8668 Spring Mountain Road, Suite 101
19		Las Vegas, Nevada 89117
20		Respondent - Oasis Legal Finance, LLC ("Oasis")
21		Michelle L. Abrams, Esq.
22		Abrams Probate & Planning Group 530 South Fourth Street
·		Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
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24		Respondents - California Back Specialists Medical Group, Inc.  California Minimally Invasive Surgery Center
25		Thousand Oaks Spine Medical Group, Inc.
26		Conejo Neurological Medical Group, Inc.
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28		ollectively, the "Chiu Entities." The Chiu Entities are owned and/or controlled by non- John C. Chiu, M.D., a California spine surgeon.

1		Jacqueline Mary McQuigg, Esq.
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5		James Studer and Associates 1420 Los Angeles Avenue, Suite 203
6		Simi Valley, California 93065
7	5.	Indicate whether any attorney identified above in response to question 3 or 4 is not
8		licensed to practice law in Nevada and, if so, whether the district court granted that attorney permission to appear under SCR 42:
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10		James T. Studer is not licensed to practice law in Nevada. The district court did not
11	grant l	him permission to appear under SCR 42.
12	6.	Indicate whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained counsel in
13		the district court:
14		Appellant, a Nevada law firm, was represented by its own attorneys in the district court
15	action	•
16	7.	Indicate whether appellant is represented by appointed or retained counsel on
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17		appeal:
17 18		Appellant is represented by its own attorneys on appeal.
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# 10. Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district court, including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the district court:

This action arises out of the settlement of a lawsuit pertaining to an automobile accident during which Robert Cooper ("Cooper") was injured while being transported in a taxicab owned by ABC Union Cab Company ("Union Cab"). To treat his injuries, Cooper obtained medical treatment and services from a number of medical specialists (collectively, the "Medical Providers").

On December 6, 2007, McDonald Carano filed a complaint on Cooper's behalf against, among other parties, Union Cab. On February 13, 2008, Cooper and McDonald Carano entered into a written agreement (the "Engagement Agreement"), pursuant to which McDonald Carano agreed to represent Cooper in the personal injury case, and Cooper agreed that McDonald Carano would receive 40% of "any settlement or judgment," plus any costs incurred by McDonald Carano in connection with the representation.

Between December 6, 2007 and October 20, 2010, McDonald Carano prosecuted the action on Cooper's behalf, by, among other things, drafting and responding to written discovery, preparing for and defending depositions (including several depositions in California involving certain of the Medical Providers), engaging in motion practice, and all other litigation matters. During that time, McDonald Carano incurred in excess of \$100,000.00 in attorney fees, plus \$13,456.62 in costs.

During the course of the litigation, Cooper executed three identical agreements with Oasis, pursuant to which Oasis advanced funds to Cooper in exchange for assignment of an interest in any settlement that Cooper recovered in the personal injury litigation. Each of these agreements stated that Oasis' interest in any settlement proceeds was subordinate to both attorneys' fees and medical liens.

Due to (among other things) a fundamental disagreement with Cooper regarding the direction of the case, McDonald Carano filed a motion to withdraw from representing Cooper

on October 8, 2010. The Court granted the motion for good cause following a hearing on October 19, 2010.

On October 20, 2010, McDonald Carano recorded a lien in the Office of the Recorder of Clark County, Nevada, pursuant to which it asserted an attorney's lien for compensation in the amount of 40% of the gross amount recovered by settlement or judgment, plus costs in the approximate amount of \$13,500.00, plus interest. On the same day, in accordance with NRS 18.015, McDonald Carano mailed a copy of the lien to Cooper via certified mail, and hand-delivered another copy to counsel for Union Cab.

Thereafter, Cooper retained the Bourassa Firm to represent him in the personal injury case. In May of 2011, Cooper and Union Cab agreed to settle the case for \$55,000.00 (the "Settlement Proceeds"). Immediately upon learning of the settlement, McDonald Carano mailed a copy of its lien to the Bourassa Firm, and asserted an interest in the Settlement Proceeds.

The Bourassa Firm then filed a complaint in interpleader to adjudicate the rights of the potential claimants to the Settlement Proceeds, naming as defendants certain of the Medical Providers, McDonald Carano, and Oasis. McDonald Carano filed an answer to the complaint in interpleader and asserted a counterclaim against the Bourassa Firm and cross-claims against all of the other defendants.

Thereafter, the Bourassa Firm and McDonald Carano obtained default judgments against certain of the Medical Providers and voluntarily dismissed other defendants who did not provide medical treatment to Cooper in connection with the underlying action. The Bourassa Firm then filed a motion for disbursement of the Settlement Proceeds on March 14, 2013 and, on April 1, 2013, McDonald Carano filed an opposition to that motion and a countermotion for adjudication of its attorney's lien and disbursement of the Settlement Proceeds in accordance with NRS 18.015. At that time, the only remaining parties to the interpleader action were the Bourassa Firm, McDonald Carano, the Chiu Entities, and Oasis.

On May 14, 2013, the district court held a hearing on the Bourassa Firm's motion and McDonald Carano's countermotion. In ruling in favor of the Bourassa Firm and against

McDonald Carano, the court held that, under Argentena v. Jolley Urga, et al., 125 Nev. 527, 216 P.3d 779 (2009), McDonald Carano did not have an enforceable charging lien because it voluntarily withdrew from representing Cooper prior to the settlement of the underlying litigation.

Although the hearing was in May, the district court did not sign the disbursement order (the "Original Disbursement Order") until September 12, 2013. The order was filed on September 16, at which time the Bourassa Firm caused notice of entry of the Original Disbursement Order to be served on the parties via U.S. Mail.

On September 19, 2013, the parties submitted a stipulation and proposed order to the district court, wherein they agreed to stay disbursement of the settlement proceeds pending the resolution of McDonald Carano's anticipated appeal. The district court did not sign the order, instead entering a separate order directing the parties to appear for an additional hearing on October 15, 2013.

At the October 15 hearing, the district court entered an oral order staying the Original Disbursement Order and directing the parties to submit supplemental briefs to address the applicability of <u>Leventhal v. Black & LoBello</u>, 129 Nev. Adv. Op. 50 (July 11, 2013) and the 2013 amendments to the charging lien statute to the parties' prior arguments regarding disbursement of the Settlement Proceeds. The district court continued the hearing until November 15.

On October 28, McDonald Carano filed a motion in the Nevada Supreme court (the "Motion for Publication"), seeking an order directing the publication of an unpublished Order of Reversal in Case No. 57759 (Hoff v. Walters), on the grounds that the Order of Reversal was directly on point regarding the attorney lien issues raised in the interpleader action. McDonald Carano caused notice of its motion to be served on the parties and the district court on October 29.

