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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

MARGARET G. SEASTRAND,

Plaintiff,

VS.

RAYMOND RIAD KHOURY; DOES 1 through 10; and ROE ENTITIES 11 through 20, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO. A-11-636515-C DEPT NO. XXX

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT and RECOMMENDATIONS

[BEFORE THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER]

Hearing Date: December 5, 2012 Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.

APPEARANCES:

For Plaintiff: MARGARET SEASTRAND 22

For Defendant: 23 RAYMOND RIAD KHOURY

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CASE NAME: Seastrand v. Khoury CASE NUMBER: A-11-636515-C

I.

FINDINGS

This matter came on for hearing before the HONORABLE BONNIE BULLA, Discovery

Commissioner, on the 5th day of December, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., on <u>Defendant's Motion to Compel</u>

<u>Discovery Responses and Production of Documents re: Plaintiff's Medical Liens.</u> Defendant filed its

Motion to Compel on November 1, 2012, seeking to compel responses to various requests for production and interrogatories pertaining to the Plaintiff's medical liens and treatment on liens. Plaintiff filed her opposition on November 20, 2012, asserting that the requested documents and information were protected under the collateral source rule and were not discoverable. On November 30, 2012, Defendant filed his Reply asserting that the documents and information was arguably both discoverable and admissible, but was certainly discoverable even under the most stringent interpretations of Nevada law.

At the hearing on the matter on December 5, 2012, Jacob S. Smith, Esq. appeared on behalf of Defendant and Alison Brasier, Esq. appeared on behalf of Plaintiff.

The Court, having reviewed the papers and pleadings on file, and having considered the oral argument made by counsel at the hearing on this matter, and having considered the case law and other authority presented in the parties' briefings on this issue, hereby makes the following recommendations:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff's Motion for Protection from Defendant's Notice of Plaintiff's Deposition is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part;

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff must supplement her responses to Defendant's Interrogatories with any and all information in her possession pertaining to the liens and/or lien amounts which correspond with any injuries and/or treatment allegedly arising as a result of the subject accident.

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IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff is not obligated to procure any documentation from third-party purchasers of the liens which is not already in her possession.

The Discovery Commissioner, having met with counsel for the parties, having discussed the issues noted above and having reviewed any materials proposed in support thereof, hereby submits the above recommendations.

DATED this _____ day of January, 2013.

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The Discovery Commissioner, having met with counsel for the parties, having discussed the issues noted above and having reviewed any materials proposed in support thereof, hereby submits the above recommendations.

DATED this day of January, 2013. DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER

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NOTICE

Pursuant to NRCP 16.1(d)(2), you are hereby notified you have five (5) days from the date you receive this document within which to file written objections.

Pursuant to E.D.C.R. 2.34(f) an objection must be filed and served no more than five (5) days after receipt of the Discovery Commissioner's Report. The Commissioner's Report is deemed received when signed and dated by a party, his attorney or his attorney's employee, or three (3) days after mailing to a party or his attorney, or three (3) days after the clerk of the court deposits a copy of the Report in a folder of a party's lawyer in the Clerk's office. **See E.D.C.R. 2.34(F)**

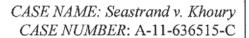
A copy of the foregoing Discovery Commissioner's Report was:

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3	<u>ORDER</u>
4	The Court, having reviewed the above report and recommendatio
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6	ns prepared by the Discovery Commissioner and,
7	The parties having waived the right to object thereto,
8	No timely objection having been received in the office of the Discovery Commissioner pursuant to E.D.C.R. 2.34(f),
10	Having received the objections thereto and the written arguments in support of said objections, and good cause appearing,
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12	AND
13	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations are affirmed and adopted.
14 15	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations are affirmed and adopted as modified in the following manner. (attached hereto)
16	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a hearing on the Discovery Commissioner's Report is set for, 201, at; a.m.
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18	DATED this 13th day of March, 2012.
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This reply is made and based upon the papers and pleadings on file herein, the points and authorities attached hereto, the affidavit of Jacob S. Smith, Esq., any oral argument the Court may see fit to allow at the time of the hearing and the entire record in this matter.

DATED this <u>20</u> day of November, 2012.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. PROCEDURAL FACTS

In her Opposition, Plaintiff focuses heavily on the amount of time between the initial discovery requests and the filing of this motion. Nevertheless, in doing so, she completely ignores the fact that there was never a resolution to the issue. Indeed, the only reason the issue remained pending for so long is because Plaintiff could not definitively state whether she would or would not produce the requested information. It was not until October 30, 2012 that Plaintiff definitively stated that she would not produce the requested information. The instant motion was filed two days later. Conveniently, Plaintiff now seeks to use this delay—the direct result of her own dilatory response—as a weapon to minimize the relevance and importance of the requested information. Notably, Plaintiff does not point to a procedural defect in the motion. This is because there is none. The motion is timely, and the state and local rules were followed. As set forth more fully below, Defendant respectfully requests that Plaintiff be compelled to produce the requested documentation, as it is discoverable and relevant.

II. ARGUMENT

A. Information Regarding the Presence of Liens and the Amounts of Liens is Clearly Discoverable

Plaintiff incorrectly asserts that the information regarding her medical liens is not discoverable

because it does not pertain to the liability arguments. See Plaintiff's Opposition at p.5. Plaintiff's argument is completely ignorant of the fact that a doctor treating on a medical lien has a vested interest in the outcome of the case. Indeed, that doctor's lien can only be paid if the Plaintiff recovers. In essence, this medical lien creates the existence of a bias by the treating physician in favor of the Plaintiff. It is bedrock Nevada principle that bias is exceedingly relevant. Lobato v. State, 120 Nev. 512, 96 P.3d 76 (2004) ("Although district courts have wide discretion to control cross-examination that attacks a witness's general credibility, a trial court's discretion is narrowed where bias or motive is the object to be shown, and an examiner must be permitted to elicit any facts which might color a witness's testimony.) (Emphasis added).

As set forth in Defendant's motion, evidence concerning medical liens are relevant at the time of trial to show bias on the part of Plaintiff's treating providers. Defendant supported this argument with several cases outlining his right to probe the potential bias of any witness, including Plaintiff's treating providers. Plaintiff fails to even acknowledge, let alone dispute, this contention. Therefore, there is no dispute that Plaintiff's liens are relevant to show potential bias on the part of Plaintiff's treating providers and they must be deemed admissible at the time of trial.

A very simple yet accurate analogue, is the relevance and discoverability of Defendant's experts' fees. Certainly Plaintiff would not argue that Defendant's expert fees are irrelevant and not discoverable. Similarly, then, Plaintiff cannot argue—at least not with a straight face—that the medical liens of her treating providers are not relevant or discoverable, as they expose a bias similar to that of an expert who is paid to testify on behalf of a party.

B. Plaintiff Provides No Legal Support For Her Contention That A Lien is A Collateral Source

In her Opposition, Plaintiff incorrectly applies the collateral source rule set forth in *Proctor v.*Castelletti, 112 Nev. 88, 90 911 P.2d 853 (1996). The collateral source rule applies to "payment for an injury." *Id.* (Emphasis added). A lien is the exact opposite of a "payment." A "lien" is a debt owed for services rendered and promise to pay for the same at some future point in time. Aside from Proctor, which she erroneously applies, Plaintiff fails to cite a single legal authority to support the position that a lien is a collateral source.

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Additionally, evidence of a lien is neither positive nor dispositive proof that the Plaintiff possessed insurance. Plaintiffs often treat on a lien despite having health insurance available. Plaintiff's argument is analogous to arguing that a jury will infer that a Plaintiff has no insurance because evidence of insurance was never discussed during a trial. This is simply inaccurate. Therefore, not only is the information discoverable, it will also be admissible at the time of trial.

C. Even if the Liens are Deemed Inadmissible by The Court, the Liens are Still Reasonably Calculated to Lead to the Discovery of Admissible Evidence.

As set forth above and in his motion, Defendant asserts that the medical liens and amounts are not only discoverable, but they are admissible. Nevertheless, even assuming *arguendo* that the court decides the liens are not admissible at trial, the liens and the lien amounts is still discoverable evidence, as it is reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Specifically, the liens and the specific arrangements surrounding the liens is reasonably calculated to lead the discovery of the bias on the part of Plaintiff's medical providers.

In arguing that the liens are not discoverable, Plaintiff relies on *Tri-County Equipment & Leasing, LLC v. Kinke*, 128 Nev. Adv. Op. 33; 286 P.3d 593 (2012). *Tri-County* is a recent Nevada case dealing with the admissibility of worker's compensation payments. The majority opinion of *Tri-County* held that the workers' compensation payments were admissible to show what compensation the Plaintiff had already received. *Id.* Moreover, nowhere in *Tri-County* is the issue of the admissibility of medical liens addressed. Rather, the court reiterated its position set forth in Proctor and a multitude of other cases. *Id* at. FN6. Plaintiff's attempts to extrapolate comments in the concurring—not majority—opinion of the case are unfounded. Plaintiff's attempts to equate a third-party discount or "write-down" to the existence and amount of a medical lien are unfounded, and is not supported by *Tri-County*. Simply stated, medical liens are not write-downs and should not be treated as such.

¹ Tellingly, Plaintiff does not cite any of the dozens of cases listed by the court in *Tri-County* as specifically addressing the collateral source rule as applied to medical provider discounts.

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III. CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Khoury respectfully requests this Court's order granting the following relief:

- 1. For an order compelling the immediate provision of an answer to Interrogatory No. 32;
- For an order compelling the immediate provision of documents in response to Defendant's Requests for Production Nos. 16 through 19;
- 3. For a reasonable award of attorney fees for the necessity of having to bring these matters before the Court and for attendance at the hearing pursuant to NRCP 37 and EDCR 7.60; and
 - 4. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and equitable in the premises. DATED this 20 day of November, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(b), I hereby certify that service of the foregoing **DEFENDANT'S**

REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY RESPONSES AND

PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS RE: PLAINTIFF'S MEDICAL LIENS was made on the



day of November, 2012, by depositing a true and correct copy of the same by U.S. Mail in Las Vegas,

Nevada, addressed, stamped, and mailed to the following:

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14	Plaintiff,	DEPT. NO.: XXX
15	vs.	Date of Hearing: December 5, 2012
16	RAYMOND RIAD KHOURY; DOES I-X, and	Time of Hearing: 9:00 a.m.
17	ROE CORPORATIONS I-X, inclusive,	DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER
18	Defendants.	
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20	PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEF	ENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL
21	DISCOVERY RESPONSES AND PROD	UCTION OF DOCUMENTS RE:
วา	PLAINTIFF'S MEDI	ICAL LIENS
22	COMES NOW, Plaintiff MARGARET G.	SEASTRAND ("Margie"), by and through
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24	her counsel of record, Joshua R. Harris and Aliso	n M. Brasier, of the RICHARD HARRIS
25	LAW FIRM, and hereby submits the following Plain	ntiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion to
26	Compel Discovery Responses and Production of I	Documents Re: Plaintiff's Medical Liens
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28	This Opposition is based on the following Memora	ndum of Points and Authorities, the papers
	and pleadings on file and any oral argument entertain	ned by this Court

RICHARD HARRIS

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. The Crash.