At the November 15 hearing, the parties agreed that neither the recent case law nor the amendments to the charging lien statute impacted the Original Disbursement Order. The district court held that all of the parties' supplemental arguments would relate back to the May

15 hearing on the Bourassa Firm's motion and McDonald Carano's countermotion, and that the court would enter an amended order on the Motion and Countermotion to preserve McDonald Carano's appeal rights. The district court also stayed the interpleader action pending resolution of the Supreme Court Motion.

On November 22, 2013, the Nevada Supreme Court entered an order denying the Motion for Publication. McDonald Carano caused notice of entry of that order to be served on the parties on December 3.

The parties delivered a stipulation and proposed Amended Disbursement Order to the district court on December 4, 2013, pursuant to which they agreed that: (1) the district court could enter the Amended Disbursement Order, which incorporated all findings of fact, conclusions of law, and orders contained in the Original Disbursement Order; (2) the Amended Disbursement Order superseded and replaced the Original Disbursement Order; (3) the date of the entry of the Amended Disbursement Order disposed of all issues presented in the case and was the effective date of final judgment in the matter; and (4) the time period for McDonald Carano to file a notice of appeal commenced on the effective date of service of notice of entry of the Amended Disbursement Order. The district court signed the Amended Disbursement Order on December 6, and it was entered on December 9. McDonald Carano caused notice of entry of the Amended Disbursement Order to be served on all parties on December 10.

McDonald Carano now appeals from the Amended Disbursement Order.

# 11. Indicate whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court and, if so, the caption and Supreme Court docket number of the prior proceeding:

This case has not previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court.

### 12. <u>Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation:</u>

Not applicable.

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# 13. If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of settlement:

Because this appeal involves a fundamental legal issue regarding the validity and enforceability of an attorney charging lien in a case in which an attorney withdraws prior to settlement or judgment, settlement is not possible.

Dated: December <u>/3</u>, 2013.

MCDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP

By:

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California Back Specialists Medical Group Inc, Defendant

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Location: Department 28 Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J. 888 Filed on: 11/10/2011 Cross-Reference Case A651563 8

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CASE INFORMATION

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**Arbitration Exemption Granted** 

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Neal, Charles K

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Quest Diagnostics West Hills

Removed: 12/30/2011

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Removed: 01/04/2012

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Bourassa, Mark J. Retained

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	Filed by: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Summons - California Back Specialists Medical Group, Inc.
11/23/2011	Summons Filed by: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Summons - California Minimally Invasive Surgery Center
11/23/2011	Summons Filed by: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Summons - Steven Zlatt, M.D.
12/09/2011	Voluntary Dismissal Filed by: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Voluntary Dismissal of Defendant Mountain View Surgical Center
12/09/2011	Voluntary Dismissal Filed by: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Voluntary Dismissal of Defendant Charles K. Neal, M.D.
12/09/2011	Acceptance of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Acceptance of Service of Summons and Complaint to McDonald Wilson & Carano, LLP
12/09/2011	Voluntary Dismissal (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: Moutain View Surgical Center Inc (Defendant) Creditors: Bourassa Law Group, LLC (Plaintiff) Judgment: 12/09/2011, Docketed: 12/29/2011
12/09/2011	Voluntary Dismissal (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: Charles K Neal (Defendant) Creditors: Bourassa Law Group, LLC (Plaintiff) Judgment: 12/09/2011, Docketed: 12/29/2011
12/20/2011	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
12/20/2011	Answer to Complaint Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP McDonald Carano Wilson LLP's Answer to Complaint in Interpleader, Counterclaim, and Cross-Claim
12/27/2011	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service - Screen Actors Guild, Inc.
12/30/2011	Voluntary Dismissal Filed by: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Voluntary Dismissal of Defendant Quest Diagnostic West Hills
12/30/2011	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service of California Minimally Invasive Surgery Center
12/30/2011	Affidavit of Service

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	Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service of Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute, Inc.	
12/30/2011	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service of Steven Zlatt, M.D.	
12/30/2011	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service of Valley Open MRI, LLC	
12/30/2011	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service of Thousand Oaks Spine Medical Group, Inc.	
12/30/2011	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Party Served: Defendant Medical Imaging Medical Group Affidavit of Service - Medical Imaging Medical Group	
12/30/2011	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Party Served: Defendant Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital LTD LP Affidavit of Service - Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital Ltd	
12/30/2011	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Party Served: Defendant Conejo Neurological Medical Group Inc Affidavit of Service Conej Neurological Medical Group	
12/30/2011	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Party Served: Defendant California Back Specialists Medical Group Inc Affidavit of Service -California Back Specialists Medical Group Inc	
12/30/2011	Voluntary Dismissal (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: Quest Diagnostics West Hills (Defendant) Creditors: Bourassa Law Group, LLC (Plaintiff) Judgment: 12/30/2011, Docketed: 01/10/2012	
01/04/2012	Voluntary Dismissal Filed by: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Voluntary Dismissal of Defendant Screen Actors Guild, Inc.	
01/04/2012	Voluntary Dismissal (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: Screen Actors Guild Inc (Defendant) Creditors: Bourassa Law Group, LLC (Plaintiff) Judgment: 01/04/2012, Docketed: 01/10/2012	
01/26/2012	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service For Conejo Neurological Medical Group, Inc.	
01/26/2012	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC	

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	Affidavit of Service For California Back Specialists Medical Group, Inc
01/26/2012	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service For Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, LTD
01/26/2012	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service For Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute, INC
01/26/2012	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service For Screen Actors Guild, INC
01/26/2012	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service California Minimally Invasive Surgery Center
01/26/2012	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service Quest Diagnostics - West Hills
01/26/2012	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service For Thousand Oaks Spine Medical Center, Inc.
01/26/2012	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service For Medical Imaging Medical Group
01/27/2012	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service For Oasis Legal Finance, LLC
01/27/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Application for Entry of Default For California Minimally Invasive Surgery Center
01/27/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Application for Entry of Default For Medical Imaging Medical Group
01/27/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Application for Entry of Default For Quest Diagnostics - West Hills
01/27/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Application for Entry of Default For Thousand Oaks Spine Medical Group, Inc.
01/30/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Application for Entry of Default of Defendant Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks

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	Community Hospital, LTD.
01/30/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Application for Entry of Default of Defendant Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute, Inc.
02/07/2012	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Affidavit of Service For Steven Zlatt, M.D., Inc.
02/17/2012	Certificate of Service Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Certificate of Service
02/17/2012	Certificate of Service Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Certificate of Service- Steven Zlatt M D
02/17/2012	Certificate of Service Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Certificate of Service - Valley Open MRI LLC
02/17/2012	Certificate of Service Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Certificate of Service - Oasis Legal Finance LLC
02/22/2012	Certificate of Service Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Certificate of Service - Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute Inc
02/22/2012	Certificate of Service Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Certificate of Service - Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oak Community Hospital Ltd
02/23/2012	Answer Filed By: Defendant Oasis Legal Finance LLC Answer of Oasis Legal Finance, LLC
03/01/2012	Commissioners Decision on Request for Exemption - Granted  Commissioner's Decision on Request for Exemption - Granted
03/09/2012	Default Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Default of Defendant Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, LTD
03/09/2012	Default Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Default of Defendant Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute, Inc.
03/09/2012	Notice of Entry of Default  Party: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC  Notice of Entry of Default of Defendant Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks  Community Hospital, LTD.

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03/09/2012	Notice of Entry of Default  Party: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC  Notice of Entry of Default Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute, Inc.
03/19/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Against California Back Specialists Medical Group, Inc.
03/19/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Against California Minimally Invasive Surgery Center
03/19/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Against Conejo Neurological Medical Group, Inc.
03/19/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Against Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, Ltd., a California LP
03/19/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Against Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute, Inc.
03/19/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Against Medical Imaging Medical Group
03/19/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Against Thousand Oaks Spine Medical Group, Inc.
03/19/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Against Valley Open MRI, LLC
03/19/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Against Steven Zlatt, M.D., Inc.
03/21/2012	Notice of Intent  Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP  Notice of Intent to Take Default Against Defendants California Back Specialists Medical  Group, Inc., California Minimally Invasive Surgery Center, Conejo Neurological Medical  Group, Inc. Medical Imaging group, Thousand Oaks Spine Medical Group, Inc.
03/21/2012	Errata Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Erratta to McDonald Carano Wilson, LLP's Application for Entry of Default Against Valley Open MRI
03/21/2012	Errata

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	Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP  Errata to McDonald Carano Wilson LLP's Application for Entry of Default Against Imaging  Center5 of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, Ltd., A California LP
03/21/2012	Errata Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Errata to McDonald Carano Wilson LLP's Application for Entry of Default Against Steven Zlatt, M.D., Inc.
03/21/2012	Errata Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Errata to McDonald Carano Wilson LLP's Application for Entry of Default Against Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute Inc.
03/29/2012	Arbitration File
04/19/2012	Motion to Extend Time to Serve Party: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP McDonald Carano Wilson's Motion to Enlarge Time for Service of Defendants/Cross-claim Defendants Imaging Certer of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, Ltd. and Steven Zlatt, M.D., Inc. and for Order Authorizing Service of Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, Ltd. by Publication; and for an Order Shortening Time
04/19/2012	Supplement Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Supplement to McDonald Carano Wilson's Motion to Enlarge Time for Service of Defendants/Cross-Claim Defendants Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, Ltd., and Steven Zlatt, M.D., Inc.; and for Order Authorizing Service of Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, Ltd. by Publication
04/20/2012	Certificate of Service Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Certificate of Service
04/25/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Application for Entry of Default of Defendant Steven Zlatt, M.D. Inc.
05/01/2012	Motion for Order Extending Time (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Events: 04/19/2012 Motion to Extend Time to Serve  McDonald Carano Wilson's Motion to Enlarge Time for Service of Defendants/Cross-claim  Defendants Imaging Certer of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, Ltd. and  Steven Zlatt, M.D., Inc. and for Order Authorizing Service of Imaging Center of the Valley at  Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, Ltd. by Publication; and for an Order Shortening Time
05/03/2012	Certificate of Service Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Certificate of Service
05/03/2012	Voluntary Dismissal Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Voluntary Dismissal of Cross-Claim Defendant Screen Actors Guild, Inc.
05/03/2012	Voluntary Dismissal Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Voluntary Dismissal of Cross-Claim Defendant Charles K. Neal, M.D.

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05/03/2012	Voluntary Dismissal Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Voluntary Dismissal of Cross-Claim Defendant Mountain View Surgical Center, Inc.
05/03/2012	Voluntary Dismissal Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Voluntary Dismissal of Cross-Claim Defendant Quest Diagnostics West Hills
05/03/2012	Voluntary Dismissal (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: Quest Diagnostics West Hills (Cross Defendant) Creditors: McDonald Carano Wilson LLP (Cross Claimant) Judgment: 05/03/2012, Docketed: 05/21/2012
05/03/2012	Voluntary Dismissal (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: Mountain View Surgical Center Inc (Cross Defendant) Creditors: McDonald Carano Wilson LLP (Cross Claimant) Judgment: 05/03/2012, Docketed: 05/21/2012
05/03/2012	Voluntary Dismissal (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: Charles K Neal (Cross Defendant) Creditors: McDonald Carano Wilson LLP (Cross Claimant) Judgment: 05/03/2012, Docketed: 05/21/2012
05/03/2012	Voluntary Dismissal (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: Screen Actors Guild Inc (Cross Defendant) Creditors: McDonald Carano Wilson LLP (Cross Claimant) Judgment: 05/03/2012, Docketed: 05/21/2012
05/08/2012	Answer to Counterclaim  Filed By: Defendant Oasis Legal Finance LLC  Oasis Legal Finance, LLC's Answer to Cross-Claim
05/16/2012	Notice of Entry of Default  Party: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC  Notice of Entry of Default of Defendant Steven Zlatt, M.D., Inc.
05/16/2012	Default Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Default Prty: Defendant Steven Zlatt MD Inc Default of Steven Zlatt, M.D., Inc
05/30/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Against Steven Zlatt, M.D., Inc.
05/30/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Against Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute
05/30/2012	Application for Entry of Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Against Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, Ltd., A California LP
06/07/2012	Default

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	Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP  Default
06/07/2012	Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Default
06/11/2012	Notice of Entry of Default Party: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Notice of Entry of Default
06/11/2012	Notice of Entry of Default Party: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Notice of Entry of Default
06/14/2012	Affidavit Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Affidavit of Service
06/21/2012	Default Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Default
06/27/2012	Notice of Entry of Default  Party: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP  Notice of Entry of Default
08/09/2012	Application for Default Judgment Party: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Application for Entry of Judgment By Default as To Defendant Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, LTD.
08/09/2012	Application for Default Judgment Party: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Application for Entry of Judgment by default as to defendant Steven Zlatt, M.D., Inc.
08/09/2012	Application for Default Judgment Party: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Application for Entry of Judgment by default as to defendant Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute, Inc.
08/10/2012	Application for Default Judgment Party: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Application for Entry of Default Judgment
08/31/2012	Default Judgment (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute Inc (Cross Defendant), Steven Zlatt MD Inc (Cross Defendant), Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital LTD (Cross Defendant) Creditors: McDonald Carano Wilson LLP (Cross Claimant) Judgment: 08/31/2012, Docketed: 09/07/2012
08/31/2012	Default Judgment Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Default Judgment Against 1) Los Angeles Orthopaedic, Inc.; 2) Imaging Center of the Valley