On March 13, 2009, Margie sustained significant spine injuries when Defendant Raymond Khoury slammed into the back of her vehicle. As a result of Defendant's negligence, Margie has been forced to undergo years of invasive medical treatment, including two spine surgeries. Her current medical specials total over \$427,000. It is anticipated that she will likely need additional medical treatment for her crash-related injuries for the rest of her life.

B. Written Discovery.

From the onset of discovery, Plaintiff has provided Defendant with an identification of all of her medical providers, produced the related medical bills and records, and provided a computation of Plaintiff's damages. Plaintiff has also provided authorizations for the release of medical records and bills to Defendant so that he may obtain his own copies of the previously-produced records and any prior medical records that may be relevant in this case.

On March 21, 2012, Defendant served his Second Request for Production to Plaintiff
Margaret Seastrand. These Requests were as follows²:

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 16: All executed liens with each and every medical provider and facility.

<u>REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 17</u>: All documents demonstrating the amounts paid by any source to the medical providers and/or facilities for the treatment rendered in the matter.

¹ <u>See</u> Plaintiff's Supplement to Initial Early Case Conference List of Witnesses and Documents, attached as Exhibit 1 (excluding original exhibits).

² Defendant's Second Request for Production to Plaintiff Margaret Seastrand, attached as Exhibit 2.

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REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 18: All documents demonstrating the amounts of payments accepted by the medical providers and/or facilities for the treatments rendered in this matter.

REOEUST TO PRODUCE NO. 19: All documents demonstrating the amounts accepted by each medical provider and/or facility which sold its liens to any other person or entity for the treatment rendered in this case.

On March 21, 2012, Defendant also served his Second Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff Margaret Seastrand. This single interrogatory read³:

> INTERROGATORY NO. 32: Set forth the amounts paid by any source which each and every medical provider or facility accepted as payment for the services which they rendered.

Plaintiff's Response to each of these discovery requests was⁴:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory, as it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral sources. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive, and harassing to Plaintiff.

Plaintiff's Responses were served on April 23, 2012. Defense counsel initially contacted Plaintiff's counsel on April 27, 2012 regarding alleged deficiencies in Plaintiff's Responses. A resolution was not reached. Then, defense counsel waited over two months to write Plaintiff's counsel a letter outlining the alleged deficiencies. Again, a resolution was not reached. Defense counsel then waited another four and a half months before contacting Plaintiff's counsel to discuss the discovery responses again. In all, over six months passed between Defendant's receipt of Plaintiff's Responses and his filing of the underlying Motion.

Defendant Raymond Khoury's Second Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff Margaret Seastrand, attached as Exhibit

⁴ Plaintiff's Responses to Defendant's Second Request for Production to Plaintiff Margaret Seastrand, attached as Exhibit 4; Plaintiff's Responses to Defendant Raymond Khoury's Second Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff Margaret Seastrand, attached as Exhibit 5.

Notably, Defendant waited until November 1, 2012 — the last day of discovery — to file his Motion.

If this information actually "impacted Khoury's ability to properly evaluate and defend the allegations contained in Plaintiff's Complaint," as Defendant's Motion alleges, he certainly would not have waited over six months — and until the last day of discovery — to take action to compel the information. Defendant's Motion is much ado about nothing. Defendant has all of Margie's medical records and bills. Defendant knows the identities of all of Margie's treating physicians. Defendant has authorizations to obtain his own copies of Margie's medical bills and records. And, Defendant has not suffered any prejudice by Plaintiff's refusal to provide irrelevant collateral source information during discovery. Defendant's Motion must be denied.

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. <u>Information Regarding the Presence of Liens or the Amounts Accepted for Medical Services is NOT Discoverable.</u>

The rules are clear: the scope of interrogatories and requests for production of documents is limited to matters that can be inquired into under NRCP 26(b). NRCP 26(b) allows discovery "regarding any matter, not privileged, which is <u>relevant</u> to the subject matter (either the claims or defenses of any party) involved in the pending action."

⁵ See Exhibits 4 and 5.

⁶ Defendant's Motion at 10:26-27.

⁷ See NRCP 33(c), 34(a).

⁸ Emphasis added.

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Further, the information sought must be "reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence."9

This is a personal injury claim. Plaintiff must prove that Defendant was negligent; that she sustained damages; and that the damages were caused by Defendant's negligence. In order to substantiate her damages claims, Plaintiff must provide evidence of the medical treatment she underwent. Alternatively, Defendant is certainly entitled to defend himself against the liability arguments; the causation of Plaintiff's damages; the reasonableness and necessity of Plaintiff's treatment; and the usual and customary nature of the billing by Plaintiff's treating physicians. These are the "claims and defense" at issue in this case. And, these are the issues about which Defendant can seek discovery. 10

The claims and defenses in this case have nothing to do with whether or not Margie's treating physicians treated her on a lien so that financial obstacles did not stand in way of her receiving treatment for her injuries. The claims and defense in this case have nothing to do with whether or not Margie's treating physicians decided (for unrelated business reasons) to sell their outstanding receivables related to Margie's treatment to an outside entity. The claims and defenses in this case have nothing to do with whether a treating physician decided (for unrelated business reasons) to accept as final payment less than was billed for service. These are financial/business decisions that each treating physician is entitled to make for his/her own business and they have **nothing** to do with Margie's injuries, the medical treatment she received, or the reasonable and customary charges for that treatment. These issues have nothing to do with the claims and defense in this case and are not reasonably calculated to lead to the

⁹ NRCP 26(b)(1).

¹⁰ See id.

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discovery of admissible evidence.

Defendant argues that "Plaintiff has placed her bodily injuries, including any prior or subsequent injuries, medical treatment, and future prognoses at issue in this lawsuit." Plaintiff agrees. Tellingly, however, Defendant fails to offer any plausible explanation connecting the Plaintiff's "bodily injuries" to the unrelated business decisions of her treating physicians. None was offered because none exists.

B. <u>Information Regarding Liens is Inadmissible Under the Collateral Source Rule — Thus, Discovery Regarding Liens is NOT Reasonably Calculated to Lead to the Discovery of Admissible Evidence.</u>

Plaintiff acknowledges that the standard for "discoverability" is more lenient than the standard for "admissibility." However, pursuant to NRCP 26, the requested evidence must be (at a minimum) "reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence." In this case, there is no connection between the presence of liens and any evidence that will be admissible at trial. The presence of a medical lien is irrelevant and excluded at trial under the collateral source rule pursuant to <u>Proctor</u>. ¹² Thus, there is absolutely no way that discovery regarding this **inadmissible** information could lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

The admissible evidence in this case is the amount *billed* by each of the treating physicians. Defendant has that information. Evidence regarding how these amounts will be paid fails to provide any additional insight into the amounts billed and the value of the medical services provided.

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11 Id. at 5:21-23.

¹² 112 Nev. 88, 911 P.2d 853 (1996).

1. Liens are Protected Under the Collateral Source Rule.

According to the collateral source rule, the jury is precluded "from reducing Plaintiff's damages on the ground that he received compensation for his injuries from a source other than the tortfeasor." The purpose behind this well-settled rule is clear: if the jury believes that a plaintiff's medical bills were already paid or if the jury believes that a plaintiff's medical bills will be reduced or altogether forgiven, the jury is less likely to compensate the plaintiff for the full value of these expenses. ¹⁴

Plaintiff acknowledges that when treatment occurs under a lien, monetary compensation is not being provided for Plaintiff's benefit. However, a transfer of valuable services is being conferred upon the Plaintiff. This transfer of services is a benefit being conferred upon the Plaintiff from a source other than the tortfeasor and should be considered collateral source compensation to Plaintiff. The collateral source rule does not apply solely to payments by insurance companies — it applies to gifts by generous family members or any other source that outside of the tortfeasor that benefits the plaintiff. This period of delay — where medical treatment has been provided with no payment — should be considered a collateral benefit conferred by the doctors for Plaintiff's benefit.

Moreover, it is undisputed that evidence of health insurance is strictly precluded at trial.¹⁵ If Defendant is permitted to discuss lien agreements during trial, the jury will clearly be made aware that no health insurance exists or that health insurance did not cover all of Margie's medical treatment. This is no different than Defendant directly injecting collateral source

¹³ Proctor, 112 Nev. at 90 n.1, 911 P.2d at 854 n.1.

¹⁴ See id.

^{15 &}lt;u>See</u> NRS § 48.135(1).

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information into the trial through a backdoor method — thus, violating the collateral source rule. Further, Defendant made clear his intention to accuse Margie's treating physicians of bias simply because of the presence of a lien. In order to counter the prejudice this type of unfounded argument brings, Plaintiff must be permitted to discuss why a lien was used because health insurance did not cover all of her medical treatment. Clearly, this information cannot be offered at trial. Thus, the existence of liens must be excluded under the collateral source rule to prevent the (inevitable) reversible error that comes with allowing this type of information at trial.

C. Information Regarding Payments Accepted by Treating Physicians is Inadmissible Under the Collateral Source Rule — Thus, Discovery Regarding this Information is NOT Reasonably Calculated to Lead to the Discovery of Admissible Evidence.

In addition to seeking information about the presence of liens, Defendant also requests detailed information regarding "the amounts of payments accepted by the medical providers and/or facilities" and the "amounts accepted by each medical provider and/or facility which sold its liens to any other person or entity" for the treatment rendered in this case. If a treating physician was already paid for services and/or sold his/her lien in this case, then Defendant's "bias" argument is destroyed. Thus, the intent of this discovery is to determine if physicians took "write-downs" on the bills in this case. Again, however, evidence of write-downs is inadmissible under the collateral source rule — thus, the requested information has no reasonable connection to relevant admissible evidence in this case.

In Tri-County Equipment & Leasing, LLC v. Klinke, the Nevada Supreme Court confirmed that the per se exclusion of collateral source evidence included exclusion of evidence

regarding contractual "write-offs" negotiated by third-parties. ¹⁶ While the majority opinion in Tri-County Equipment did not specifically address payments made by third-parties, in the concurring opinion, Justice Gibbons provided insight into this area of the collateral source rule. Justice Gibbons indicated: "I conclude that Nevada's collateral source rule bars the admission of evidence showing medical provider discounts or 'write downs." He further noted:

The focal point of the collateral source rule is not whether an injured party has "incurred" certain medical expenses. Rather, it is whether a tort victim has received benefits from a collateral source that cannot be used to reduce the amount of damages owed by a tortfeasor. 18

[The write-downs] constitute "compensation or indemnity received by a tort victim from a collateral source to the tortfeasor....¹⁹

As a result, evidence of write-downs creates the same risk of prejudice that the collateral source rule is meant to combat.²⁰

If any of Margie's treating physicians accepted less than the amount billed as full payment for their services, such a scenario is no different than a provider accepting a "write-down" from an insurance company. It is a business decision by the provider. It is has no impact on the "value" of the service or the damages incurred. "Write-off" amounts—regardless of who the write-off goes to—are an outside benefit to Plaintiff and are inadmissible at trial. Accordingly, discovery requests regarding amounts accepted by Margie's

Plaintiff acknowledges that this concurring opinion is not binding on the Court. However, it provides the only available insight into the Nevada Supreme Court's position on this issue.