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	at Sherman Oaks Hospital, Ltd., A California LP; and 3)Steven Zlatt, M.D., Inc.
09/05/2012	Default Judgment Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Default Judgment as to Defendant Steven Zlatt, MD, Inc.
09/05/2012	Default Judgment Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Default Judgment as to Defendant Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute, Inc.
09/05/2012	Default Judgment Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Default Judgment as to Defendant Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, LTD
09/05/2012	Notice of Entry of Default Judgment Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Notice of Entry of Default Judgment of Defendant Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, Inc.
09/05/2012	Notice of Entry of Default Judgment Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Notice of Entry of Default Judgment of Defendant Steven Zlatt MD, Inc.
09/05/2012	Notice of Entry of Default Judgment Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Notice of Entry of Default Judgment of Defendant Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute, Inc.
09/05/2012	Default Judgment (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute Inc (Defendant) Creditors: Bourassa Law Group, LLC (Plaintiff) Judgment: 09/05/2012, Docketed: 09/07/2012
09/05/2012	Default Judgment (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital LTD LP (Defendant) Creditors: Bourassa Law Group, LLC (Plaintiff) Judgment: 09/05/2012, Docketed: 09/07/2012
09/05/2012	Default Judgment (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: Steven Zlatt MD Inc (Defendant) Creditors: Bourassa Law Group, LLC (Plaintiff) Judgment: 09/05/2012, Docketed: 09/07/2012
09/06/2012	Notice of Entry of Default Judgment  Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP  Notice of Entry of Default Judgment Against 1) Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute, Inc.; 2)  Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Hospital, Ltd., A California LP; and 3) Steven  Zlatt, M.D., Inc.
03/14/2013	Motion for Distribution Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Plaintiff's Motion for Distribution of Interpleader Funds
03/20/2013	Errata Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC

	Errata to Plaintiff's Motion for Distribution of Interpleader Funds
03/20/2013	Notice of Hearing Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Notice of Hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Distribution of Interpleader Funds
03/29/2013	Certificate of Mailing Filed By: Defendant Oasis Legal Finance LLC Certificate of Mailing
03/29/2013	Joinder Filed By: Defendant Oasis Legal Finance LLC Joinder in Motion for Distribution of Interpleader Funds
04/01/2013	Opposition to Motion Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP McDonald Carano Wilson LLP's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Disbursement of Interpleader Funds; and Countermotion for Adjudication of Attorney's Lien and Disbursement of Interpleader Funds
04/12/2013	Answer Filed By: Defendant California Back Specialists Medical Group Inc Answer California Back Specialists Medical Group, INC., California Minimally Invasive Surgery Center, Thousand Oaks, Spine Medical Group, Conejo, Medical Imaging Medical Group To Complaint of The Bourassa Law Group, LLC For Interpleader
04/12/2013	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Defendant California Back Specialists Medical Group Inc Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
04/12/2013	Answer to Crossclaim Filed By: Defendant California Back Specialists Medical Group Inc Answer California Back Specialists Medical Group, INC., California Minimally Invasive Surgery Center, Thousand Oaks Spine Medical Group, California Neurological Medical Group, Medical Imaging Medical Group To Cross Claim of McDonald Carano Wilson, LLP.
04/16/2013	Motion for Distribution (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) 04/16/2013, 05/14/2013 Events: 03/14/2013 Motion for Distribution Plaintiff's Motion for Distribution of Interpleader Funds
04/16/2013	Joinder (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) 04/16/2013, 05/14/2013 Events: 03/29/2013 Joinder Joinder in Motion for Distribution of Interpleader Funds
04/16/2013	Opposition and Countermotion (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) 04/16/2013, 05/14/2013 Events: 04/01/2013 Opposition to Motion McDonald Carano Wilson LLP's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Disbursement of Interpleader Funds; and Countermotion for Adjudication of Attorney's Lien and Disbursement of Interpleader Funds
04/16/2013	All Pending Motions (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.)
05/06/2013	Supplemental Brief Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC

	Plaintiff's Supplemental Brief Regarding the Argentena Case in Further Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Disbursement of Interpleader Funds
05/07/2013	Supplement Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Supplement to McDonald Carano Wilson LLP's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Disbursement of Interpleader Funds; and Countermotion for Adjudication of Attorney's Lien and Disbursement of Interpleader Funds
05/14/2013	All Pending Motions (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.)  All Pending Motions (05/14/13)
05/17/2013	Order to Statistically Close Case  Civil Order To Statistically Close Case
09/16/2013	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Notice Of Entry Of Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion For Disbursement Of Interpleader Funds; And Denying Mcdonald Carano Wilson LLP's Countermotion For Adjudication Of Attorney's Lien And Disbursement Of Interpleader Funds
09/16/2013	Order Granting Motion Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Disbursement of Interpleader Funds; and Denying McDonald Carano Wilson LLP's Countermotion for Adjudication of Attorney's Lien and Disbursement of Interpleader Funds
09/16/2013	Order (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.) Debtors: California Back Specialists Medical Group Inc (Defendant), California Minimally Invasive Surgery Center (Defendant), Conejo Neurological Medical Group Inc (Defendant), Medical Imaging Medical Group (Defendant), Thousand Oaks Spine Medical Group Inc (Defendant), Oasis Legal Finance LLC (Defendant), McDonald Carano Wilson LLP (Defendant) Creditors: Bourassa Law Group, LLC (Plaintiff) Judgment: 09/16/2013, Docketed: 09/24/2013 Total Judgment: 22,030.89
09/24/2013	Order Order Scheduling Hearing: Disbursement Of Interpleader Funds
10/15/2013	Hearing (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Israel, Ronald J.)  10/15/2013, 11/12/2013  Events: 09/24/2013 Order  Hearing Re: Disbursement Of Interpleader Funds & 45 Day Stay
10/29/2013	Notice Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Notice of Filing Motion to Publish Order of Reversal as a Published Opinion
11/05/2013	Supplement Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Second Supplement to McDonald Carano Wilson LLP's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Disbursement of Interpleader Funds; and Countermotion for Adjudication of Attorney's Lien and Disbursement of Interpleader Funds
11/08/2013	Joinder Filed By: Defendant Oasis Legal Finance LLC Joinder in Plantiff's Further Supplemental Brief in Support of Plantiff's Motion for