^{16 128} Nev. Adv. Op. 33 at fn 6, 286 P.3d 593 (2012).

¹⁷ <u>Id.</u> at *4 (emphasis added).

¹⁸ Id. at *5 (quoting Acuar v. Letourneau, 260 Va. 180, 531 S.E.2d 316, 322 (Va.2000)).

¹⁹ Id. (quoting Schickling v. Aspinall, 235 Va. 472, 369, S.E.2d 172, 174 (Va.1998)). (emphasis added).

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treating physicians — and whether any of the liens have been sold — have no reasonable connection to admissible evidence and are excluded by the collateral source rule.

1. Plaintiff is Not In Possession of the Requested Financial Documents Related to Her Providers.

Defendant's Requests to Produce No. 17-19 ask for documents related to financial transactions between Margie's treating physicians and outside third-parties. Even if this information was discoverable — which Plaintiff argues it is not — Plaintiff is not in possession of these business documents and does not reasonably have access to them, as they relate to the provider's business dealings, not Margie's medical treatment. Furthermore, to require Margie to obtain these documents would be a burdensome task. There are 18 treating physicians/facilities. Requests No. 17-19 ask for "all documents" demonstrating amounts accepted and the amounts paid by "any source." Thus, Defendant's Requests potentially encompass cancelled checks, contracts, correspondence, insurance company payments/explanation of benefits, and other financial/business documents exchanged between outside companies. The effort to gather this information from outside entities over which Plaintiff has no control would be an overwhelming and unnecessarily burdensome and oppressive task for Plaintiff.

If the Court decides this information is somehow discoverable, in light of its inadmissibility, Plaintiff should be excused from the burdensome task of gathering and producing the requested documents.

III. CONCLUSION

Defendant's written discovery regarding liens and amounts accepted by Margie's

²⁰ <u>Id.</u> (citing <u>Acuar</u>, 531 S.E.2d at 322) (emphasis added).

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providers is inappropriate and the information requested is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Defendant knows all of Margie's providers. Defendant has all of the medical bills and records. The collateral information Defendant now seeks is nothing more than a fishing expedition to conjure unfounded arguments of impropriety and bias on behalf of the treating physicians in this case — and to distract from the real issues: Defendant's negligence; Margie's injuries; and the medical treatment and bills incurred due to Defendant's negligence.

Information regarding liens and payments accepted by doctors has nothing to do with the claims or defenses in this case. If Defendant actually believed that it did, he certainly would not have waited over six months to file the underlying Motion - and would not have waited until the last day of discovery to compel the information.

Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court deny Defendant's Motion to Compel Discovery Responses and Production of Documents Re: Plaintiff's Medical Liens.

day of November 2012.

By: RICHÁRD A. HARRIS, ESQ.

Nevada Bar No. 505

JOSHUA R. HARRIS, ESQ.

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19.	Medical records and bills from Nevada Spine Clinic.
20.	Medical records and bills from St. Rose Dominican Hospital.
21.	Medical records and bills from Eddy Luh, M.D.
22.	All radiology films, floral images of selective nerve root blocks, x-rays, MRI, CT scans, videos, and diagnostic testing/documentation taken in connection with the care and treatment rendered to Plaintiff as a result of the subject incident.
23.	Plaintiff expects to utilize any and all writings, published works, journals, treatises, medical texts, affidavits, films, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, reports, computer tapes, computer discs, and other data compilations, and other

1		medical reference materials which Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's expert use in support of Plaintiff's allegations.
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3	24.	Plaintiff may offer at trial certain exhibits for demonstrative purposes, including
5		but not limited to the following: a. Video, storyboards, and/or power point images, blow ups and/or
		transparencies of exhibits;
6		b. Diagrams and/or models of the human body, specifically related
7		to Plaintiff's injuries;
	1	c. Samples of hardware used for and during surgery;
8		d. Photographs and videos of surgical procedures and other
9	*	diagnostic tests; e. Actual diagnostic studies;
10		f. Samples of tools used in surgical procedures;
	2	g. Diagrams, drawings, pictures, photos, film, video, DVD and
11		CD ROM of various parts of the human body, diagnostic tests and
12		surgical procedures; and,
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13		of the vehicles involved, the parties involved, the location of the motor vehicle accident, and/or re-enactments of the motor vehicle
14		accident at issue.
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22		c/o Steven T. Jaffe, Esq.
23		Jacob S. Smith, Esq.
		HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP.
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27	2	Investigating Officer T. Comp. (LD. No. 2121)
28	3.	Investigating Officer, T. Conn (I.D. No. 8101) Investigating Officer, John Hines (I.D. No. 4350)
		Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

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400 E. Stewart Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Officer T. Conn and/or Officer John Hines are expected to testify regarding his/her investigation of the subject crash, and their report regarding same.

 Gary Forsberg and/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable c/o Classic Body & Pain Inc. 2540 North Nellis Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada 89156

Gary Forsberg and/or PMK are expected to testify regarding his/her evaluation of damages to the vehicles involved in the subject crash, and their report regarding same.

5. Jerry and Karly Busby 6445 Spanish Garden Court Las Vegas, Nevada 89110

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

6. Cari Jepson
523 Moon Chase Street
Las Vegas, Nevada

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

7. Sharla Isle 1663 English Road Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89142

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

8. Larry and Jackie Snowden 518 Benedict Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89110

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These witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

9. Chalice Lundquist 4924 Vega Lane Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

10. Doug Seastrand 6440 Spanish Garden Court Las Vegas, Nevada 89110

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

11. Beth Seastrand 6441 Spanish Garden Court Las Vegas, Nevada 89110

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

12. Shirley Seastrand 6450 Spanish Garden Court Las Vegas, Nevada 89110

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

13. Scott Seastrand 6465 Spanish Garden Court Las Vegas, Nevada 89110

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

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I Plaintiff hereby reserves the right to call any and all witnesses identified by Defendant 2 or any other parties to this action at the time of trial of this matter. 3 Plaintiff further reserves the right to supplement and/or amend the above listed 5 witnesses, as discovery is continuing. 6 MARGARET SEASTRAND'S HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS 7 8 14. Paramedic and/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable City of Las Vegas C EMS 9 400 East Stewart Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101 10 11 Mark Ferdowsian, D.O.; Linda Sarson, R.N. 15. David P. Gorczya, M.D. / Lindsey C. Blake, M.D. 12 Mountainview Hospital 3100 North Tenaya Way 13 Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 14 David P. Gorczya, M.D. / Lindsey C. Blake, M.D. 16. 15 Radiology Specialists, Ltd. P.O. Box 50709 16 Henderson, Nevada 89016 17 17. Dr. Mark Ferdowsian, D.O. 18 And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable 19 Fremont Emergency Services P.O. Box 1569 20 Las Vegas, NV 89125 21 Timothy Knauff, PA-C 18. 22 and/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable **Primary Care Consultants** 23 9975 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 110B Las Vegas, NV 89183 24 25 19. Matthew C. Olmstead, D.C. / Dr. Benjamine S. Lurie and/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable 26 Neck & Back Clinic 2425 North Lamb Blvd., Suite 100 27 Las Vegas, NV 89115

William Orrison, M.D.

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And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable Nevada Imaging 5495 South Rainbow Blvd., Suite 101 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118
Majorie Belsky, M.D. Mario F. Tarquino, M.D. And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable 3111 South Maryland Parkway, Suite 200 Las Vegas, NV 89109
Marjorie Belsky, M.D. / Mario F. Tarquino, M.D And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable Surgery Center of Southern Nevada 2250 Flamingo, Suite 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119
Mario Tarquino, M.D. (Anesthesia) And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable 3111 South Maryland Parkway, Suite 200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89109
William S. Muir, MD And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable 653 N. Town Center Drive #210 Las Vegas, NV 89144
Sonny Patidar, M.D. And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable Las Vegas Radiology 7500 Smoke Ranch Road, Suite 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89128
Treating Physicians And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable Summerlin Medical Center 657 Town Center Drive Las Vegas, Nevada
Russell J. Shah, M.D. 10624 South Eastern Avenue, Suite A425 Henderson, Nevada 89052

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27 28 And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable Kern Island Pain Medicine 2920 H Street Bakersfield, CA 93301

- 29. Yevgeniy A. Khavkin, M.D. Jaswinder S. Grover, M.D. And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable Nevada Spine Clinic 7140 Smoke Ranch Road, Suite 150 Las Vegas, NV 89128
- Yevgeniy Khavkin, M.D.; Eddy Luh, M.D. 30. Jaswinder Grover, M.D.; Mario Fojtik, NCST Dr. Matthew Treinen (Radiologist) And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable St. Rose Dominican Hospital 8280 W. Warm Springs Las Vegas, NV 89113
- 31. Custodian of Records ALL ABOVE FACILITIES

These individuals will testify as to the completeness and accuracy of records, and the medical records and bills generated in the normal course of business.

The above medical providers are expected to testify to Plaintiff's injuries, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis, as well as the authenticity of their medical records and bills.

Plaintiffs treating physicians are expected to offer testimony regarding the Plaintiffs diagnosis, treatment and prognosis for any and all services rendered as a result of the injuries sustained in the accident. Plaintiffs treating physicians will not prepare expert reports, but will rely upon medical records generated as a result of the treatment for Plaintiffs injuries. The doctor will opine, to a reasonable degree of medic probability, that the medical treatment was reasonable and necessary.

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Plaintiff hereby reserves the right to call any and all medical providers identified by Defendant or any other parties to this action at the time of trial of this matter.

Plaintiff further reserves the right to supplement and/or amend the above listed medical providers, as discovery is continuing.