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	Disbursement of Interpleader Funds	
11/08/2013	Certificate of Mailing Filed By: Defendant Oasis Legal Finance LLC Certificate of Mailing	
11/08/2013	Certificate of Service Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Certificate of Service	
11/08/2013	Supplemental Brief Filed By: Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Plaintiff's Further Supplemental Brief in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Disbursement of Interpleader Funds	
12/03/2013	Notice of Entry Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Notice of Entry of Order on Motion to Publish Order of Reversal as a Published Opinion	
12/09/2013	Stipulation and Order Filed by: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Stipulation and Amended Order Granting the Bourassa Law Group LLC's Motion for Disbursement of Interpleader Funds; and Denying McDonald Carano Wilson, LLP's Countermotion for Adjudication of Attorney's Lien and Disbursement of Interpleader Funds	
12/11/2013	Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Amended Order Granting the Bourassa Law Group LLC's Motion for Disbursement of Interpleader Funds; and Denying McDonald Carano Wilson LLP's Countermotion for Adjudication of Attorney's Lien and Disbursement of Interpleader Funds	
12/13/2013	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Case Appeal Statement	
12/13/2013	Notice of Appeal Filed By: Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Notice of Appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court From a Judgment of a District Court	
DATE	FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
	Defendant California Back Specialists Medical Group Inc Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 12/19/2013	223.00 223.00 <b>0.00</b>
	Defendant McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 12/19/2013	247.00 247.00 <b>0.00</b>
	Defendant Oasis Legal Finance LLC Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 12/19/2013	223.00 223.00 <b>0.00</b>
	Plaintiff Bourassa Law Group, LLC Total Charges	270.00

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Total Payments and Credits **Balance Due as of 12/19/2013** 

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# CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. Party Information		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone):		Defendant(s) (name/address/phone):			
THE BOURASSA LAW GROUP, LLC	!	CALIFORNIA BACK SPECIALISTS, et al.			
Attorney (name/address/phone):		Attorney (name/address/	phone):		
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II. Nature of Controversy (Please che applicable subcategory, if appropriate)	eck applicable bold	category and	Arbitration Requested		
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			Unfair Competition		
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III. Business Court Requested (Please check applicable category; for Clark or Washoe Counties only.)					
☐ NRS Chapters 78-88 ☐ Commodities (NRS 90) ☐ Securities (NRS 90)	☐ Investments (NR☐ Deceptive Trade☐ Trademarks (NR☐	Practices (NRS 598)	☐ Enhanced Case Mgmt/Business ☐ Other Business Court Matters		
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CLERK OF THE COURT

### DISTRICT COURT

### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Plaintiff. VS. CALIFORNIA BACK SPECIALISTS MEDICAL GROUP, INC., a California corporation; CALIFORNIA MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY CENTER, an unknown entity; CONEJO NEUROLOGICAL MEDICAL GROUP, INC., a California corporation; LOS ANGELES ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTE, INC., a California corporation; MEDICAL IMAGING MEDICAL GROUP, an unknown entity; MOUNTAIN VIEW SURGICAL CENTER, INC., a California corporation; CHARLES K, NEAL, an individual; QUEST DIAGNOSTICS WEST HILLS, a foreign Delaware corporation; SCREEN ACTORS GUILD, INC., a California corporation: THOUSAND OAKS SPINE MEDICAL GROUP, INC., a California corporation; STEVEN ZLATT. M.D., INC., a California corporation; OASIS LEGAL FINANCE, LLC, a foreign Illinois limited liability company; McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP, a Nevada limited liability partnership; IMAGING CENTER OF THE VALLEY AT SHERMAN OAKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, LTD., A CALIFORNIA LP, a California limited partnership; VALLEY OPEN MRI, LLC, a California limited liability company:

Defendants.

and DOES I-V, inclusive; and ROE CORPORATIONS VI-X, inclusive,

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STIPULATION AND PROPOSED AMENDED ORDER GRANTING THE BOURASSA LAW GROUP LLC'S MOTION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS;

### AND

DENYING MCDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP'S COUNTERMOTION FOR ADJUDICATION OF ATTORNEY'S LIEN AND DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS



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3	Counterclaimant,
4	vs.
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IT IS FUTHER ORDERED that the remaining settlement proceeds, after payment of The Bourassa Law Group, LLC's fees and costs, total \$32,969.11. Those funds shall be disbursed on a pro-rata basis between the remaining responding parties, as follows:

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·		<u>Claim</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>
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California Minimally Invasive Surgery Center	\$77,300	31.1896%	\$10,282.93
Thousand Oaks Spine Medical Group, Inc.	\$31,047.50	12.5273%	\$4,130.14
Conejo Neurological Medical Group	\$2,064.00	.8328%	\$274.57
Medical Imaging Medical Group, Inc.	\$10,241.88	4.1325%	\$1,362.45
Oasis Legal Finance, LLC	\$42,040.00	16.9626%	\$5,592.38
TOTAL:	\$247,839.38	100.0%	\$32,969.11

The Clerk of the Court shall disburse the settlement proceeds in accordance with the foregoing within thirty (30) days of the date of entry of this Order." See Original Disbursement Order.

Although the hearing was conducted in May 2013, the Original Disbursement Order was not signed until September 12. <u>Id.</u> It was filed on September 16. <u>Id.</u> The same day, the Bourassa Firm caused notice of entry of the Original Disbursement Order to be served on the parties via U.S. Mail. <u>See</u> Notice of Entry of [Original Disbursement Order] (filed Sept. 16, 2013), on file with the Court.

### B. <u>Procedural History Following Entry of Original Disbursement Order.</u>

On September 19, 2013, counsel for the Bourassa Firm, McDonald Carano, and Oasis submitted a stipulation and proposed order to the Court, wherein they agreed to stay the disbursement of the settlement proceeds pending the resolution of McDonald Carano's anticipated appeal. The Court did not sign the order, but instead entered a separate order directing the parties to appear for a "Hearing on Disbursement of Interpleader Funds" on October 15, 2013. See Order Scheduling Hearing: Disbursement of Interpleader Funds (entered Oct. 15, 2013), on file with the Court.

### 1. October 15 Hearing.

At the October 15 hearing, the Court entered an oral order staying the Original Disbursement Order and directing the parties to submit supplemental briefs to address whether Leventhal v. Black & LoBello, 129 Nev., Adv. Op. 50 (filed July 11, 2013) or the July 2013 amendments to the attorney lien statute had any impact on the Original Disbursement Order. The hearing was continued to November 15.

### 2. McDonald Carano's Supreme Court Motion.

On October 28, 2013, McDonald Carano filed a motion in the Nevada Supreme Court, seeking an order directing the publication of an unpublished Order of Reversal in Case No. 57759 (Hoff v. Walters), on the grounds that the Order of Reversal was directly on point regarding the attorney lien issues raised in the interpleader action. McDonald Carano caused notice of its motion to be served on the parties and the Court on October 29.

### 3. November 15 Hearing.

On November 15, 2013, the Court held another hearing to address the issues raised in the parties' supplemental briefs. The parties agreed that neither Leventhal nor the recent amendments to NRS 18.015 had any impact on the Original Disbursement Order. In addition, the Court held that because the decision in Leventhal and the amendments to NRS 18.015 occurred between the May 15 hearing and the date of entry of the Original Disbursement Order, all of the parties' supplemental arguments would relate back to the May 15 hearing, and the Court would enter an amended order on the Motion and Countermotion in order to preserve McDonald Carano's appeal rights. None of the parties objected to that determination. The Court also ordered a stay of the interpleader action pending resolution of McDonald Carano's Supreme Court motion. Finally, Mark Bourassa represented that the \$55,000.00 in settlement proceeds had not been deposited with the Clerk of the Court, but remained in the Bourassa Firm's client trust account pending resolution of this matter.

### 4. Resolution of McDonald Carano's Supreme Court Motion.

On November 22, 2013, the Nevada Supreme Court entered an order denying McDonald Carano's motion for publication. McDonald Carano caused notice of entry of that order to be served on the parties on December 3.

Based on the foregoing, the parties stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. The Court may enter the following Amended Order, which shall incorporate all findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order(s) contained in the Original Disbursement Order, plus all additional stipulated facts contained herein;
- 2. The Amended Order shall supersede and replace the Original Disbursement Order in its entirety;
- 3. The date of entry of the following Amended Order disposes of all the issues presented in the case, and shall be the effective date of final judgment in this matter;
- 4. The time period for McDonald Carano to file a notice of appeal shall commence on the effective date of service of notice of entry of the following Amended Order; and

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1	5. The settlement proceeds at issue may remain in the Bourassa Firm's client true			
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13	Michelle L. Abrams, Esq.			
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12	Plaintiff,	Dept. No.: XXVIII
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a STIPULATION AND AMENDED ORDER GRANTING THE BOURASSA LAW GROUP LLC'S MOTION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS; AND DENYING MCDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP'S COUNTERMOTION FOR ADJUDICATION OF ATTORNEY'S LIEN AND DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS was entered on December 9, 2013. A true and correct copy of the Stipulation and Order is attached as Exhibit A.

Dated: December 10, 2013.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am an employee of the law firm of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP
and, on December 10, 2013, I caused a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF
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In this instance, McDonald Carano did not retain Cooper's file or property. Accordingly, no Retaining Lien exists and therefore cannot be enforced.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Bourassa Law Group, LLC be awarded its requested attorney fees in the amount [of] \$22,000.00, calculated as 40 percent of the total settlement before the deduction of costs and expenses, plus costs in the amount of \$30.89, and that the sum of \$22,030.89 shall be disbursed to The Bourassa Law Group, LLC.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that McDonald Carano be awarded nothing from the settlement proceeds.

IT IS FUTHER ORDERED that the remaining settlement proceeds, after payment of The Bourassa Law Group, LLC's fees and costs, total \$32,969.11. Those funds shall be disbursed on a pro-rata basis between the remaining responding parties, as follows:

<u>Claimant</u>	Amount of Claim	Percentage of Total	Amount to be	
		<u>Claim</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	
California Back Specialists Medical Group, Inc.	\$85,146.00	34.3553%	\$11,326.64	
California Minimally Invasive Surgery Center	\$77,300	31.1896%	\$10,282.93	
Thousand Oaks Spine Medical Group, Inc.	\$31,047.50	12.5273%	\$4,130.14	
Conejo Neurological Medical Group	\$2,064.00	.8328%	\$274.57	
Medical Imaging Medical Group, Inc.	\$10,241.88	4.1325%	\$1,362.45	
Oasis Legal Finance, LLC	\$42,040.00	16.9626%	\$5,592.38	
TOTAL:	\$247,839.38	100.0%	\$32,969.11	

The Clerk of the Court shall disburse the settlement proceeds in accordance with the foregoing within thirty (30) days of the date of entry of this Order." See Original Disbursement Order.

Although the hearing was conducted in May 2013, the Original Disbursement Order was not signed until September 12. <u>Id.</u> It was filed on September 16. <u>Id.</u> The same day, the Bourassa Firm caused notice of entry of the Original Disbursement Order to be served on the parties via U.S. Mail. <u>See</u> Notice of Entry of [Original Disbursement Order] (filed Sept. 16, 2013), on file with the Court.

### B. Procedural History Following Entry of Original Disbursement Order.

On September 19, 2013, counsel for the Bourassa Firm, McDonald Carano, and Oasis submitted a stipulation and proposed order to the Court, wherein they agreed to stay the disbursement of the settlement proceeds pending the resolution of McDonald Carano's anticipated appeal. The Court did not sign the order, but instead entered a separate order directing the parties to appear for a "Hearing on Disbursement of Interpleader Funds" on October 15, 2013. See Order Scheduling Hearing: Disbursement of Interpleader Funds (entered Oct. 15, 2013), on file with the Court.

### 1. October 15 Hearing.

At the October 15 hearing, the Court entered an oral order staying the Original Disbursement Order and directing the parties to submit supplemental briefs to address whether Leventhal v. Black & LoBello, 129 Nev., Adv. Op. 50 (filed July 11, 2013) or the July 2013 amendments to the attorney lien statute had any impact on the Original Disbursement Order. The hearing was continued to November 15.

### 2. McDonald Carano's Supreme Court Motion.

On October 28, 2013, McDonald Carano filed a motion in the Nevada Supreme Court, seeking an order directing the publication of an unpublished Order of Reversal in Case No. 57759 (Hoff v. Walters), on the grounds that the Order of Reversal was directly on point regarding the attorney lien issues raised in the interpleader action. McDonald Carano caused notice of its motion to be served on the parties and the Court on October 29.

### 3. November 15 Hearing.

On November 15, 2013, the Court held another hearing to address the issues raised in the parties' supplemental briefs. The parties agreed that neither Leventhal nor the recent amendments to NRS 18.015 had any impact on the Original Disbursement Order. In addition, the Court held that because the decision in Leventhal and the amendments to NRS 18.015 occurred between the May 15 hearing and the date of entry of the Original Disbursement Order, all of the parties' supplemental arguments would relate back to the May 15 hearing, and the Court would enter an amended order on the Motion and Countermotion in order to preserve McDonald Carano's appeal rights. None of the parties objected to that determination. The Court also ordered a stay of the interpleader action pending resolution of McDonald Carano's Supreme Court motion. Finally, Mark Bourassa represented that the \$55,000.00 in settlement proceeds had not been deposited with the Clerk of the Court, but remained in the Bourassa Firm's client trust account pending resolution of this matter.