COMPUTATION OF DAMAGES PURSUANT TO NRCP 16.1(a)(1)(C)

PROVIDER	DATE OF SERVICE	AMOUNT INCURRED
Las Vegas Fire & Rescue	03/13/09	\$ 772.00
Mountain View Hospital	03/13/09	\$ 4,468.45
Radiology Specialist, Ltd.	03/13/09	\$ 215.00
Fremont Emergency Services	03/13/09	\$ 275.00
Primary Care Consultants	03/30/09	\$ 300.00
Neck & Back Clinic	03/20/09 -07/22/09	\$ 3,500.00
Nevada Imaging Company	04/03/09	\$ 2,743.00
Marjorie E. Belsky, M.D.	05/05/09 - 12/15/09	\$ 22,310.00
Mario Tarquino, M.D.	05/20/09 - 12/09/09	\$ 52,923.07
Surgery Center of Southern NV	09/16/09 - 12/09/09	\$ 3,600.00
William S. Muir, M.D.	08/24/09 - 01/25/09	\$ 49,714.00
Sierra Meds Services	10/13/09	\$ 1,650.00
Summerlin Hospital	01/22/10 - 01/27/10	\$ 58,495.00
Russell Shah, M.D.	12/10/09 - 01/07/10	\$ 7,995.00
Leo Langlois, M.D.	04/02/10 - 04/14/10	\$ 1,391.00
Nevada Spine Clinic	04/29/10 - 12/14/10	\$ 38,367.50
St. Rose Dominican Hospital	05/12/10 - 05/16/10	\$ 168,074.00
Eddy Luh, M.D.	05/17/10 - 06/08/10	\$ 7,790.00
TOTAL		*\$ 424,583.02

*This total amount does not include Plaintiff's lost wages, future and/or residual damages, and medical bills not yet received. However, as previously stated above, Plaintiff reserves the right to supplement and/or amend this Computation of Damages as discovery is continuing.

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PAIN AND SUFFERING

Plaintiff will make a claim for general pain and suffering, in an amount to be determined

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DATED this 3rd day of May, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b). I hereby certify that I am an employee of RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM and that on the 3 day of May, 2012, I caused the foregoing PLAINTIFF'S SUPPLEMENT TO INITIAL EARLY CASE CONFERENCE LIST OF WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTS to be served as follows: by placing a true and correct copy of the same to be deposited for mailing in the [X] U.S. Mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, enclosed in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was fully prepaid; and/or pursuant to EDCR 7.26, by sending it via facsimile; and/or [] by hand delivery to the attorneys listed below: Steven T. Jaffe, Esq. Jacob S. Smith, Esq. HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP. 7455 West Washington Avenue, Suite 460 Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 Attorneys for Defendants

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any source to the medical providers and / or facilities for the treatment rendered in this matter.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 18: All documents demonstrating the amounts of payments accepted by the medical providers and / or facilities for the treatment rendered in this matter.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 19: All documents demonstrating the amounts accepted by each medical provider and / or facility which sold its liens to any other person or entity for the treatment rendered in this case.

These Requests For Production shall be deemed continuing so as to require reasonable supplemental Answers if the Plaintiff or his Attorney obtains further information between the time his Answers are served and the time of trial.

DATED: March 21, 2012

HALL JAFFE & PLAYTON, LLF

By

Nevada Bar No. 007035

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7455 West Washington Avenue, Suite 460

Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 Attorneys for Defendant Raymond R. Khoury

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(b), I hereby certify that service of the foregoing **DEFENDANT'S**

SECOND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION TO PLAINTIFF MARGARET SEASTRAND was

made on March 21, 2012, by depositing a true and correct copy of the same by U.S. Mail in Las Vegas, Nevada, addressed, stamped, and mailed to the following:

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merely such information as is of your own knowledge. This means you are to furnish information which

is known by or in the possession of your attorney or any agents for you or your attorney.

INTERROGATORY NO. 32:

Set forth the amounts paid by any source which each and every medical provider or facility accepted as payment for the services which they rendered.

These Interrogatories shall be deemed continuing so as to require reasonable supplemental Answers if the Plaintiff or his Attorney obtains further information between the time his Answers are served and the time of trial.

DATED this 21st day of March, 2012.

HALL JAFFE

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Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 Attorneys for Defendant Raymond R. Khoury

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(b), I hereby certify that service of the foregoing **DEFENDANT**

RAYMOND KHOURY'S SECOND SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF

MARGARET SEASTRAND was made on 21 day of March, 2012, by depositing a true and correct copy of the same by U.S. Mail in Las Vegas, Nevada, addressed, stamped, and mailed to the following:

> Richard A. Harris, Esq. RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM 801 S. Fourth Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Attorneys for Plaintiff

An Employee of HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP

EXHIBIT 4

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Plaintiff, MARGARET G. SEASTRAND has not yet completed her discovery and investigation for the preparation of this case for trial. Accordingly, the answers set forth herein are provided without prejudice to the responding party's right to produce any subsequent discovered facts or interpretations thereof and/or to add, modify or otherwise change or amend the answers herein. The information hereinafter set forth is true and correct to the best of the responding party's knowledge at this particular time, but it is subject to correction for inadvertent errors or omission, if any such error or omissions are found to exist

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 16:

All executed liens with each and every medical provider and facility.

RESPOND TO REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 16:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory, as it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral sources. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive and harassing to Plaintiff.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 17:

All documents demonstrating the amounts paid by any source to the medical providers and/or facilities for the treatment rendered in this matter.

RESPOND TO REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 17:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory, as it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral sources. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive and harassing to Plaintiff.

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REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 18:

All documents demonstrating the amounts of payments accepted by the medical providers and/or facilities for the treatment rendered in this matter.

RESPOND TO REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 18:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory, as it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral sources. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive and harassing to Plaintiff.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 19:

All documents demonstrating the amounts accepted by each medical provider and/or facility which sold its liens to any other person or entity for the treatment rendered in this case.

RESPOND TO REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 19:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory, as it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral sources. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive and harassing to Plaintiff.

DATED this 23rd day of April, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM and that on the 20 day of April, 2012, I caused the foregoing PLAINTIFF'S

RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S SECOND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION TO

PLAINTIFF MARGARET SEASTRAND to be served as follows:

- by placing a true and correct copy of the same to be deposited for mailing in the [X] U.S. Mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, enclosed in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was fully prepaid; and/or
- pursuant to EDCR 7.26, by sending it via facsimile; and/or
- by receipt of copy

to the attorneys listed below:

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14) Dept. No.: XXX			
15	Plaintiff,)			
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17	RAYMOND RIAD KHOURY; DOES)			
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21	PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT RAYMOND KHOURY'S			
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23	SECOND SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF MARGARET SEASTRAND			
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26	TO: Jacob S. Smith, Esq. of HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP, his counsel of record.			
27	COMES NOW, Plaintiff MARGARET G. SEASTRAND, by and through her counsel of			
28	record, Richard A. Harris, Joshua R. Harris and Alison M. Brasier, of the RICHARD HARRIS			
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LAW FIRM, pursuant to Rule 33 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, and hereby provides the following Responses to Defendant's Second Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Plaintiff, MARGARET G. SEASTRAND has not yet completed her discovery and investigation for the preparation of this case for trial. Accordingly, the answers set forth herein are provided without prejudice to the responding party's right to produce any subsequent discovered facts or interpretations thereof and/or to add, modify or otherwise change or amend the answers herein. The information hereinafter set forth is true and correct to the best of the responding party's knowledge at this particular time, but it is subject to correction for inadvertent errors or omission, if any such error or omissions are found to exist

INTERROGATORY NO. 32:

Set forth the amounts paid by any source which each and every medical provider or facility accepted as payment for the services which they rendered.

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RESPOND TO INTERROGATORY NO. 32:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral source. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive and harassing to Plaintiff.

DATED this 23rd day of April, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM and that on the <u>Harris</u> day of April, 2012, I caused the foregoing PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT RAYMOND KHOURY'S SECOND SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF MARGARET SEASTRAND to be served as follows:

- [X] by placing a true and correct copy of the same to be deposited for mailing in the U.S. Mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, enclosed in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was fully prepaid; and/or
- pursuant to EDCR 7.26, by sending it via facsimile; and/or
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to the attorneys listed below:

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- 1. For an order compelling the immediate provision of an answer to Interrogatory No. 32;
- For an order compelling the immediate provision of documents in response to Defendant's Requests for Production Nos. 16 through 19;
- For a reasonable award of attorney fees for the necessity of having to bring these matters before the Court and for attendance at the hearing pursuant to NRCP 37 and EDCR 7.60; and
 - 4. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and equitable in the premises.

This motion is made and based upon the papers and pleadings on file herein, the points and authorities attached hereto, the affidavit of Jacob S. Smith, Esq., any oral argument the Court may see fit to allow at the time of the hearing and the entire record in this matter.

DATED this _____ day of November, 2012.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

TO: MARGARET G. SEASTRAND, Plaintiff; and

TO: RICHARD A. HARRIS, ESQ., her attorney of record.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU, WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will bring the foregoing **DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY RESPONSES AND PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS RE: PLAINTIFF'S MEDICAL LIENS** on for hearing before the DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER over the above-entitled Court on the 5 th day of DEC, 2012, at the hour of 9:00AM, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

DATED this ____ day of November, 2012.

HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP

By

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AFFIDAVIT OF JACOB S. SMITH IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL

STATE OF NEVADA) ss: COUNTY OF CLARK)

JACOB S. SMITH, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

- I am a licensed attorney and am admitted to practice law in all courts in the State of Nevada.
 - 2. I make this affidavit in support of Defendant's Motion to Compel.
- 3. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated in this affidavit and could testify as a competent witness, if called upon to do so.
- On March 21, 2012, I served interrogatories and requests for production on Plaintiff.
 Plaintiff responded to those discovery requests on April 23, 2012.

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- 5. I considered Plaintiff's responses to Interrogatory No. 32 and Requests for Production Nos. 16 through 19 to be insufficient and stated such in a phone conversation with Plaintiff's counsel, Alison Brasier, Esq., on or about April 27, 2012. She agreed to look into the matter and get back with me.
- 6. On June 8, 2012, I sent a letter to Plaintiff's counsel requesting supplemental responses and setting forth the legal basis for these requests. See June 8, 2012 letter, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 7. With the issue still unresolved, I again called Plaintiff's counsel on October 29, 2012 to request supplemental responses to the above-listed discovery. Counsel against stated that she would further look into the matter and get back with me.
- On October 30, 2012, Plaintiff's counsel and I appeared at the deposition of a potential 8. witness in this matter. After the deposition concluded, we discussed this unresolved discovery issue. I reiterated that the responses were insufficient, and Plaintiff's counsel maintained that the responses sufficiently responded to the interrogatories and requests for production and did not require supplementation. The parties agreed that this meeting would serve as our 2.34 meet and confer regarding this issue.
- 9. Despite having conducted two separate EDCR 2.34 conferences, the parties have been unable to resolve these issues and will require the Court's assistance in resolving these pending discovery disputes.
- I submit this Affidavit in compliance with EDCR 2.34 to demonstrate my compliance 10. with the rule and to illustrate the efforts that were undertaken to try to resolve these issues without the need to involve the Court.

FURTHER, YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT

SMITH, ESQ. JACOB

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

This case arises out of a motor vehicle accident that occurred on March 13, 2009, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Plaintiff alleges that, on that date, Mr. Khoury negligently operated a motor vehicle in a manner that caused a collision with Plaintiff's vehicle. Plaintiff further alleges that she has suffered serious and disabling injuries as a result of the collision. Plaintiff has undergone extensive medical treatment to the tune of over \$420,000.00.

Following the subject incident, Plaintiff filed this lawsuit against Khoury, alleging negligence and other causes of action. In doing so, Plaintiff has made an issue of her alleged bodily injuries and symptoms, therefore, her records and billing statements which pertain to any prior injury, subsequent injury, and future prognosis are at issue in the case and should be discoverable. Khoury requests that the Court enter an Order compelling Plaintiff to respond to the interrogatories and requests for production of documents seeking information about her medical liens and payment for her treatments. Pursuant to Nev. R. Civ. P. 37 and Local Rule 7.60, Khoury further asks this Court for a reasonable award of attorney fees, costs, and expenses necessitated by the filing of this motion, attendance at the hearing, and preparation of the Report and Recommendations, and any further relief that this Court deems just and equitable.

II. RELEVANT FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff brought claims for bodily injuries alleged to have resulted from a rear-ende accident which took place at the intersection of Craig and Rancho on or about March 13, 2009. According to Plaintiff, she injured her head, neck and back as a result of the incident. Thus, Plaintiff has placed her bodily injuries, including any prior or subsequent injuries, medical treatment, and future prognoses at issue in this lawsuit.

Defendant served his second set of written discovery requests on Plaintiff on or about March 21, 2012. These included interrogatories and requests for production of documents pertaining to medical liens and the amounts of payment accepted by Plaintiff's medical providers. *See* Defendant's Second Requests for Production and Second Set of Interrogatories, attached hereto as **Exhibits "B" and "C"**, respectively. Specifically, the written discovery requested the following:

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 16:

All executed liens with each and every medical provider and facility.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 17:

All documents demonstrating the amounts paid by any source to the medical providers and / or facilities for the treatment rendered in this matter.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 18:

All documents demonstrating the amounts of payments accepted by the medical providers and / or facilities for the treatment rendered in this matter.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 19:

All documents demonstrating the amounts accepted by each medical provider and / or facility which sold its liens to any other person or entity for the treatment rendered in this case.

[...]

INTERROGATORY NO. 32:

Set forth the amounts paid by any source which each and every medical provider or facility accepted as payment for the services which they rendered.

See **Exhibits "B" and "C"**, attached hereto. On April 23, 2012, Plaintiff served her responses to these written discovery requests. Her response to each of these requests was identical:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory, as it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral sources. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive, and harassing to Plaintiff.

See Plaintiff's Responses to Defendant's Second Requests for Production of Documents and Plaintiff's Responses to Second Set of Interrogatories, attached hereto as Exhibits "D" and "E", respectively. The undersigned counsel deemed these responses insufficient and stated such in a letter to Plaintiff's counsel dated June 8, 2012. See Exhibit "A". After various "meet and confer" conversations via telephone and in person, the parties are unable to reach an agreement as to the relevance and/or discoverability of the requested information.

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III. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. Plaintiff Must be Required to Provide Valid Responses to Interrogatory No. 32 and Valid Responses to Requests for Production Nos. 16, 17, 18, and 19.

NRCP 33 provides that a party may serve interrogatories on any other party and the same are to be answered by the party served. NRCP 33(a). Interrogatories are to be answered separately and fully in writing under oath. NRCP 33(b)(1). NRCP 37(a) provides that, after reasonable notice, a party may move for an order compelling discovery, including sanctions in the form of attorney fees. NRCP 37(a)(4). Prior to filing such motion, however, a moving party must affirm that attempts were made, via personal conference or otherwise, to resolve the matter without the need for Court involvement; NRCP 37(a)(2)(A) and EDCR 2.34(d). The failure of a party to serve answers to Interrogatories or respond to Requests for Production of Documents and things may result in the imposition of sanctions that include, but are not limited to, an order designating specific facts to be established for purposes of the case, an order precluding the non-responsive party from introducing specific facts in evidence and an order striking pleadings or portions of pleadings, dismissing the action or entering judgment by default against the non-responsive party. NRCP 37(b)(2)(A)-(c) and NRCP 37(d). Sanctions are also available when a party unreasonably multiplies the proceedings to increase costs and fails to comply with the Court rules; EDCR7.60(b)(3)-(4).

Pursuant to EDCR 2.40, copies of Defendant's Interrogatories and Requests for Production are set forth in **Exhibits "B" and "C"**, attached hereto. Plaintiff's responses to interrogatories are set forth in **Exhibit "D" and Exhibit "E"** attached hereto.

Here, the undersigned served written discovery requests upon plaintiffs as permitted by the above-quoted rules. Plaintiff responded to the interrogatories and requests for production, but the given responses were insufficient.

Interrogatory No. 32 seeks information concerning Plaintiff's treating providers and whether or not they are lienholders. Plaintiff's counsel objects on the basis that this information is protected by the collateral source rule. With all due respect, opposing counsel's reliance on the collateral source rule is misplaced.

"The collateral source rule provides 'that if an injured party received some

compensation for his injuries from a source wholly independent of the tortfeasor, such payment should not be deducted from the damages which the plaintiff would otherwise collect from the tortfeasor." *Proctor v. Castelletti*, 112 Nev. 88, 90 911 P.2d 853 (1996) citing *Hrnjak v. Graymar*, Inc., 4 Cal.3d 725, 94 Cal.Rptr. 623, 626, 484 P.2d 599, 602 (1971).

In Nevada, the collateral source rule bars the admission of any such evidence during trial. Id.

Khoury submits that lien information is not protected by the collateral source rule. A medical lien is not "compensation for injuries." Rather, it is an outstanding debt owed for services rendered. There is no payment to deduct from the damages which would otherwise be collected from Khoury. Therefore, the collateral source rule does not apply to medical liens.

Furthermore, even assuming the collateral source rule were to bar the admission of liens at trial—which it does not—that does not mean the information is not discoverable. As this Court is well aware, discoverability and admissibility are entirely separate and distinct concepts. NRCP 26(b)(1) provides the parameters for discoverability in Nevada:

Parties may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action, whether it relates to the claim or defense of the party seeking discovery or to the claim or defense of any other party, including the existence, description, nature, custody, condition and location of any books, documents, or other tangible things and the identity and location of persons having knowledge of any discoverable matter. It is not ground for objection that the information sought will be inadmissible at the trial if the information sought appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. All discovery is subject to the limitations imposed by Rule 26(b)(2)(I), (ii), and (iii). (Emphasis added)

Thus, even if Plaintiff's response to Interrogatory No. 32 were to ultimately be deemed inadmissible at trial under the collateral source rule, the answer would still be discoverable if the information is reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence.

Evidence concerning medical liens are relevant at the time of trial to show bias on the part of Plaintiff's treating providers. "The exposure of a witness's motivation in testifying is a proper and important function of the constitutionally protected right of cross-examination." *Robinson v. G.G.C.*, *Inc.*, 107 Nev. 135, 144, 808 P.2d 522 (1991) citing *Delaware v. Van Arsdall*, 475 U.S. 673, 678-79, 106 S.Ct. 1431, 1435, 89 L.Ed.2d 674 (1986). The fact that Plaintiff's treating providers stand to gain from the instant litigation if they are a lien holder is certainly relevant to showing bias. As a result, such

information is clearly discoverable.

Evidence regarding a witness' bias or interest in testifying in a certain manner is, in fact, relevant and is not collateral to the controversy for purposes of exclusion. *Lobato v. State*, 120 Nev. 512, 96 P.3d 765 (2004). In *Lobato*, the Nevada Supreme Court noted that

"Although district courts have wide discretion to control cross-examination that attacks a witness's general credibility, a trial court's discretion is ... narrow[ed] where bias [motive] is the object to be shown, and an examiner must be permitted to elicit any facts which might color a witness's testimony. Generally, the only proper restriction should be those inquiries which are repetitive, irrelevant, vague, speculative, or designed merely to harass, annoy or humiliate the witness."

Lobato at 520. The right to confront and cross examine witnesses includes the right to inquire and examine a witness about the bias and motivation behind their testimony. In *Delaware v. Fensterer*, 474 U.S. 15, 19, 106 S.Ct. 292 (1985), the U.S. Supreme Court found that a cross-examiner is not only permitted to delve into a witness' story to test the witness' perceptions and memory, but [also] ... allowed to impeach, i.e., discredit, the witness.

Here, some of Plaintiff's "treating providers" are presumably owed substantial sums of money, which expenses they have agreed to incur on a lien basis. The mere fact that a party treats on a medical lien is not necessary indicative of the fact that they do not have medical insurance. Indeed, the undersigned has seen many situations where medical providers treat patients on a lien despite the fact that the patient has medical or other insurance that would cover the cost of treatment.

Given these types of financial arrangements between Plaintiff and her treating providers, there can be little doubt that the providers have actually acquired an interest in the case. As a result, these individuals have become "contingent" witnesses. In the event that Plaintiff were to recover nothing, these "contingent" witnesses stand to receive nothing for all of the time and services they have provided. If, on the other hand, Plaintiff prevails, these "contingent" witnesses stand to receive far more money, for the exact same time and services, than they would otherwise have received if they had simply treated other patients and submitted their bills to a medical or other insurance carrier, or if they had even provided treatment on a cash-up-front basis.

Similarly, Khoury has requested that documents be disclosed demonstrating the amounts each

medical provider accepted for treatment and the amount paid by any source to the medical providers for treatment rendered relevant to Plaintiff's injuries allegedly sustained in the subject accident. These documents are relevant, as set forth above, because they expose what bias, if any, these medical providers have as a result of any contingent treatment. Moreover, they

It is entirely appropriate to question "contingent" witnesses about the existence of a lien, the amount of the lien and the fact that the "contingent" witness has, in fact, acquired an interest in the outcome of the litigation. Similarly, it is appropriate to request that Plaintiff provide all documentation pertaining to medical liens, amounts paid, and amount accepted by her medical providers, as this information provides the basis for the questions to these witnesses.

Therefore, Plaintiff's response to Interrogatory No. 32 as well as her Responses to Requests for Production 16 through 19 are insufficient and Khoury requests an Order compelling proper responses, including the production of the requested documentation.

Good faith efforts were made to try to resolve the matter without the need for Court involvement, without success, thereby necessitating this motion. Based upon the above-quoted rules, Defendant is entitled to an order compelling Plaintiff's response to Interrogatory No. 32 and Responses to Requests for Production 16 through 19. Defendant is also entitled to NRCP 37 sanctions for failure to participate in the discovery process.

B. Plaintiff should be required to produce the requested discovery immediately and by a date certain.

In <u>Associates Capital Services v. Ponderosa Lawn Service</u>, this Honorable Court recognized "classic discovery failure." In Discovery Opinion #4, this Honorable Court wrote "Discovery in a civil case must not wait upon the necessity of filing a Motion to Compel such discovery, thereby wasting the time and energy of diligent counsel, as well as the time of the Court." Here, Plaintiff has failed to provide the information and documentation necessary to address the bias of Plaintiff's treating physicians. As the depositions of these physicians and medical providers are upcoming, Plaintiff's continued refusal to provide the requested information and documentation has impacted Khoury's ability to properly evaluate and defend the allegations contained in Plaintiff's Complaint. Unless Plaintiff is required to promptly produce this information, and do so prior to the depositions of her treating

physicians, Khoury's purposes in defending against Plaintiff's claims will continue to be frustrated. "The duty rests upon the Plaintiff to use diligence and to expedite his case to a final determination." Walls v. Brewster, 112 Nev. 175, 178, 912 P.2d 261, 262 (1996), Thran v. First Judicial Dist. Ct., 79 Nev. 176, 380 P.2d 297 (1963).

Given the above, Defendant requests that this Court compel Plaintiff to provide the requested responses immediately and by a date certain. Alternatively, Defendant requests an Order providing for an adverse inference at the time of trial if Plaintiff's refusal to disclose the requested documentation continues.

C. Plaintiff should be sanctioned for her failure to participate in discovery.

According to the above-quoted rules, Plaintiff has an affirmative legal obligation to participate in the discovery process and must do so in good faith. Despite numerous attempts to obtain compliance with the above-quoted rules, no compliance could be obtained. Plaintiff's refusal to participate in the discovery process has forced Khoury to unnecessarily incur attorney fees and costs, both in the process of ongoing attempts to obtain compliance, through the preparation and filing of this motion with the Court, and through the undersigned's attendance at the hearing thereon.

Given Plaintiff's refusal to participate in the discovery process, defendant requests that the Court enter appropriate NRCP 37 sanctions against her. Khoury requests a reasonable award of attorney's fees for the necessity of having to bring these matters before the Court, as well as such other and further NRCP 37 sanctions as this Court deems appropriate under the circumstances described herein. Finally, given the delays resulting from Plaintiff's refusal to participate in discovery, it is possible that a continuance and/or reopening of discovery may be required in the future in order to complete discovery.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Khoury respectfully requests this Court's order granting the following relief:

- 1. For an order compelling the immediate provision of an answer to Interrogatory No. 32;
- For an order compelling the immediate provision of documents in response to Defendant's Requests for Production Nos. 16 through 19;
- 3. For a reasonable award of attorney fees for the necessity of having to bring these matters

before the Court and for attendance at the hearing pursuant to NRCP 37 and EDCR 7.60; and

4. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and equitable in the premises. DATED this _____ day of November, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(b), I hereby certify that service of the foregoing DEFENDANT'S
MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY RESPONSES AND PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
RE: PLAINTIFF'S MEDICAL LIENS was made on the 15th day of November, 2012, by depositing
a true and correct copy of the same by U.S. Mail in Las Vegas, Nevada, addressed, stamped, and mailed
to the following:

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June 8, 2012

Via Facismile: (702) 444-4455
Alison M. Brasier, Esq.
RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM
801 S. Fourth Street
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Re: Khoury adv, Seastrand

Dear Ms. Brasier:

As you are aware, we recently served some discovery requests and interrogatories on you with respect to the above-listed matter. This letter will address the deficiencies in your responses to those discovery requests.

Specifically, on March 21, 2012 we propounded Defendant's Second Requests for Production of documents on your client. These included Requests to Produce Nos. 16, 17, 18, and 19, which read as follows:

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 16:

All executed liens with each and every medical provider and facility.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 17:

All documents demonstrating the amounts paid by any source to the medical providers and / or facilities for the treatment rendered in this matter.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 18:

All documents demonstrating the amounts of payments accepted by the medical providers and / or facilities for the treatment rendered in this matter.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 19:

All documents demonstrating the amounts accepted by each medical provider and/or facility which sold its liens to any other person or entity for the treatment rendered in this case.

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See Defendant's Second Request for Production of Documents to Plaintiff Margaret Seastrand, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**. You served your responses to these requests on April 23, 2012. See Plaintiff's response to Defendant's Second Requests for Production attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"**. In that document, your response to each of these requests to produce was identical. Each of the responses reads as follows:

RESPONSE

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory, as it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral sources. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive and harassing to Plaintiff.

Id. We also propounded an additional interrogatory on your client at this same time:

INTERROGATORY NO. 32:

Set forth the amount paid by any source which each and every medical provider or facility accepted as payment for the services which they rendered.

See Defendant's Second Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff, attached as **Exhibit "C"**, attached hereto. Your response to this interrogatory was identical to your responses to the requests for production:

RESPONSE

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory, as it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral sources. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive and harassing to Plaintiff.

See Plaintiff's Response to Second Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff, attached as Exhibit "D", attached hereto.

With all due respect, I believe your reliance on the collateral source rule is misplaced. Consider the language of the collateral source rule as set forth by Nevada's Supreme Court:

"The collateral source rule provides 'that if an injured party

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received some compensation for his injuries from a source wholly independent of the tortfeasor, such payment should not be deducted from the damages which the plaintiff would otherwise collect from the tortfeasor." *Proctor v. Castelletti*, 112 Nev. 88, 90 911 P.2d 853 (1996) citing *Hrnjak v. Graymar*, Inc., 4 Cal.3d 725, 94 Cal.Rptr. 623, 626, 484 P.2d 599, 602 (1971).

Moreover, the collateral source rule bars the admission of any such evidence during trial. Id.

While the collateral source rule clearly applies to health insurance, a medical lien is not "compensation for injuries." Rather, it is an outstanding debt owed for services rendered. There is no payment to deduct from the damages which would otherwise be collected from Defendant. In light of this, the collateral source rule does not apply to medical liens.

Furthermore, even assuming the collateral source rule bars the admission of liens at trial, it does not mean the information is not discoverable. As surely you are aware, discoverability and admissibility are entirely separate and distinct concepts. NRCP 26(b)(1) provides the parameters for discoverability in Nevada:

Parties may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action, whether it relates to the claim or defense of the party seeking discovery or to the claim or defense of any other party, including the existence, description, nature, custody, condition and location of any books, documents, or other tangible things and the identity and location of persons having knowledge of any discoverable matter. It is not ground for objection that the information sought will be inadmissible at the trial if the information sought appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. All discovery is subject to the limitations imposed by Rule 26(b)(2)(I), (ii), and (iii). (Emphasis added)

Thus, even if the information and documents produced in response to the above-listed requests for production and interrogatories were ultimately deemed to be inadmissible at trial under the collateral source rule, the information would still be discoverable if it is reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence.

Evidence concerning medical liens are relevant at the time of trial to show bias on the part of Plaintiff's treating providers. "The exposure of a witness's motivation in testifying is a proper and important function of the constitutionally protected right of cross-examination."

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Robinson v. G.G.C., Inc., 107 Nev. 135, 144, 808 P.2d 522 (1991) citing Delaware v. Van Arsdall, 475 U.S. 673, 678-79, 106 S.Ct. 1431, 1435, 89 L.Ed.2d 674 (1986). The fact that your client's treating providers stand to gain from the instant litigation if they are a lien holder is certainly relevant to showing bias. As a result, such information is clearly discoverable, as bias constitutes admissible and relevant evidence.

Finally, we recently received your responses to Defendant's Third Request for Production of Documents. These Requests include Requests Nos. 2

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 20:

The 2010 and 2011 Federal Income Tax Returns for Margaret G. and Douglas R. Seastrand, including all Schedule C's and disclosures related to Hollywood Kids Academy.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 21:

Any and all business documents related to Hollywood Kids Academy from the time of its formation to the present, including but not limited to: profit and loss statements, balance sheets, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and payroll records.

See Defendant's Third Request for Production of Documents, attached hereto as Exhibit "E." In your amended response, you stated that you are "in the process of gathering these documents" and that the response "will be supplemented when the documents are located." See Amended Response to Third Request for Production of Documents, attached hereto as Exhibit "F." Please be mindful that these documents are necessary for review and analysis by our experts in conjunction with their overall financial analysis of your client's income as it relates to the Hollywood Kids Academy. As initial expert disclosures are currently scheduled for July 13, 2012, we need these documents as soon as possible. In the event we do not receive them promptly, we may have a basis for a second extension of the discovery deadlines as well as a continuation of the trial date.

Allison Brasier, Esq. Khoury adv. Seastrand June 8, 2012 Page 5 of 5

I will calendar your supplemental response to Interrogatory No. 32 and Requests for Production Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 for June 15, 2012. If you feel you need additional time to prepare the response, please contact me and we may be able to accommodate you. Otherwise, please contact me to discuss these matter pursuant to EDCR 2.34 in preparation for a Motion to Compel.

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any source to the medical providers and / or facilities for the treatment rendered in this matter.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 18: All documents demonstrating the amounts of payments accepted by the medical providers and / or facilities for the treatment rendered in this matter.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 19: All documents demonstrating the amounts accepted by each medical provider and / or facility which sold its liens to any other person or entity for the treatment rendered in this case.

These Requests For Production shall be deemed continuing so as to require reasonable supplemental Answers if the Plaintiff or his Attorney obtains further information between the time his Answers are served and the time of trial.

DATED: March 21, 2012

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(b), I hereby certify that service of the foregoing **DEFENDANT'S**

SECOND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION TO PLAINTIFF MARGARET SEASTRAND was

made on March _____, 2012, by depositing a true and correct copy of the same by U.S. Mail in Las Vegas, Nevada, addressed, stamped, and mailed to the following:

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is known by or in the possession of your attorney or any agents for you or your attorney.

INTERROGATORY NO. 32:

Set forth the amounts paid by any source which each and every medical provider or facility accepted as payment for the services which they rendered.

These Interrogatories shall be deemed continuing so as to require reasonable supplemental Answers if the Plaintiff or his Attorney obtains further information between the time his Answers are served and the time of trial.

DATED this 21st day of March, 2012.

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RAYMOND KHOURY'S SECOND SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF

MARGARET SEASTRAND was made on day of March, 2012, by depositing a true and correct copy of the same by U.S. Mail in Las Vegas, Nevada, addressed, stamped, and mailed to the following:

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DATED this 21st day of March, 2012.

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MARGARET G. SEASTRAND,)	Case No.:	A-11-636515-C
Plaintiff,);););	Dept. No.:	XXX
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Defendants.)		,

PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S SECOND

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION TO PLAINTIFF MARGARET SEASTRAND

TO: Defendant RAYMOND RIAD KHOURY; and

TO: Jacob S. Smith, Esq. of HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP, his counsel of record.

COMES NOW, Plaintiff MARGARET G. SEASTRAND, by and through her counsel of

record, Richard A. Harris, Joshua R. Harris and Alison M. Brasier, of the RICHARD HARRIS

LAW FIRM, pursuant to Rule 34 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, and hereby provides

the following Responses to Defendant's Second Requests for Production to Plaintiff:

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Plaintiff, MARGARET G. SEASTRAND has not yet completed her discovery and investigation for the preparation of this case for trial. Accordingly, the answers set forth herein are provided without prejudice to the responding party's right to produce any subsequent discovered facts or interpretations thereof and/or to add, modify or otherwise change or amend the answers herein. The information hereinafter set forth is true and correct to the best of the responding party's knowledge at this particular time, but it is subject to correction for inadvertent errors or omission, if any such error or omissions are found to exist

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 16:

All executed liens with each and every medical provider and facility.

RESPOND TO REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 16:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory, as it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral sources. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive and harassing to Plaintiff.

REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 17:

All documents demonstrating the amounts paid by any source to the medical providers and/or facilities for the treatment rendered in this matter.

RESPOND TO REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 17:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory, as it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral sources. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive and harassing to Plaintiff.

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All documents demonstrating the amounts of payments accepted by the medical providers and/or facilities for the treatment rendered in this matter.

RESPOND TO REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 18:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory, as it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral sources. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive and harassing to Plaintiff.

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All documents demonstrating the amounts accepted by each medical provider and/or facility which sold its liens to any other person or entity for the treatment rendered in this case.

RESPOND TO REQUEST TO PRODUCE NO. 19:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory, as it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral sources. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive and harassing to Plaintiff.

DATED this 23^{rd} day of April, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM and that on the day of April, 2012, I caused the foregoing PLAINTIFF'S

RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S SECOND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION TO

PLAINTIFF MARGARET SEASTRAND to be served as follows:

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- [] pursuant to EDCR 7.26, by sending it via facsimile; and/or
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25	TO: Jacob S. Smith, Esq. of HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP, his counsel of record.
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27	COMES NOW, Plaintiff MARGARET G. SEASTRAND, by and through her counsel of
28	record, Richard A. Harris, Joshua R. Harris and Alison M. Brasier, of the RICHARD HARRIS

LAW FIRM, pursuant to Rule 33 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, and hereby provides the following Responses to Defendant's Second Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Plaintiff, MARGARET G. SEASTRAND has not yet completed her discovery and investigation for the preparation of this case for trial. Accordingly, the answers set forth herein are provided without prejudice to the responding party's right to produce any subsequent discovered facts or interpretations thereof and/or to add, modify or otherwise change or amend the answers herein. The information hereinafter set forth is true and correct to the best of the responding party's knowledge at this particular time, but it is subject to correction for inadvertent errors or omission, if any such error or omissions are found to exist

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RESPOND TO INTERROGATORY NO. 32:

Plaintiff objects to this interrogatory it seeks to ascertain if some parts of Plaintiff's expenses (medical bills) were paid by collateral source. As such, the question is not relevant to the subject matter of this litigation, and not calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; it is also burdensome, oppressive and harassing to Plaintiff.

DATED this 23rd day of April, 2012.

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RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT RAYMOND KHOURY'S SECOND SET OF

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EXPERT WITNESSES

1. JEFFREY GROSS, M.D.

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Dr. Gross is a board certified neurosurgeon and is expected to provide expert testimony relating to his review of Plaintiff's medical records, opinions regarding his past medical care and/or treatment, and his opinions regarding her potential need for future care and/or treatment, including the treatment and medical reasonableness of other medical providers. He will also provide opinions regarding the causation of Plaintiff's injuries and the necessity and reasonableness of Plaintiff's past and future medical expenses.

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Mr. Dinneen is a qualified economist and is expected to provide expert testimony relating to Plaintiff's present day value of Dr. Gross' life care plan and vocational loss report.

Mr. Dinneen will also provide testimony as to any other economic issues raised by Defendant's or other experts in this action and will opine regarding the present value of Plaintiff's future medical expenses and vocational loss.

 Arthur C. Croft, Ph.D.(c), D.C., M.Sc., M.P.H., F.A.C.O. 826 Orange Avenue, #633 Coronado, California 92118 Tel: (619) 423-9867

Dr. Croft is expect to testify with respect to accident reconstruction and injury biomechanics, including but not limited to, testimony with respect to vehicle components,

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EXHIBITS

- 1. Expert Neurosurgical Case Review and Medical Life Care Plan of Jeffrey D. Gross, M.D. dated June 4, 2012 (39 pages);
- 2. Curriculum Vitae, Fee Schedule, and Testimony and Depositions of Jeffrey D. Gross, M.D. (22 pages);
- Present Value of Life Care Plan of Terrence B. Dinneen, M.S., C.R.C., C.R.E. 3. dated August 24, 2011 (10 pages);
- 4. Vocational Loss Report by Terrence B. Dinneen, M.S., C.R.C., C.R.E. dated August 27, 2011 (13 pages);
- 5. Curriculum Vitae, Fee Schedule, Testimony and Depositions of Terrence B. Dinneen, M.S., C.R.C., C.R.E. (27 pages);
- 3, Expert Report of Arthur C. Croft, Ph.D.(c), D.C., M.Sc., M.P.H., F.A.C.O. dated August 28, 2012 (28 pages);
- Curriculum Vitae, Fee Schedule, and Testimony Report of Arthur C. Croft, 4. Ph.D.(c), D.C., M.Sc., M.P.H., F.A.C.O. (25 pages);

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4.	Medical records and bills from Las Vegas Fire & Rescue.
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10.	Medical records and bills from Nevada Imaging Company.
11.	Medical records and bills from Marjorie E. Belsky, M.D.
12.	Medical records and bills from Surgery Center of Southern Nevada.
13.	Medical records and bills from Mario Tarquino, M.D.
14.	Medical records and bills from William S. Muir, M.D.
15.	Medical records and bills from Las Vegas Radiology/Sierra Meds Services.
16.	Medical records and bills from Summerlin Hospital Medical Center.
17.	Medical records and bills from Russell Shah, M.D.
18.	Medical records and bills from Leo Langlois, M.D
19.	Medical records and bills from Nevada Spine Clinic.
20.	Medical records and bills from St. Rose Dominican Hospital.
21.	Medical records and bills from Eddy Luh, M.D.
22.	All radiology films, floral images of selective nerve root blocks, x-rays, MRI, CT scans, videos, and diagnostic testing/documentation taken in connection with the care and treatment rendered to Plaintiff as a result of the subject incident.
23,	Plaintiff expects to utilize any and all writings, published works, journals, treatises, medical texts, affidavits, films, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, reports, computer tapes, computer discs, and other data compilations, and other

1 medical reference materials which Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's expert use in support of Plaintiff's allegations, 2 24. Plaintiff may offer at trial certain exhibits for demonstrative purposes, including 3 but not limited to the following: 5 Video, storyboards, and/or power point images, blow ups and/or transparencies of exhibits; 6 Diagrams and/or models of the human body, specifically related b. to Plaintiff's injuries; 7 Samples of hardware used for and during surgery; c. 8 d. Photographs and videos of surgical procedures and other diagnostic tests; 9 Actual diagnostic studies; e. Samples of tools used in surgical procedures; f. 10 Diagrams, drawings, pictures, photos, film, video, DVD g. 11 CD ROM of various parts of the human body, diagnostic tests and surgical procedures; and, 12 Power point images, drawings, diagrams, animations, storyboards, h. of the vehicles involved, the parties involved, the location of the 13 motor vehicle accident, and/or re-enactments of the motor vehicle 14 accident at issue. 15 WITNESSES 16 1. Margaret Seastrand 17 c/o Richard Harris Law Firm 801 S. Fourth Street 18 Las Vegas, NV 89101 19 Plaintiff is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the 20 incident at issue herein. 21 2. Raymond Khoury 22 c/o Steven T. Jaffe, Esq. Jacob S. Smith, Esq. 23 HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP. 7455 West Washington Avenue, Suite 460 24 Las Vegas, NV 89128 25 Defendant is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the 26 incident at issue herein. 27 3. Investigating Officer, T. Conn (I.D. No. 8101) 28 Investigating Officer, John Hines (I.D. No. 4350) Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

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400 E. Stewart Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Officer T. Conn and/or Officer John Hines are expected to testify regarding his/her investigation of the subject crash, and their report regarding same.

4. Gary Forsberg and/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable c/o Classic Body & Pain Inc. 2540 North Nellis Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada 89156

Gary Forsberg and/or PMK are expected to testify regarding his/her evaluation of damages to the vehicles involved in the subject crash, and their report regarding same.

5. Jerry and Karly Busby 6445 Spanish Garden Court Las Vegas, Nevada 89110

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

6. Cari Jepson 523 Moon Chase Street Las Vegas, Nevada

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

Sharla Isle 7. 1663 English Road Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89142

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

8. Larry and Jackie Snowden 518 Benedict Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89110

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1 These witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her 2 quality of life. 3 9. Chalice Lundquist 5 4924 Vega Lane Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 6 This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and 7 circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her 8 quality of life. 10. **Doug Seastrand** 6440 Spanish Garden Court 10 Las Vegas, Nevada 89110 11 This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life. 13 14 11. **Beth Seastrand** 6441 Spanish Garden Court 15 Las Vegas, Nevada 89110 16 17 quality of life. 18

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her

Shirley Seastrand 12. 6450 Spanish Garden Court Las Vegas, Nevada 89110

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

13. Scott Seastrand 6465 Spanish Garden Court Las Vegas, Nevada 89110

This witness is expected to testify regarding his/her knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject crash, and how Plaintiff's injuries affected her quality of life.

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Plaintiff hereby reserves the right to call any and all witnesses identified by Defendant or any other parties to this action at the time of trial of this matter.

Plaintiff further reserves the right to supplement and/or amend the above listed witnesses, as discovery is continuing.

MARGARET SEASTRAND'S HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- Paramedic and/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable
 City of Las Vegas C EMS
 400 East Stewart Avenue
 Las Vegas, NV 89101
- Mark Ferdowsian, D.O.; Linda Sarson, R.N.
 David P. Gorczya, M.D. / Lindsey C. Blake, M.D.
 Mountainview Hospital
 3100 North Tenaya Way
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89128
- David P. Gorczya, M.D. / Lindsey C. Blake, M.D. Radiology Specialists, Ltd.
 P.O. Box 50709
 Henderson, Nevada 89016
- Dr. Mark Ferdowsian, D.O.
 And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable
 Fremont Emergency Services
 P.O. Box 1569
 Las Vegas, NV 89125
- Timothy Knauff, PA-C and/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable Primary Care Consultants
 9975 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 110B Las Vegas, NV 89183
- Matthew C. Olmstead, D.C. / Dr. Benjamine S. Lurie and/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable Neck & Back Clinic 2425 North Lamb Blvd., Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV 89115
- 20. William Orrison, M.D. 6

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And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable
Kern Island Pain Medicine
2920 H Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301

- 29. Yevgeniy A. Khavkin, M.D. Jaswinder S. Grover, M.D. And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable Nevada Spine Clinic 7140 Smoke Ranch Road, Suite 150 Las Vegas, NV 89128
- 30. Yevgeniy Khavkin, M.D.; Eddy Luh, M.D. Jaswinder Grover, M.D.; Mario Fojtik, NCST Dr. Matthew Treinen (Radiologist) And/or Person(s) Most Knowledgeable St. Rose Dominican Hospital 8280 W. Warm Springs Las Vegas, NV 89113
- Custodian of Records ALL ABOVE FACILITIES

These individuals will testify as to the completeness and accuracy of records, and the medical records and bills generated in the normal course of business.

The above medical providers are expected to testify to Plaintiff's injuries, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis, as well as the authenticity of their medical records and bills.

Plaintiffs treating physicians are expected to offer testimony regarding the Plaintiffs diagnosis, treatment and prognosis for any and all services rendered as a result of the injuries sustained in the accident. Plaintiffs treating physicians will not prepare expert reports, but will rely upon medical records generated as a result of the treatment for Plaintiffs injuries. The doctor will opine, to a reasonable degree of medic probability, that the medical treatment was reasonable and necessary.

Plaintiff hereby reserves the right to call any and all medical providers identified by Defendant or any other parties to this action at the time of trial of this matter.

Plaintiff further reserves the right to supplement and/or amend the above listed medical providers, as discovery is continuing.

COMPUTATION OF DAMAGES PURSUANT TO NRCP 16.1(a)(1)(C)

PROVIDER	DATE OF SERVICE	AMOUNT INCURRED
Las Vegas Fire & Rescue	03/13/09	\$ 772.00
Mountain View Hospital	03/13/09	\$ 4,468.45
Radiology Specialist, Ltd.	03/13/09	\$ 215.00
Fremont Emergency Services	03/13/09	\$ 275.00
Primary Care Consultants	03/30/09	\$ 300.00
Neck & Back Clinic	03/20/09 -07/22/09	\$ 3,500.00
Nevada Imaging Company	04/03/09	\$ 2,743.00
Marjorie E. Belsky, M.D.	05/05/09 - 12/15/09	\$ 22,310.00
Mario Tarquino, M.D.	05/20/09 - 12/09/09	\$ 52,923.07
Surgery Center of Southern NV	09/16/09 - 12/09/09	\$ 3,600.00
William S. Muir, M.D.	08/24/09 - 01/25/09	\$ 49,714.00
Sierra Meds Services	10/13/09	\$ 1,650.00
Summerlin Hospital	01/22/10 - 01/27/10	\$ 58,495.00
Russell Shah, M.D.	12/10/09 - 01/07/10	\$ 7,995.00
Leo Langlois, M.D.	04/02/10 - 04/14/10	\$ 1,391.00
Nevada Spine Clinic	04/29/10 - 12/14/10	\$ 38,367.50
St. Rose Dominican Hospital	05/12/10 - 05/16/10	\$ 168,074.00
Eddy Luh, M.D.	05/17/10 - 06/08/10	\$ 7,790.00
TOTAL		*\$ 424,583.02

*This total amount does not include Plaintiff's lost wages, future and/or residual damages, and medical bills not yet received. However, as previously stated above, Plaintiff reserves the right to supplement and/or amend this Computation of Damages as discovery is continuing.

LOSS OF EARNINGS / LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY

TBA

FUTURE MEDICAL EXPENSES

TBA

PAIN AND SUFFERING

Plaintiff will make a claim for general pain and suffering, in an amount to be determined

at trial.

DATED this 3rd day of May, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM and that on the 3 day of May, 2012, I caused the foregoing PLAINTIFF'S SUPPLEMENT TO INITIAL EARLY CASE CONFERENCE LIST OF WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTS to be served as follows: [X]by placing a true and correct copy of the same to be deposited for mailing in the U.S. Mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, enclosed in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was fully prepaid; and/or pursuant to EDCR 7.26, by sending it via facsimile; and/or by hand delivery to the attorneys listed below: Steven T. Jaffe, Esq. Jacob S. Smith, Esq. HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP. 7455 West Washington Avenue, Suite 460 Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 Attorneys for Defendants

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

MARGARET G. SEASTRAND,

Plaintiff,

VS.

RAYMOND RIAD KHOURY; DOES 1 through 10; and ROE ENTITIES 11 through 20, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO. A-11-636515-C DEPT NO. XXX

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Defendant, RAYMOND RIAD KHOURY, by and through his attorneys, STEVEN T. JAFFE, ESQ. and JACOB S. SMITH, ESQ. of the law firm of HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP, and answers Plaintiff's Complaint as follows:

- 1. Answering Paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 6 of the Complaint, this Answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein, and accordingly, those allegations are hereby denied.
- 2. Answering Paragraph 3 of the Complaint, this Answering Defendant admits all allegations contained therein.
- 3. Answering Paragraphs 5, 7 and 8 of the Complaint, this Answering Defendant denies all allegations contained therein

4. Answering Paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of the Complaint, this Answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations regarding injuries and damages contained therein, and accordingly, those allegations are hereby denied. This Answering Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained therein, and demands strict proof of all alleged damages.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

As and for their affirmative defenses in this case, this Answering Defendant asserts the following:

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant alleges that this Court lacks in personal jurisdiction over the Defendant.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant alleges that there has been insufficiency of process and as a result, Defendant has been prejudiced in this litigation.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant alleges that there has been insufficiency in the service of process and as a result, Defendant has been prejudiced in this litigation.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to state a claim against the Defendant upon which relief can be granted.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The cause of action set forth in the Complaint is subject to dismissal for failure to join a necessary and indispensable party pursuant to NRCP 19.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant alleges that the collision alleged in the Complaint, and the alleged damages and injuries, if any, to Plaintiff, were proximately caused or contributed to by Plaintiff's own negligence and such negligence was greater than any of the Defendant's negligence.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to mitigate his damages and, thus, monetary recovery, if any, should be reduced accordingly.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint and each and every purported cause of action in the Complaint fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action or to state a claim on which relief can be granted against Defendant.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant, without negligence on his part, was suddenly and unexpectedly confronted with peril arising from the actual presence of or appearance of imminent danger to himself or others and utilized reasonable care in responding to such emergency and therefore, Defendant's conduct is excused.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff failed to property and timely file her Complaint pursuant to the applicable statute of limitations.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The accident which is the subject matter of this action was unavoidable, wherefore, Plaintiff is barred from any recovery against this Defendant.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant alleges that Plaintiff is barred from bringing this claim as all consequences of this claim were avoidable.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant alleges that the injuries, if any, suffered by the Plaintiff as set forth in the Plaintiff's Complaint were caused in whole or in part by the negligence of a third party over which Defendant had no control.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is barred from recovering any special damages herein for failure to specifically allege the items of special damages claims, pursuant to NRCP 9(g).

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's injuries and problems, as alleged herein, pre-existed the accident at issue in this matter, thereby barring or limiting recovery.

1 SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 2 Plaintiff does not belong to the class of persons a statute was designed to protect, and the 3 Plaintiff's claimed injury is not the type any statute was intended to protect. 4 SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 5 Plaintiff has intentionally or negligently destroyed critical evidence, thereby constituting spoliation of evidence, to this Defendant's prejudice. 6 7 EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE Defendant reserves its right to assert additional affirmative defenses in the event discovery 8 9 indicates that additional affirmative defenses would be appropriate. 10 WHEREFORE, Defendant, RAYMOND RIAD KHOURY, prays for relief as follows: 11 That Plaintiff take nothing by virtue of her Complaint on file herein; 1. 12 2. A judgment of dismissal be entered in favor of Defendant; 13 3. That this answering Defendant be dismissed with costs incurred and reasonable attorney's fees; and 14 For such other and further relief as to the Court deems just and proper in the premises. 15 4. DATED this day of June, 2011. 16 17 HALL JAFFE & CLAYTON, LLP 18 By 19 E**VEN**IJAFFE Nevada Bar No. 007035 JACOB S. SMITH 20 Nevada Bar No. 010231 21 7455 West Washington Avenue, Suite 460 Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 22 Attorneys for Defendant Raymond R. Khoury 23 24 25 26 27 28

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to N.R.C.P. 5(b), I hereby certify that service of the foregoing **ANSWER TO COMPLAINT** was made this 2 \(\) day of June, 201\(\phi \), by depositing a true and correct copy of the same by U.S. Mail in Las Vegas, Nevada, addressed, stamped, and mailed to the following:

Shoshana Kunin-Leavitt, Esq. RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM 801 S. Fourth Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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2.	That at all	times	relevant	herein,	Defendant	RAYMOND	RIAD	KHOURY	(hereinafte
referre	d to as "Def	endant	KHOUF	ξΥ"), is	and was a r	esident of Cla	rk Cou	nty, Nevada	1.

- All the facts and circumstances that give rise to the subject lawsuit occurred in Clark County,
 Nevada.
- 4. That the true names and capacities whether individual, corporate, associate, partnership or otherwise of the Defendants herein designated as DOES 1 through 10 and ROE ENTITIES 11 through 20, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff, but are believed to be the owners, course and scope employers and/or family members of the Defendants, who operated the subject motor vehicle, and therefore Plaintiff sues said Defendants by such fictitious names.
- 5. That Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges each of the Defendants, including those designated herein as DOE and ROE ENTITIES are legally responsible for the injuries and damages to Plaintiff as herein alleged.
- 6. That at such time that Plaintiff determines the true identities of the DOE and ROE ENTITIES, Plaintiff will seek leave of this Court to amend this Complaint to set forth the proper names of those Defendants as well as asserting appropriate charging allegations.
- 7. That on or about March 13, 2009, and at all times mentioned, Defendants, were the owners, employers, family members and/or operators of a motor vehicle, while in the course and scope of employment and/or family purpose, which was entrusted and driven in such a negligent and careless manner so as to cause a collision with the vehicle occupied by Plaintiff.
- 8. As a result of Defendant's violation of Nevada traffic laws, Defendant KHOURY was negligent per se in causing the subject motor vehicle collision.

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9.	As a direct and proximate result, Plaintiff was seriously injured and caused to suffer great
pain o	f body and mind, some of which conditions are permanent and disabling all to their general
damag	te in an amount in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

- 10. As a direct and proximate result, Plaintiff incurred and will incur expenses for past and future medical care and treatment, all to her special damage in an amount according to proof at trial.
- 11. As a direct and proximate result, Plaintiff sustained a loss of earnings and earning capacity, all to her special damage in an amount according to proof at trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment of this Court, as follows:

- 1. General damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00;
- 2. Special damages for medical and incidental expenses incurred and to be incurred;
- 3. Special damages for lost earnings and earning capacity;
- 4. Attorney's fees and costs of suit incurred herein; and
- 5. For such other and further relief this Court may deem just and proper.

DATED this Aday of March, 2011.

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Appellant,

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MARGARET SEASTRAND,

Respondent.

APPEAL

from the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County

The Honorable Jerry Weise, District Court Judge

District Court Case No. A-11-636515-C

APPELLANT'S APPENDIX VOLUME I

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7	Exhibit 3	May 3, 2012, Plaintiff's Supplement to Early Case Conference List of Witnesses and Documents (pleading only)	JA 0009-0019						
9	Exhibit 4	August 29, 2012, Plaintiff's Designation of Expert Witnesses (pleading only)	JA 0020-0024						
11 12	Exhibit 5	November 1, 2012, Defendant's Motion to Compel Discovery Responses and Production	JA 0025-0064						
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