### 4. Resolution of McDonald Carano's Supreme Court Motion.

On November 22, 2013, the Nevada Supreme Court entered an order denying McDonald Carano's motion for publication. McDonald Carano caused notice of entry of that order to be served on the parties on December 3.

Based on the foregoing, the parties stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. The Court may enter the following Amended Order, which shall incorporate all findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order(s) contained in the Original Disbursement Order, plus all additional stipulated facts contained herein;
- 2. The Amended Order shall supersede and replace the Original Disbursement Order in its entirety;
- 3. The date of entry of the following Amended Order disposes of all the issues presented in the case, and shall be the effective date of final judgment in this matter;
- 4. The time period for McDonald Carano to file a notice of appeal shall commence on the effective date of service of notice of entry of the following Amended Order; and

1	5. The settlement proceeds at issue may remain in the Bourassa Firm's client trus		
2	account until further order of this Court.		
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4	Dated: December 4, 2013. Dated: December 2013.		
5	McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP THE BOURASSA HAW GROUP, LLC		
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7	George F. Ogilvie III, Esq. (#3552)  Patrick J. Murch, Esq. (#10162)  Mark V. Bourassa, Esq.  Christopher W. Carson, Esq.		
8	2300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 1200 8668 Spring Mountain Road, Suite 101 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 Las Vegas, Nevada 89117		
9	Attorneys for McDonald Carano Wilson LLP Attorneys for The Bourassa Law Group, LLC		
10	Dated: December 5, 2013.		
11	ABRAMS PROBATE & PLANNING GROUP		
12	Muselle Aa		
13	Michelle L. Abrams, Esq. 530 South Fourth Street		
14	Las Vegas, Nevada 89101		
15	Attorney for Oasis Legal Finance, LLC		
16	AMENDED ORDER		
17	IT IS SO ORDERED.		
18	Dated this 6 day of 100 2013.		
19	Wmalla (/ Nerall)		
20	DISTRICT COURT JUDGE		
21	Submitted by:		
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23	McDonald Carano Wilson LLP		
24	By: George F. Ogilvie III Esq. (#3552)		
25	Patrick J. Murch, Esq. (#10162)		
26	2300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 1200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102		
27	Attorneys for McDonald Carano Wilson LLP		

### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Civil Filing	COURT MINUTES		May 01, 2012
A-11-651563-C	Bourassa Law Group, LLC, Plaintiff(s) vs. California Back Specialists Medical Group Inc, Defendant(s)		
May 01, 2012	3:00 AM	Motion for Order Extending Time	McDonald Carano Wilson's Motion to Enlarge Time for Service of Defendants/Cross- claim Defendants Imaging Certer of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, Ltd. and Steven Zlatt, M.D., Inc. and for Order Authorizing Service of Imaging Center of the Valley at Sherman Oaks Community Hospital, Ltd. by Publication; and for an Order Shortening Time

HEARD BY: Israel, Ronald J. COURTROOM:

COURT CLERK: Kathy Klein

**RECORDER:** 

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

PRINT DATE: 12/19/2013 Page 1 of 7 Minutes Date: May 01, 2012

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Upon review of the papers and pleadings on file in this Matter, Court notes although the motion was filed at 121 days, Court finds the Saavedra-Sandoal v. Walmart requirements have been met, However publication is not proper, NRCP 4d(2) provides for service on a foreign corporation through the Secretary of State and not publication. COURT ORDERED, Motion GRANTED In Part as to enlarge time of service and Denied In Part as to publication.

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was placed in the attorney folder(s) of: Mark Bourassa, Esq., Michelle Abrams, Esq., and George Ogilvie III, Esq. (McDonald Carano Wilson).

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### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-11-651563-C

Bourassa Law Group, LLC, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
California Back Specialists Medical Group Inc, Defendant(s)

April 16, 2013 9:00 AM All Pending Motions

HEARD BY: Israel, Ronald J. COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 15C

COURT CLERK: Ying Pan

**RECORDER:** Judy Chappell

REPORTER:

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Abrams, Michelle Lynn, ESQ Attorney Bourassa, Mark J. Attorney

### JOURNAL ENTRIES

- PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS ... JOINDER IN MOTION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS ... MCDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS; AND COUNTERMOTION FOR ADJUDICATION OF ATTORNEY'S LIEN AND DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS

Attorneys Patrick Murch (Bar No. 10162) and Rory Kay (Bar No. 12416) appearing for Attorney George Ogilvie, on behalf of Defendant, McDonald Carano Wilson, LLP.

Colloquy between the Court and counsel as to the "Argentina" case law which is regarding attorney liens. COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED for counsel to conduct further research of the case law. Mr. Bourassa to re-submit an Amended Brief in two weeks, and Defense counsel's replies are due two weeks after the Amended Brief.

CONTINUED TO: 5/14/13 9:00 AM

PRINT DATE: 12/19/2013 Page 3 of 7 Minutes Date: May 01, 2012

### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Civil Filing	C	OURT MINUTES	May 14, 2013
A-11-651563-C	Bourassa Lav	v Group, LLC, Plaintiff(s)	
		ck Specialists Medical Group	Inc, Defendant(s)
May 14, 2013	9:00 AM	All Pending Motions	All Pending Motions (05/14/13)
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HEARD BY: Israel, Ronald J. COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 15C

COURT CLERK: Kathy Klein

**RECORDER:** Judy Chappell

REPORTER:

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Abrams, Michelle Lynn, ESQ Attorney Bourassa, Mark J. Attorney

Murch, Patrick J. Attorney

Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- MCDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS; AND COUNTERMOTION FOR ADJUDICATION OF ATTORNEY'S LIEN AND DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS...JOINDER IN MOTION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS...PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS

Also present Rory Kay, Esq. (#12416), appearing on behalf of Defendants. Court noted it had received the supplemental briefs. Arguments by Counsel. Court finds Argentena v. Jolley Urga, et al, states the remedy would be to pursue the Client, COURT ORDERED, Plaintiff's Motion for distribution of Interpleader Funds, GRANTED, pursuant to Argentena. Mr. Murch requested some time to decide if they will be filing an appeal. Mr. Bourassa had no objection to submitting the entry of order later, 30 days out. Mr. Murch stated he would notify Mr. Bourassa when they have made a decision to appeal or not. COURT ORDERED, Joinder Motion for Distribution of Interpleader Funds, MOOT and FURTHER Defendant's Counter Motion for Adjudication of Attorney's Lien and Disbursement of

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### A-11-651563-C

Interpleader Funds, DENIED. Mr. Bourassa to prepare the order.

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### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Civil Filing	C	OURT MINUTES	October 15, 2013
A-11-651563-C	Bourassa Law Group, LLC, Plaintiff(s) vs. California Back Specialists Medical Group Inc, Defendant(s)		
October 15, 2013	9:00 AM	Hearing	Hearing Re: Disbursement Of Interpleader Funds
HEARD BY: Israel, Ronald J.		Co	OURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 15C
COURT CLERK: K	athy Klein		

REPORTER:

RECORDER:

PARTIES

PRESENT: Abrams, Michelle Lynn, ESQ Attorney

Judy Chappell

Bourassa, Mark J. Attorney
Murch, Patrick J. Attorney

### JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Mr. Rory Kay, Esq. (bar #12416) appearing for Deft. McDonald C. Wilson. Colloquy regarding a recent statute in affect regarding liens. Court noted its concerns regarding the statute and how it may affect this Court's order of disbursements in this case. Colloquy regarding the liens in this case exceeding the amount held for disbursements. Court directed Counsel to review this issue and submit simultaneous briefs. COURT ORDERED, Matter STAYED 45 Days and Counsel to hold the funds. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, Matter CONTINUED for Counsel to brief this issue. Upon inquiry, Court noted Ms. Abrams will not need to submit a brief. Court directed Mr. Bourassa to prepare the order for stay and hold the money.

11/12/13 9:00 AM HEARING RE: DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS

PRINT DATE: 12/19/2013 Page 6 of 7 Minutes Date: May 01, 2012

### DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

Other Civil Filing	COURT MINUT	ES November 12, 2013		
A-11-651563-C	vs.	Bourassa Law Group, LLC, Plaintiff(s) vs. California Back Specialists Medical Group Inc, Defendant(s)		
November 12, 201	3 9:00 AM Hearing	Hearing Re: Disbursement Of Interpleader Funds & 45 Day Stay		
HEARD BY: Isra	ael, Ronald J.	COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 15C		
COURT CLERK: Kathy Klein				
RECORDER: Judy Chappell				
REPORTER:				
В	Abrams, Michelle Lynn, ESQ ourassa, Mark J. Kay, Rory T.	Attorney Attorney Attorney		

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

Attorney

Murch, Patrick J.

- Colloquy regarding Supreme Courts un-published decision and its effect on this case, if published. Court noted Counsel submitted a stipulation and order to stay the disbursement. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Bourassa advised the money was still in his trust account. Court stated its findings and ORDERED, Motion to Stay GRANTED. Mr. Bourassa to submit a new order, the stay to retro from October 15th and until 30 days after the Supreme Court rules, if they are going to publish their decision. Mr. Murch stated he would like to preserve the right to appeal, pertaining to the original order. Court suggested Nunc Pro Tunc.

PRINT DATE: 12/19/2013 Page 7 of 7 Minutes Date: May 01, 2012



# EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ON APPEAL TO NEVADA SUPREME COURT

GEORGE F. OGILVIE, III, ESQ. 2300 W. SAHARA AVE., SUITE 1200 LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

DATE: December 19, 2013

CASE: A651563

RE CASE: THE BOURASSA LAW GROUP, LLC vs. CALIFORNIA BACK SPECIALISTS MEDICAL GROUP, INC.; CALIFORNIA MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY CENTER; CONEJO NEUROLOGICAL MEDICAL GROUP, INC.; LOS ANGELES ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTE, INC.; MEDICAL IMAGING MEDICAL GROUP; THOUSAND OAKS SPINE MEDICAL GROUP, INC.; STEVEN ZLATT, M.D., INC.; OASIS LEGAL FINANCE, LLC; MCDONALD CARANO WILSON, LLP; IMAGING CENTER OF THE VALLEY AT SHERMAN OAKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, LTD.; VALLEY OPEN MRI, LLC

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: December 13, 2013

YOUR APPEAL HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

#### PLEASE NOTE: DOCUMENTS NOT TRANSMITTED HAVE BEEN MARKED:

- Signature Supreme Court Filing Fee Signature Signature
  - If the \$250 Supreme Court Filing Fee was not submitted along with the original Notice of Appeal, it must be mailed directly to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court Filing Fee will not be forwarded by this office if submitted after the Notice of Appeal has been filed.
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- S500 − Cost Bond on Appeal (Make Check Payable to the District Court)
  - NRAP 7: Bond For Costs On Appeal in Civil Cases
- ☐ Case Appeal Statement
  - NRAP 3 (a)(1). Form 2
- □ Order
- ☐ Notice of Entry of Order

### NEVADA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 3 (a) (3) states:

"The district court clerk must file appellant's notice of appeal despite perceived deficiencies in the notice, including the failure to pay the district court or Supreme Court filing fee. The district court clerk shall apprise appellant of the deficiencies in writing, and shall transmit the notice of appeal to the Supreme Court in accordance with subdivision (e) of this Rule with a notation to the clerk of the Supreme Court setting forth the deficiencies. Despite any deficiencies in the notice of appeal, the clerk of the Supreme Court shall docket the appeal in accordance with Rule 12."

Please refer to Rule 3 for an explanation of any possible deficiencies.

### **Certification of Copy**

## State of Nevada County of Clark

I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the hereinafter stated original document(s):

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT FROM A JUDGMENT OF A DISTRICT COURT; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; STIPULATION AND AMENDED ORDER GRANTING THE BOURASSA LAW GROUP LLC'S MOTION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS; AND DENYING MCDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP'S COUNTERMOTION FOR ADJUDICATION OF ATTORNEY'S LIEN AND DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF STIPULATION AND AMENDED ORDER GRANTING THE BOURASSA LAW GROUP LLC'S MOTION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS; AND DENYING MCDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP'S COUNTERMOTION FOR ADJUDICATION OF ATTORNEY'S LIEN AND DISBURSEMENT OF INTERPLEADER FUNDS; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

THE BOURASSA LAW GROUP, LLC.

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

CALIFORNIA BACK SPECIALISTS
MEDICAL GROUP, INC.; CALIFORNIA
MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY
CENTER; CONEJO NEUROLOGICAL
MEDICAL GROUP, INC.; LOS ANGELES
ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTE, INC.;
MEDICAL IMAGING MEDICAL GROUP;
THOUSAND OAKS SPINE MEDICAL
GROUP, INC.; STEVEN ZLATT, M.D., INC.;
OASIS LEGAL FINANCE, LLC; MCDONALD
CARANO WILSON, LLP; IMAGING CENTER
OF THE VALLEY AT SHERMAN OAKS
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, LTD.; VALLEY
OPEN MRI, LLC,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A651563 Dept No: XXVIII

> IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office. Las Vegas, Nevada This 19 day of December 2013.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk