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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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YACOV JACK HEFETZ, an individual, Plaintiff,	)	CASE NO: A-11-645353-C
vs,	)	
CHRISTOPHER BEAVOR, an individual,	) ) )	·
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## VERDICT FORM

We, the jury in the above-entitled action find:

For Plaintiff

For Defendant

If you find in favor of Plaintiff: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Judgment on the jury verdict is entered in favor of Defendant Christopher Beavor.

## II. NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

Within ten (10) days after entry of this Judgment, Defendant shall serve written notice of such entry, together with a copy of this Judgment, upon Plaintiff and shall file notice of entry with the clerk of the court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this//day of May, 2013.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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## MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL OR IN THEALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR JUDGMENT NOTWITHSTANDING VERDICT (JNOV)

Defendants.

COME NOW, Plaintiff, YACOV JACK HEFETZ, by and through his attorneys of record H. Stan Johnson, Esq. of Cohen-Johnson, LLC, and pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure (NRCP) 59, hereby filed this Motion for New Trial, or in the Alternative Motion for Judgment Notwithstanding Verdict (JNOV) and hereby mover for an Order granting his Motion.

This Motion is made and based upon the following Points and Authorities, all papers and pleadings on file herein, the Affidavit of H. Stan Johnson, Esq., attached hereto, and any

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## POINTS AND AUTHORITIES I.

#### **FACTS**

The civil case Yacov Jack Hefetz vs. Christopher Beavor (hereinafter referred to as Hefetz v. Beavor was heard before a jury between February 26, 2013 through March 1, 2013. The case arose out of Defendant's failure to meet his obligations as guarantor of a defaulted personal loan in the amount of \$6,000,000.00.

On or about March 29, 2007, Defendant entered into a Loan Agreement whereby Borrower procured a loan in the amount of \$6,000,000.00 (the "Loan") from lender the Herbert Frey Revocable Family Trust ("Lender"). As part of the inducement for the loan, Defendant signed an unconditional and irrevocable personal guarantee of full and prompt payment of the principal and interest due and owing on the Loan.

Defendants agreed to repay the Loan "regardless of any defense, right of set-off or claims which [Defendants] may have against [the holder of the Loan]," and agreed to "refrain from asserting, until after repayment in full of the Loan, any defense, right of set-off or other claim which [Defendants] may have" against the Lender or holder of the Loan.

Defendants further agreed that the holder of the Payment Guaranty may enforce its terms "without necessity at any time of resorting to or exhausting any other security or collateral" given in connection with the Loan.

On or about July 6, 2011, the principal Mr. Frey, assigned Plaintiff Hefetz and Alis Cohen all of Lender's right, title and interest in and to the Payment Guarantee. Frey assigned the Personal Guaranty (and other Loan documents) to Hefetz because he has cancer and was getting too old to pursue Defendants. Alis Cohen subsequently assigned her rights under the Payment Guaranty in full to Hefetz.

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## STATEMENT OF PRIOR PROCEEDINGS

On March 1, 2013 the Court granted a directed verdict as to all the Defendants counterclaims. The Plaintiff's case went to verdict and a jury verdict in favor of the defendant was entered in the above captioned matter. On March 25, 2013 Marc Saggese, Attorney for the Defendant, withdrew from the case. On March 29, 2013, H. Stan Johnson, Esq. of Cohen Johnson LLC substituted in as Counsel for the Plaintiff. On May 21, 2013 Marc Saggese served a Notice of Entry of Judgment. This Motion for a New Trial and/or Amendment of Judgment is being timely filed within 10 days of the service of the Notice of Entry.

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## LEGAL ARGUMENT

Motions for New Trial are governed by NRCP 59 which provides in pertinent part:

## RULE 59. NEW TRIALS; AMENDMENT OF JUDGMENTS

(a) Grounds. A new trial may be granted to all or any of the parties and on all or part of the issues for any of the following causes or grounds materially affecting the substantial rights of an aggrieved party: (1) Irregularity in the proceedings of the court, jury, master, or adverse party, or any order of the court, or master, or abuse of discretion by which either party was prevented from having a fair trial; (2) Misconduct of the jury or prevailing party; (3) Accident or surprise which ordinary prudence could not have guarded against; (4) Newly discovered evidence material for the party making the motion which the party could not, with reasonable diligence, have discovered and produced at the trial; (5) Manifest disregard by the jury of the instructions of the court; (6) Excessive damages appearing to have been given under the influence of passion or prejudice; or, (7) Error in law occurring at the trial and objected to by the party making the motion. On a motion for a new trial in an action tried without a jury, the court may open the judgment if one has been entered, take additional testimony, amend findings of fact and conclusions of law or make new findings and conclusions, and direct the entry of a new judgment.

[As amended; effective January 1, 2005.]

(b) Time for Motion. A motion for a new trial shall be filed no later than 10 days after service of written notice of the entry of the judgment.

Plaintiff seeks a new trial based on the following grounds pursuant to NRCP 59:

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At the trial of this matter, the Defendant referred in his opening statement to an unsigned offer of settlement negotiations which Defendant sent to non-party Frey. At the time, the evidence may have been admissible for the limited purpose of supporting the Defendants' counterclaim that Plaintiff fraudulently prevented Mr. Frey from accepting the offer. However, once the Counterclaims were dismissed as a matter of law, the use of this evidence concerning what at best could be described as a "settlement negotiation" by Plaintiff constituted plain error since any testimony or evidence concerning settlement negotiations is impermissible at trial as a matter of Nevada law. Plain error is defined in NRS 178.602 as 'Plain errors or defects affecting substantial rights may be noticed although they were not brought to the attention of the court". Since when the evidence was initially introduced it might have been applicable no objection would have been sustained. Unfortunately, once the Counter-claims were dismissed the "bell" could not be unrung, and Defendant improperly used this inadmissible evidence for an impermissible purpose. Defendant argued the implications of this settlement offer on the issue of liability in his closing statement (See Transcript of Day 5 P. 63 attached hereto as Exhibit 2) in clear violation of Nevada Revised Statute, 48.105 which provides:

- 1. Evidence of:
- (a) Furnishing or offering or promising to furnish; or
- (b) Accepting or offering or promising to accept, a valuable consideration in compromising or attempting to compromise a claim which was disputed as to either validity or amount, is not admissible to prove liability for or invalidity of the claim or its amount. Evidence of conduct or statements made in compromise negotiations is likewise not admissible.

Defendant's intentional violation of Nevada law prevented the Plaintiff from obtaining a fair trial. Defendant argued and improperly misled the jury into thinking that the original owner of the personal guaranty, Mr. Frey intended to accept the settlement offer, but was prevented from doing so by the improper conduct of the Plaintiff. Defendant was unable to adduce any

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evidence in support of this argument at trial, and his implications were refuted by the testimony of both the Plaintiff and Mr. Frey. Under these circumstances evidence and argument resulted in unfair prejudice to the Plaintiff, by asking the jury to use this evidence for an impermissible purpose. Such prejudice was so egregious that no objection was necessary to preserve the issue for reconsideration either in a motion for new trial or on appeal.

## (B) Misconduct of the jury or prevailing party;

Defendant's also engaged in repeated acts of misconduct which while objected to and to which the objections were sustained no admonishment was given to the jury. In this case on several occasions, both in argument and in testimony, Counsel for the Defendant repeatedly referred to the Plaintiff as "an Israeli businessman". When admonished by the Court, Counsel's attempted justification of the remarks demonstrated that his intention was clearly to inflame and prejudice the jury against the Plaintiff based on Mr. Hefetz's being Jewish. In fact Counsel's remarks outside the presence of the jury, reek with the offensiveness of his conduct, and are replete with slanderous characterization which encouraged the jury to view the Plaintiff through the historical inaccuracies concerning the business practices of Jews since Shakespeare created Shylock. (See transcript of proceedings Day 2 P. 31-37 attached hereto as Exhibit 1). At that point the Court sui sponte admonished Defense Counsel that a another instance of this egregious conduct would result in a mistrial. A discussion then occurred between the Court and Plaintiff's counsel concerning the effectiveness and practicality of a curative instruction. Plaintiff's counsel was faced with the conundrum of having the Court admonish the jury, and thereby emphasizing the offensive characterization, or letting it go unremarked upon and hope that the remark had not prejudiced the jury. When the verdict was returned for the Defendant in the face of the uncontroverted evidence mandating a verdict for the Plaintiff, the damage was already done, and the only available relief is a new trial. Lioce v. Cohen 174 P. 3d 973, (Nev. 2008). While this unprincipled attack alone constitutes grounds for a new trial, the remarks also constituted an attack implying that Mr. Hefetz was not a citizen of the United States and not merely Israeli by birth but was a foreign national. This was an improper appeal to Post 9/11 xenophobia, implying

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that a true blue American (Defendant) should not be accountable to some foreigner (Plaintiff) who doesn't belong here and is using unscrupulous business methods to take advantage of American citizens.

## (C) Accident or surprise which ordinary prudence could not have guarded against;

Just as no jury admonishment could have prevented the prejudicial effects of the Defendant's egregious comments concerning Mr. Hefetz's being Jewish, no reasonably prudent attorney would have anticipated that another officer of the Court would engage in such backalley tactics. In fact a reasonably prudent counsel would have considered bringing a motion in limine to preclude such remarks as not only unnecessary, but demeaning to the dignity of the Court, and an unprovoked attack on the integrity of opposing counsel. That such a motion turns out to have been necessary, is a sad commentary on civility as well as grounds justifying a new trial.

## (D) Manifest disregard by the jury of the instructions of the court;

The uncontroverted evidence adduced at trial establishes Plaintiff's right to a verdict. Whether or not the jury might have reduced the damages due on the note to less than its face value of \$6,000,000.00 should not have precluded the finding of liability. In fact, it initially appeared as though that was what the jury intended since the original verdict form showed a judgment for Plaintiff with a zero next to his name. Upon polling the jury members stated that the verdict was instead a finding of non-liability in favor of the Defendant. This finding was in clear disregard of the evidence. The only possible explanations for this verdict must lie in the Defendant's improper conduct during the trial. Either as the result of the slurs against the Plaintiff, or the improper argument concerning the meaning of the settlement offer, the Defendant effectively argued for and obtained jury nullification. Jury nullification is defined as

[a] jury's knowing and deliberate rejection of the evidence or refusal to apply the law either because the jury wants to send a message about some social issue that is larger than the case itself or because the result dictated by law is contrary to the jury's sense of justice, morality, or fairness (op.cit. 174 P.3d 982-983)

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That Defendant was asking the jury to ignore the law, is shown in his final arguments to the jury. Not only did Counsel compare his client to a homeowner who was caught in the mortgage crisis, by implication comparing the Plaintiff's conduct to that of the egregious conduct of some banks in foreclosure proceeding, and attempting to have the jury identify and sympathize with the Defendant. (See Exhibit 2 P. 56) Without any supporting evidence, Defendant's Counsel asked the jury, to ignore the rulings of the bankruptcy court and believe that the Bankruptcy Court's order was the result of fraud by the Freys and Plaintiff. Defendant's Counsel again without evidence argued that the unsigned documents were in fact prepared, by Mr. Frey, stating that the fact that similar fonts were used evidenced that the same person drafted them. (See Exhibit 2 P. 58, 65). This argument is not only improper but absent an expert who testified that the documents were produced by the same computer and printer, were improper testimony by Counsel. Finally, Defendant's Counsel urged the jury to go into the jury room and "do justice. Whatever you determine that is." (Exhibit 2 P. 69 ll 20-21). This is a clear appeal for jury nullification, asking them to substitute their personal feeling about justice and fairness for the law and again constitutes grounds for the granting of a new trial.

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#### CONCLUSION

Plaintiff was entitled to a fair and unprejudiced jury trial where the jury was not subjected to inadmissible evidence being used for an improper purpose. Scurrilous attacks on his ethnicity religion, and citizenship prevented the Plaintiff from obtaining a fair trial and resulted in jury nullification. The evidence supported a verdict in favor of the Plaintiff, and he should be granted the opportunity to present his case to a truly impartial jury, untainted by the inflammatory and improper conduct present in the first trial. Therefore Plaintiff asks this Honorable Court to:

- 1. Enter an order vacating the judgment;
- 2. Granting the Plaintiff a new trial on the merits;
- 3. Granting the Plaintiff a Judgment Not On the Verdict.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL OR IN THEALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR JUDGMENT NOTWITHSTANDING VERDICT (JNOV) was served by placing a copy thereof in the US Mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, with proper postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

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23	COMES NOW, Defendant CHRIS	TOPHER BEAVOR, through his attorney of
24	record, JOSHUA TOMSHECK of the La	w Firm of Hofland & Tomsheck, and hereby
24	submits the attached Points and Au	thorities in Opposition to PLAINTIFF'S

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This Opposition is made and based upon all the papers and pleadings on file herein, the attached points and authorities in support hereof, and oral argument at the time of hearing, if deemed necessary by this Honorable Court.

## POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

## FACTS RELEVANT TO THE INSTANT MOTION

This case went to jury trial before this honorable court. On March 1, 2013, the jury in this matter entered a defense verdict. On May 17, 2013, this Court signed the Judgment in this case, entering the defense verdict. On May 21, 2013, notice of entry of judgment was served on the Plaintiff. Plaintiff's counsel concedes in the instant Motion that they were served with the notice of entry of judgment on May 21, 2013. (See Motion, pg. 4, lns 7-8).

## LEGAL ARGUMENT

As outlined in Plaintiff's Motion, NRCP 59 controls the relief Plaintiff is seeking in their Motion, by stating:

## RULE 59. NEW TRIALS; AMENDMENT OF JUDGMENTS

(a) Grounds. A new trial may be granted to all or any of the parties and on all or part of the issues for any of the following causes or grounds materially affecting the substantial rights of an aggrieved party: (1) Irregularity in the proceedings of the court, jury, master, or adverse party, or any order of the court, or master, or abuse of discretion by which either party was prevented from having a fair trial; (2) Misconduct of the jury or prevailing party; (3) Accident or surprise which ordinary prudence could not have guarded against; (4) Newly discovered evidence material for the party making the motion which the party could not, with reasonable diligence, have discovered and produced at the trial; (5) Manifest disregard by the jury of the instructions of the court; (6) Excessive damages appearing to have been given under the influence of passion or prejudice; or, (7) Error in law occurring at the trial and objected to by the party making the motion. On a motion for a new trial in an action tried without a jury, the court may open the judgment if one has been entered, take additional testimony, amend findings of fact and conclusions of law or make new findings and conclusions, and direct the entry of a new judgment.

(b) Time for Motion. A motion for a new trial shall be filed no later than 10 days after service of written notice of the entry of the judgment. (emphasis added).

It is clear from a reading of the procedural history in this case, as well as the Plaintiff's own Motion, that the notice of entry of judgment was served on Plaintiff's counsel on May 21, 2013. It is equally clear that Plaintiff's Motion was not filed until June 10, 2013. As such, Plaintiff's motion is procedurally time barred by NRCP 59 and this court has no choice but to deny same.

As Plaintiff's Motion is untimely filed, and thus proceduarally time barred, Defendant need not address Plaintiff's motion on the merits.<sup>1</sup>

## **CONCLUSION**

Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiff's Motion should be DENIED.

Dated this 20th day of June, 2013.

HOFLAND & TOMSHECK

By:

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Attorney for Christopher Beavor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Should this honorable Court desire additional briefing on the merits, Defense counsel can provide same.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** 

The undersigned does hereby certify that on the 20th day of June, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR JUDGMENT NOTWITHSTANDING VERDICT (JNOV) was served by placing a copy thereof in the US MAIL at Las Vegas, Nevada, with proper postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

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And that a copy of same was sent via facsimile transmission to:

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DATED this 2nd day of July, 2013.

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## POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

· I.

## **FACTS**

The civil case Yacov Jack Hefetz vs. Christopher Beavor (hereinafter referred to as Hefetz v. Beavor was heard before a jury between February 26, 2013 through March 1, 2013. The case arose out of Defendant's failure to meet his obligations as guarantor of a defaulted personal loan in the amount of \$6,000,000.00. During the course of the trial, Plaintiff's attorney made several comments referencing the fact that the Plaintiff was Israeli, and certain behaviors and characteristics should be presumed based on his ethnicity. Objections were made and the Court cautioned Counsel.

On March 1, 2013 the Court granted a directed verdict as to all the Defendants counterclaims. The Plaintiff's case went to verdict and a jury verdict in favor of the defendant was entered in the above captioned matter. Plaintiffs believe that the verdict was improperly influenced by the racial slurs and imprecations made by Plaintiff's counsel.

On March 25, 2013 Marc Saggese, Attorney for the Defendant, withdrew from the case. On March 29, 2013, H. Stan Johnson, Esq. of Cohen Johnson LLC substituted in as Counsel for the Plaintiff. On May 21, 2013 Marc Saggese served a Notice of Entry of Judgment. This

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Motion for a New Trial and/or Amendment of Judgment is being timely filed within 10 days of the service of the Notice of Entry.

#### III.

### LEGAL ARGUMENT

#### A. Plaintiff's Motion was Timely Filed.

Defendant's sole opposition to the motion is the claim that the Motions for New Trial was untimely filed. Motions for New trials are governed by NRCP 59 which provides in pertinent part:

#### RULE 59. NEW TRIALS; AMENDMENT OF JUDGMENTS

(a) Grounds. A new trial may be granted to all or any of the parties and on all or part of the issues for any of the following causes or grounds materially affecting the substantial rights of an aggrieved party: (1) Irregularity in the proceedings of the court, jury, master, or adverse party, or any order of the court, or master, or abuse of discretion by which either party was prevented from having a fair trial; (2) Misconduct of the jury or prevailing party; (3) Accident or surprise which ordinary prudence could not have guarded against; (4) Newly discovered evidence material for the party making the motion which the party could not, with reasonable diligence, have discovered and produced at the trial; (5) Manifest disregard by the jury of the instructions of the court; (6) Excessive damages appearing to have been given under the influence of passion or prejudice; or, (7) Error in law occurring at the trial and objected to by the party making the motion. On a motion for a new trial in an action tried without a jury, the court may open the judgment if one has been entered, take additional testimony, amend findings of fact and conclusions of law or make new findings and conclusions, and direct the entry of a new judgment.

[As amended; effective January 1, 2005.]

(b) Time for Motion. A motion for a new trial shall be filed no later than 10 days after service of written notice of the entry of the judgment.

The Notice of Entry of Judgment was served by facsimile transmission on May 21, 2013. In calculating the ten days the statute provides only judicial days are calculated. Following the expiration of these ten judicial days three days are then added for purposes of mailing. **NRCP** 6 provides for the computation of time that:

(a) Computation. In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these rules, by the local rules of any district court, by order of court, or by any applicable statute, the day of the act, event, or default from which the

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designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a nonjudicial day, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a nonjudicial day, or, when the act to be done is the filing of a paper in court, a day on which weather or other conditions have made the office of the clerk of the district court inaccessible, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not one of the aforementioned days. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than 11 days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and nonjudicial days shall be excluded in the computation except for those proceedings filed under Titles 12 or 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

Pursuant to Rule 6 the date of the Notice of Entry is not included in the computation. This means that the ten days begins to run on May 22, 2013, The judicial days in that week were May 23, and 24. The intervening Saturday and Sunday is not included. Nor is Monday, May 27th which was the Memorial Day holiday, and was a non-judicial day. The remaining days of the week, the 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st are included. This brings the total to seven judicial days. Neither Saturday June 1st or Sunday June 2nd is included. June 3rd, 4th, 5th are included. The tenth judicial day from May 22, 2013 was June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. However NRCP 6 (e) provides:

(e) Additional Time After Service by Mail or Electronic Means. Whenever a party has the right or is required to do some act or take some proceedings within a prescribed period after the service of a notice or other paper, other than process, upon the party and the notice or paper is served upon the party by mail or by electronic means, 3 days shall be added to the prescribed period.

Adding these three days would be June 6th, and June 7th, the third calendar day for mailing would be Saturday June 8th. Pursuant to NRCP Rule 6, Saturday June 8th will not be included making the last day June 10, 2013, which was the date of the timely filing by the Plaintiff.

This is the method of calculation set forth by the Nevada Supreme Court in Winston Products Company, Inc. v. DeBoer et.al. 122 Nev. 517, 134 P3d 726 (Nev 2006) under identical circumstances and is directly on point and controlling, proving that the Plaintiff's motion was timely filed.

#### Defendant's Failure to Oppose the Motion on its Merits В. Constitutes a Waiver

EJDCR 2.20 provides that:

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(e) Within 10 days after the service of the motion, and 5 days after service of any joinder to the motion, the opposing party must serve and file written notice of nonopposition or opposition thereto, together with a memorandum of points and authorities and supporting affidavits, if any, stating facts showing why the motion and/or joinder should be denied. Failure of the opposing party to serve and file written opposition may be construed as an admission that the motion and/or joinder is meritorious and a consent to granting the same.

The rules exist so that motions may be timely heard and resolved, not allow a party to continue to relitigate a matter one element at a time. Just as the Plaintiff was required to set forth his arguments and grounds in a single motion, Defendant is required to address the entire motion in one responsive pleading, and may not use this method to improperly enlarge the statutory time allowed to file a response. Plaintiff's motion was served on the Defendant on June 10, 2013 and the Plaintiff was allowed until June 27, 2013 to file an opposition. Plaintiff instead of using the full time allowed to file a pleading responsive to the substantive arguments chose to file a opposition limited only timeliness on June 20, 2013.

Nevada law does not provide that the opposing party may file piece meal oppositions but allows one opportunity to oppose the entire motion. In the present case, the Defendant has failed to even address a single ground relied upon by the Plaintiff in his motion. This failure to address the substantive arguments amounts to a failure to provide a written opposition and should be construed as an admission that those arguments are meritorious and consent to the granting of the motion. By choosing to solely oppose the motion only on the grounds of timeliness the Defendant has waived his right to make a further opposition. Defendant chose not to file a substantive response and must accept the consequences of that decision.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

Plaintiff was entitled to a fair and unprejudiced jury trial where the jury was not subjected to inadmissible evidence being used for an improper purpose. Scurrilous attacks on his ethnicity religion, and citizenship prevented the Plaintiff from obtaining a fair trial and resulted in jury nullification. The evidence supported a verdict in favor of the Plaintiff, and he should be granted

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the opportunity to present his case to a truly impartial jury, untainted by the inflammatory and improper conduct present in the first trial. The Plaintiff's Motion was timely filed, and the Defendant failed to file an opposition to the grounds set forth in Plaintiff's Motion, waiving any arguments opposing those grounds and admitting that the Plaintiff's Motion is meritourius and consenting to the granting of the relief sought. Therefore Plaintiff asks this Honorable Court to:

- Enter an order finding that Plaintiff's Motion was timely filed; 1.
- Finding that the Defendant's Opposition constitutes an admission that any 2. grounds not addressed in are admitted to as meritorious,;
- Enter an Order vacating the judgment; 3.
- 4. Granting the Plaintiff a new trial on the merits;
- Granting the Plaintiff a Judgment Not On the Verdict. 5.
- Such other and additional relief as this court deems equitable and just. 6.

## **Affirmation Pursuant to NRS 239B.030**

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

#### COHEN-JOHNSON, LLC

/s/ H. Stan Johnson H. STAN JOHNSON, ESO. Nevada Bar No. 0265 TERRY KINNALLY, ESQ. Nevada Bar No.: 06379 255 W. Warm Springs Rd., Ste. 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL OR IN THEALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR JUDGMENT NOTWITHSTANDING VERDICT (JNOV) was served by facsimile Transmission and by placing a copy thereof in the US Mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, with proper postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

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## REGISTER OF ACTIONS CASE No. A-11-645353-C

Yacov Hefetz, Plaintiff(s) vs. Christopher Beavor, Defendant(s)

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Case Type: Breach of Contract Subtype: Guarantee 07/21/2011 Date Filed: Location:

Department 28 A645353

Cross-Reference Case Number:

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Counter Defendant	Hefetz, Yacov Jack	Harold Stanley Johnson Retained 702-823-3500(W)

Defendant Beavor, Christopher

Joshua L. Tomsheck Retained

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Beavor, Samantha Defendant

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**Plaintiff** 

Hefetz, Yacov Jack

Harold Stanley Johnson Retained

702-823-3500(W)

#### **EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT**

01/07/2014 Motion For Stay (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Israel, Ronald J.) Defendant Christopher Beavor's Motion for Stay of Proceedings

#### **Minutes**

01/07/2014 9:00 AM

- There being no opposition, COURT ORDERED, Stay of Proceedings, GRANTED. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Tomsheck advised he would file the writ now. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, Trial Dates, VACATED and Matter set for a status check as to the status of the case and to reset trial. Case STAYED pending Supreme Court decision. 05/13/14 9:00 AM STATUS CHECK: STATUS OF CASE // RESETTING TRIAL

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24	submits the MOTION TO RECONSIDER.		
25	This MOTION is made and based upon all the papers and pleadings on file		
26		ties in support hereof, and oral argument at	
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## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that DEFENDANT CHRISTOPHER BEAVOR, will bring the foregoing MOTION TO RECONSIDER on for Oct. In Chambers hearing on the 9 day of \_\_\_\_, 2013, at \_:\_ a.m./p.m., before Department XXVIII or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

By:

DATED THIS  $\mathcal{L}^{M}$  DAY OF AUGUST, 2013

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## POINTS AND AUTHORITIES FACTS RELEVANT TO THE INSTANT MOTION PREVIOUSLY RAISED BEFORE THIS COURT

This case went to jury trial before this honorable court. On March 1, 2013, the jury in this matter entered a defense verdict. On May 17, 2013, this Court signed the Judgment in this case, entering the defense verdict. On May 21, 2013, notice of entry of Judgment was served on the Plaintiff. Plaintiff's counsel concedes in their Motion for New Trial that they were served with the notice of entry of judgment on May 21, 2013. (See Motion, pg. 4, lns 7-8).

## FACTS RELEVANT TO THE INSTANT MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

This case was tried to a Jury before this Honorable Court in February of 2013, commencing February 25, 2013 and concluding with the jury's Verdict for the Defense on March 1, 2013.

After this matter proceeded to Trial, Defendant's former counsel (and Trial Counsel in this matter), Marc Saggese, Esq. formally withdrew as attorney of record on March 25, 2013. (See Exhibit "A").

On May 21, 2013, Judgment and Notice of Entry of Judgment was entered by this Court and served on Plaintiff. (See Exhibit "B").

On June 10, 2013, Plaintiff's counsel filed their Motion for New Trial or in the Alternative Motion for Judgment Notwithstanding Verdict (JNOV).

On June 19, 2013, Defendant Christopher Beavor retained the undersigned to defend against Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial or in the Alternative Motion for Judgment Notwithstanding Verdict (JNOV).

On June 20, 2013, the undersigned counsel contacted Plaintiff's counsel, Brian Morris, Esq., whose name was attached to the aforementioned Motion for New Trial or in the Alternative Motion for Judgment Notwithstanding Verdict (JNOV). During that contact, the undersigned counsel inquired of Mr. Morris as to how Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial or in the Alternative Motion for Judgment Notwithstanding Verdict (JNOV) was not untimely filed and thus, time barred. During that same conversation, Mr. Morris conceded that Plaintiff's Motion appeared to be time barred and indicated Plaintiff's counsel may be forced to withdraw the Motion given its untimeliness. At the conclusion of that telephone conversation, Plaintiff's counsel, Mr. Morris, indicated he did not see how Plaintiff's Motion was not filed late, but if he found otherwise, he would contact Defense Counsel.

Thereafter, on June 20, 2013, the undersigned counsel filed, on behalf of Defendant Beavor, Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial or in the Alternative Motion for Judgment Notwithstanding Verdict (JNOV). In the Opposition, the Defense stated "[a]s Plaintiff's Motion is untimely filed, and thus procedurally time barred, Defendant need not address Plaintiff's motion on the merits" but that "should this honorable Court desire additional briefing on the

merits, Defense counsel can provide same." (See Opposition at page 3).

After the undersigned had contacted Plaintiff's counsel and received the above referenced information, and after filing their opposition, Plaintiff's counsel, Mr. Morris, contacted Defense counsel and stated that after reviewing the calendar, he now believed that his Motion had been timely filed. The undersigned counsel informed Plaintiff's counsel that he had already filed his opposition based on their earlier conversation, but that he had included reference to the Court that should the Court requires or require additional briefing, it would be provided. Plaintiff's counsel indicated he would have no objection to same. Thereafter, Plaintiff's counsel, Mr. Johnson, filed their Reply, leaving out all of the pertinent procedural facts relayed above.<sup>1</sup>

This matter, having to do with a substantive issue which sought to invalidate the Jury's determination of the facts, law and evidence, was never heard for argument, but was heard on a "chambers calendar." The Matter was continued until a second chambers calendar on August 7, 2013, at which time this Court ruled.

It is important for this Court to note that the Minute Order from the Chambers decision was *never served* on the undersigned, even though he is listed as "Lead Attorney" for Defendant Christopher Beavor on the Courts Odyssey system.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It should be noted that the signing attorney on the document was Mr. Johnson and not Mr. Morris, whom had conferred with Defense counsel regarding the matter. It should also be noted that this filing is not intended to convey to the Court any attempt at intended unethical conduct on behalf of Mr. Morris, who is known to the undersigned as being an extremely ethical and forthright litigator, simply that the Court made its decision without the necessary requisite facts to be fully informed on the issues.

(See Exhibit "C"). Instead, as the minutes from the August 7, 2013 hearing clearly state, "CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was placed in the attorney folder(s) of: H. Stan Johnson, Esq. (Cohen- Johnson) and Marc Saggese, Esq. (Saggese & Associates)" even though Mr. Saggese withdrew as counsel of record on March 25, 2013. The undersigned only discovered the Court's decision by happenstance when checking the online Court minutes after realizing he had never received a decision. This Motion for Reconsideration now follows.

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## LEGAL ARGUMENT

## Pursuant to E.D.C.R 2.24:

- (a) No motions once heard and disposed of may be renewed in the same cause, nor may the same matters therein embraced be reheard, unless by leave of the court granted upon motion therefor, after notice of such motion to the adverse parties.
- 1. (b) A party seeking reconsideration of a ruling of the court, other than any order which may be addressed by motion pursuant to N.R.C.P. 50(b), 52(b), 59 or 60, must file a motion for such relief within 10 days after service of written notice of the order or judgment unless the time is shortened or enlarged by order. A motion for rehearing or reconsideration must be served, noticed, filed and heard as is any other motion. A motion for reconsideration does not toll the 30-day period for filing a notice of appeal from a final order or judgment.
- (c) If a motion for rehearing is granted, the court may make a final disposition of the cause without reargument or may reset it for reargument or resubmission or may make such other orders as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances of the particular case.

To date, the only Order related to the reconsideration sought by Defense

Counsel is the Minute Order referred to above, which, of the date of this filing was has never been served on the undersigned. It is only by happenstance that the undersigned learned of the entry of the minute order from this Court. There is no written order, nor has any Notice of Entry of Order been received. As such, this Motion for Reconsideration is ripe and timely filed.

## 1) Plaintiff's Motion Must Be Heard on its Merits:

Modern rules of procedure are intended to allow the court to reach the merits, as opposed to disposition on technical niceties. <u>Costello v. Casler</u>, 127, Nev. Adv. Op. 36, 254 P. 3d 631 (2011), *See also* Schmidt v. Sadri, 95 Nev. 702, 705, 601 P.2d 713, 715 (1979) ("The Legislature envisioned that [the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure] would serve to simplify existing judicial procedures and promote the speedy determination of litigation upon its merits.").

Plaintiff claims in their reply that Defendant's failure to oppose the Motion on its Merits constitutes a waiver pursuant to EDCR 2.20. The record at this juncture states otherwise however. As outlined above, the undersigned defense counsel contacted Plaintiff's counsel and inquired about the Motion for New Trial, and had in depth discussions about the timeliness of same. After that first conversation, defense counsel was left with the notion that Plaintiff's counsel had, in fact, conceded the lateness of their motion. Plaintiff then filed their opposition on that basis. However, in that Motion, defense counsel expressly reserved the right to file additional points and authorities should the Court so desire, by stating "should this honorable Court

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desire additional briefing on the merits, Defense counsel can provide same." (See Opposition at page 3). Following the filing of that Opposition, Plaintiff's counsel then contacted defense counsel and indicated that he no longer though the Motion for New Trial was time barred. In that conversation, Plaintiff's counsel conceded that he would have no objection to defense counsel filing points and authorities on the merits should the Court agree with Plaintiff's counsel as to the timeliness of the Motion for New Trial.

Moreover, as this Court is aware, there is nothing within EDCR 2.20, or any other rule of law, which requires the Court to find in Plaintiff's favor under these circumstances. EDCR 2.20 simply states that "[f]ailure of the opposing party to serve and file written opposition may be construed as an admission that the motion and/or joinder is meritorious and a consent to granting the same." Emphasis added. This "may" language, as opposed to a directive such as "shall," indicates that this Court has discretion and can make a decision based on the totality of the circumstances. Here, it is crystal clear that the Defendant did not admit that the Plaintiff's motion had merit or consent to its granting. Conversely, defense counsel provided in its opposition that despite its position that "Plaintiff's Motion is untimely filed, and thus procedurally time barred, Defendant need not address Plaintiff's motion on the merits" - something that had been conceded by the Plaintiff at the time Defendant filed his opposition - but affirmatively stated that "should this honorable Court desire additional briefing on the merits, Defense counsel can provide same." The

"may" provision within EDCR 2.20 is designed to address a situation where a non-moving party simply "fails to serve and file written opposition." That didn't happen here. The non-moving party (the Defendant) did serve and file written opposition, addressing the issue of timeliness and offering to provide additional briefing, an allowance discussed, and agreed to, by Plaintiff's counsel.

Given this procedural history and the consistent mandate of the Nevada Supreme Court, this matter must be decided on its merits.

## 2) Plaintiff's Motion was Not Timely Filed:

Despite Plaintiff's clever attempt to draw out the time period to file the Motion for New Trial pursuant to NRCP 59, their application of NRCP 6 to include the date in which they filed their Motion is in error. In their analysis, they neglect the clear application of the rules and incorrectly conclude that the three (3) day addition for mailing is exclusive or weekends and non-judicial days. This is not the case.

As this Court is aware, Motions for New Trial after the 2004 Amendment to NRCP 6, must be filed within ten days from the date when notice of the final judgment's entry is served. NRCP 59(b). Under NRCP 6(a), this ten-day period does not include weekends and nonjudicial days, including holidays. Further, under NRCP 6(e), three days are added to the ten-day period when the notice of entry is served by mail or electronic means, as done in this case by former counsel, Mr.

Saggese. (See Exhibit "B"). To calculate the due date, the ten-day period is determined and then the three (3) days are added to that date. However, unlike the ten-day filing period, the three-day mailing period *includes* weekends and nonjudicial days. Winston Products Co. v. DeBoer, 122 Nev. 517, 134 P.3d 726 (2006); see also Nalty v. Nalty Tree Farm, 654 F. Supp. 1315, 1318 (S.D. Ala. 1987) (recognizing that the final day of the three-day mailing period could land on a weekend or nonjudicial day). See also Comments on 2005 Amendments to FRCP 6(e), as adopted in NRCP 6(e), noting that "[i]ntermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays are included in counting these added three days." This distinction is one that Plaintiff fails to recognize in their Reply.

Here, the ten-day period commenced the day after notice of the final judgment's entry was served, May 22, 2013 and ended on Wednesday, June 5, 2013. Thereafter, the three (3) days are added onto that date for mailing. Unfortunately for the Plaintiff, they, in their reply, clearly apply the standard that is true in NRCP 6(a), namely that the ten (10) day period for filing under that subsection does not include weekends and non-judicial days, including holidays, and Plaintiff further applies that rule to the three (3) day mailing provision under Rule 6 (e). However, the Nevada Supreme Court has clearly held that the three (3) day mailing period under NRCP 6(e) *does* include both weekends and holidays. As such, their Motion was due *before* they filed it on June 10, 2013. As the Nevada Supreme Court has repeatedly held, "[u]ntimely motions for new trial . . . must be denied." Ross v.

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<u>Giacomo</u>, 97 Nev. 550, 553, 635 P.2d 298, 300 (1981) overruled on other grounds by <u>Winston Products Co. v. DeBoer</u>, 122 Nev. 517, 134 P.3d 726.

As Plaintiff's Motion for a New Trial was untimely filed, a fact that was acquiesced to at the time Defendant filed their opposition in this matter, this Court should reconsider its previous ruling and deny Plaintiff's Motion. In the event this Court agrees with Plaintiff that their NRCP 59 Motion was timely filed, this Court should deny Plaintiff's Motion for the reasons set forth below.

3) NRCP 59 does not warrant a new trial or a judgment notwithstanding the verdict

As this court is well aware, NRCP 59 controls the relief Plaintiff is seeking in their Motion, by stating:

RULE 59. NEW TRIALS; AMENDMENT OF JUDGMENTS

(a) Grounds. A new trial may be granted to all or any of the parties and on all or part of the issues for any of the following causes. or grounds materially affecting the substantial rights of an aggrieved party: (1) Irregularity in the proceedings of the court, jury, master, or adverse party, or any order of the court, or master, or abuse of discretion by which either party was prevented from having a fair trial; (2) Misconduct of the jury or prevailing party; (3) Accident or surprise which ordinary prudence could not have guarded against; (4) Newly discovered evidence material for the party making the motion which the party could not, with reasonable diligence, have discovered and produced at the trial; (5) Manifest disregard by the jury of the instructions of the court; (6) Excessive damages appearing to have been given under the influence of passion or prejudice; or, (7) Error in law occurring at the trial and objected to by the party making the motion. On a motion for a new trial in an action tried without a jury, the court may open the judgment if one has been entered, take additional testimony, amend findings of fact and conclusions of law or make new findings and conclusions, and direct the entry of a new judgment.

(b) Time for Motion. A motion for a new trial shall be filed no later than 10 days after service of written notice of the entry of the judgment. (emphasis added).

As outlined below, none of the provisions of NRCP 59 warrant a granting of Plaintiff's Motion under the facts of this case.

I. There was no irregularity in the proceedings of the court, jury, master, or adverse party, or any order of the court, or master, or abuse of discretion by which the Plaintiff was prevented from having a fair trial, and any argument to the contrary is belied by the record;

Plaintiff argues that defense counsel "intentionally violated" Nevada law in making the closing arguments submitted to the jury. Specifically, Plaintiff's counsel refers to arguments made at page 63 of the day 5 trial transcript. A thorough reading of the record however, reveals the opposite to be true. In reviewing the record from Trial, it is clear that defense counsel 1) made no objectionable argument that wasn't supported by the evidence; and 2) that the arguments raised by Plaintiff's counsel in their Motion for New Trial were not objected to at Trial. It is unfathomable how Plaintiff's counsel can raise, in the venue of their instant Motion for a New Trial, that these arguments were so inappropriate that a Motion for New Trial was warranted, yet Trial counsel for the Plaintiff, who was present at each phase of the Trial before the jury, didn't even see fit to lodge an objection. Despite Plaintiff's contention that now, at this juncture, the "prejudice was so egregious that no objection was necessary to preserve the issue for reconsideration either in a motion for new trial or

on appeal," the clear holdings of the Nevada Supreme court say otherwise. It is a well settled rule of law that "[t]he failure to object to allegedly prejudicial remarks at the time an argument is made, and for a considerable time afterwards, strongly indicates that the party moving for a new trial did not consider the arguments objectionable at the time they were delivered, but made that claim as an afterthought." Beccard v. Nevada Nat'l Bank, 99 Nev. 63, 657 P.2d 1154 (1983), citing Curtis Publishing Company v. Butts, 351 F.2d 702, 714 (5th Cir.1965), aff'd, 388 U.S. 130, 87 S.Ct. 1975, 18 L.Ed.2d 1094 (1967). In the case of Beccard, supra, the District Court granted a Motion for a New Trial for Respondent Nevada National Bank based on the claim that counsel for Appellant had made no less than eight (8) "highly prejudicial and inflammatory statements" allegedly made during closing argument. However, there, as here, no objection was made at the time of Trial. The Nevada Supreme Court reversed the District Court's granting of a new Trial as they were not objected to at the time of Trial. In so finding, the Court stated that "[s]pecific objections must be made to allegedly improper closing arguments in order to Southern Pac. Transp. Co. v. preserve the contention for appellate review. Fitzgerald, 94 Nev. 241, 244, 577 P.2d 1234, 1235-36 (1978). The Court concluded that the District Court committed error in granting a new trial under NRCP 59 based on the allegations of improper arguments because the moving party failed to object to the allegedly improper closing arguments at trial and raised the allegation for the first time in a Motion for a New Trial. Beccard, supra at 1156, citing Curtis Publishing,

supra. The same holds true in this matter. There was no objection raised at the time of Trial. The fact that there are dynamic changes of a case during Trial, something that happens in every case, does not lessen the burden on the parties to raise contemporaneous objections. Here, there was none and raising the issue now, on a Motion for New Trial, is not sufficient. As such Plaintiff's Motion must be denied.

## II. There was no misconduct of the jury or prevailing party warranting a new trial

As this Court is also aware, when a party is given the opportunity for a mistrial during litigation, or a curative instruction related to the admission of Trial evidence, and therein waives the opportunity to ask for same at Trial, they are thereafter barred from raising the same circumstances as a basis for a Motion for New Trial following an adverse verdict. This is precisely the circumstances that present themselves to the Court in this matter.

The Plaintiff has argued that defense Trial counsel "engaged in repeated acts of misconduct which while objected to and to which objections were sustained no admonishment was given to the jury." (Motion at page 6). A reading of the Trial transcripts however reveals a different story. While it is true that defense Trial counsel was admonished by this Court to refrain from making further reference to the Plaintiff as an "Israeli Businessman," and that the Court went as far as to caution defense counsel that any further such comment could result in a Mistrial, the record reveals that the first broach of the subject was elicited by *Plaintiff's Counsel* during

Court would declare a mistrial.

Trial Transcript, Day 2, Page 34

Thereafter defense Trial counsel apologized, indicated his intent was not to offend of inflame the jury, and promised the Court it wouldn't happen again.

Following the lunch break, the Court again admonished defense Trial counsel. Trial Transcript, Day 2, Page 37.

From that point on, the record indicates that it was *plaintiff's counsel*themselves that asked that no curative instruction be given and never moved the

Court to grant a mistrial. Specifically, the following exchange took place:

Q: (by the Court): So, my question to the plaintiff's counsel is do you want a curative instruction?

A: The problem with a -

Q: (by the Court): Or do you just want to move on?

A: The problem with a curative instruction, and this is difficult for us, is, of course, when you give a curative instruction, you just draw attention to it.

Q: (by the Court): Highlights it, yes.

A: And that - that creates the problem. If it would please the Court I think perhaps you can reserve on that issue for now, depending on how the rest of the examination goes. And if necessary, that can be addressed perhaps before we issue the jury instructions, depending on whether it's necessary. At some point I have to rely on the jury's good discretion to see past these inflammatory statements.

Q: (by the Court): Okay. Then we'll continue.

Trial Transcript, Day 2, Page 37.

Thereafter, there was no mention of the word "Israeli" by either party and the issue did not present itself again. Moreover, and more importantly, the Plaintiff never again made an objection, Motion (for mistrial or otherwise) or request for curative instruction related to the issue. The record reveals a thorough discussion about all areas of the jury instructions and forms of verdict, in which the issue is neither raised or mentioned by any party or the Court. Trial Transcript, Day 5, Pages 23-38.

The Nevada Supreme Court has consistently held that one of this court's "primary objectives" is to promote the "efficient administration of justice." Eberhard Mfg. Co. v. Baldwin, 97 Nev. 271, 273, 628 P.2d 681, 682 (1981). The efficient administration of justice requires that any doubts concerning a verdict's consistency with Nevada law be addressed before the court dismisses the jury. Carlson v. Locatelli, 109 Nev. 257, 262-63, 849 P.2d 313, 316 (1993). The Court has also held that wherever possible, the verdict should be salvaged so that no new trial is required." Id. at 263, 849 P.2d at 316-17. In furtherance of that goal, the Court has repeatedly held true the policy that "failure to timely object to the filing of the verdict or to move that the case be resubmitted to the jury" constitutes a waiver of the issue of an inconsistent verdict. Eberhard, 97 Nev. at 273, 628 P.2d at 682. See also Brascia v. Johnson, 105 Nev. 592, 596, 781 P.2d 765, 768 (1989); Carlson, 109 Nev. at 262-63, 849

P.2d at 316-17.

Accordingly, in the instant case, the Plaintiff's clear decision to pass on the Court's offered consideration of either a curative jury instruction or Motion for Mistrial, would have allowed the issue to be addressed while the jury was still in the box and in doing so, would have allowed for the Court to make a determination at that time in the efficient administration of justice. When given this option, the Plaintiff unequivocally decided against making a motion for same. The Plaintiff even asked the Court to reserve the issue, and even given the flexibility to make the same motion later, never did. The Plaintiff was given the opportunity to object, move the Court for a Mistrial or ask for a curative instruction. The Plaintiff chose not to do so. As such, the Plaintiff has waived his ability to argue for same at this juncture following an adverse verdict. This Court should not consider this argument now, after the jury has returned their verdict and should deny Plaintiff's Motion on this issue.

III. There was no "manifest disregard by the jury of the instructions of the court"

In determining the propriety of the granting of a new trial under NRCP 59(a)(5), the question is not whether the jurors correctly applied the instructions of the court in their entirety, but whether one can "declare that, had the jurors properly applied the instructions of the court, it would have been impossible for them to reach the verdict which they reached." Weaver Bros. v. Misskelley, 98 Nev. 232 (1982),

citing Fox v. Cusick, 91 Nev. 218, 533 P.2d 466 (1975); see also Groomes v. Fox, 96 Nev. 457, 611 P.2d 208 (1980); Eikelberger v. Tolotti, 94 Nev. 58, 574 P.2d 277 (1978); Price v. Sinnott, 85 Nev. 600, 460 P.2d 837 (1969).

In the instant case, while the Plaintiff makes naked allegation that "the only possible explanation for this verdict must lie in the Defendant's improper conduct during the trial" - - Plaintiff cannot point to a single shred of evidence in the record that in any way intimates either the seeking of a nullified verdict or a verdict that is based on nullification. The only explanation that Plaintiff makes to this end is that the verdict was a dissatisfactory one and thus, must have been based on jury nullification. Clearly, this tenuous argument cannot be stretched to meet the Plaintiff's burden to show that "it would have been impossible for them to reach the verdict they reached." See Weaver Bros. v. Misskelley, supra.

In this matter, the jury clearly, through polling, indicated their reasoned decision in this case. On page 78-80 of the day 5 Trial Transcript, this honorable Court polled the entire jury, member by member, and inquired of their responses and verdict. There was no objection to the polling and there was no objection to the ultimate verdict made contemporaneous with this process. As such, the Plaintiff must now be precluded from raising this issue on a Motion for New Trial pursuant to NRCP 59. Our Supreme Court has held that "[f]ailure to object to asserted errors at trial will bar review of an issue on appeal." McCullough v. State, 99 Nev. 72, 74, 657 P.2d 1157, 1158 (1983); see also Allum v. Valley Bank of Nevada, 970 P. 2d 1062

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(1998), citing Commonwealth v. Jackson, 457 Pa. 237, 324 A.2d 350, 353 (Pa. 1974) (one cannot be heard to challenge unanimity of verdict where he fails to question the jurors' answers or requests that jurors be further interrogated); See also Scott v. Chapman, 71 Nev. 329, 331, 291 P.2d 422, 423 (1955).

## **CONCLUSION**

Based upon the foregoing, Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration should be GRANTED and Plaintiff's previously filed Motion for New Trial should be DENIED in its entirety.

DATED this 27th day of August, 2013.

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This action came on for trial before the Court, Honorable Ronald J. Israel, District Judge, presiding and a jury on February 25, 26, 27, 28, and March 1, 2013, the issues having been duly tried and the jury having duly rendered its verdict on March 1, 2013, the Court enters this Judgment pursuant to N.R.C.P. 54.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Judgment on the jury verdict is entered in favor of Defendant Christopher Beavor.

## II. NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

Within ten (10) days after entry of this Judgment, Defendant shall serve written notice of such entry, together with a copy of this Judgment, upon Plaintiff and shall file notice of entry with the clerk of the court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this/ Lday of May, 2013.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Respectfully Submitted,

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We, the jury in the	above-entitled	action	find:
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This Motion is made and based upon the following Points and Authorities, all papers and pleadings on file herein, the Affidavit of Brian Morris, Esq. attached hereto, and any and all oral argument as may be allowed at the time of hearing.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

## COHEN-JOHNSON, LLC

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## POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I.

### **FACTS**

The civil case Yacov Jack Hefetz vs. Christopher Beavor (hereinafter referred to as Hefetz v. Beavor was heard before a jury between February 26, 2013 through March 1, 2013. The case arose out of Defendant's failure to meet his obligations as guarantor of a defaulted personal loan in the amount of \$6,000,000.00. The underlying facts of the litigation are these:

On or about March 29, 2007, Defendant entered into a Loan Agreement whereby Borrower procured a loan in the amount of \$6,000,000.00 (the "Loan") from lender the Herbert Frey Revocable Family Trust ("Lender"). As part of the inducement for the loan, Defendant signed an unconditional and irrevocable personal guarantee of full and prompt payment of the principal and interest due and owing on the Loan.

On or about July 6, 2011, the principal Mr. Frey, assigned Plaintiff Hefetz and Alis Cohen all of Lender's right, title and interest in and to the Payment Guarantee. Frey assigned the Personal Guaranty (and other Loan documents) to Hefetz because he has cancer and was getting too old to pursue Defendants. Alis Cohen subsequently assigned her rights under the Payment

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Guaranty in full to Hefetz. A jury trial on the matter was held and a verdict entered in favor of the Defendants. Notice of entry of the order was entered on May 21, 2013. A Motion for Judgment not on the Verdict or in the alternative for a New Trial was timely filed on June 10, 2013. Plaintiff filed an opposition in which the sole argument was the untimeliness of the motion. Defendant filed a Reply to the Motion which was served by facsimile on July 2, 2013 (See Exhibit 1) and by mail on July 10, 2013 (See Exhibit 2) and the Court granted the Motion for a New Trial on August 7. 2013.

Defendant has now filed a Motion to Reconsider alleging that his failure to respond on the merits was due to his belief that the Plaintiff was going to withdraw the motion as untimely. This is refuted by the affidavit of Brian Morris, Es q. which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and incorporated herein and the pleadings themselves. As the affidavit illustrates on June 20, 2013 Defendant's counsel called Mr. Morris at the office of Cohen Johnson and informed Mr. Morris that the Motion for New Trial filed by the Plaintiff was untimely. Mr. Morris informed Mr. Tomscheck that he had not prepared the motion but would inquire into the matter. Tomsheck, did not wait for Mr. Morris to get back to him, but filed his Opposition which only addressed the timeliness issue. Approximately an hour and a half later, Mr. Tomsheck, again spoke with Mr. Morris who informed him that Mr. Tomsheck had miscalculated the date, that Plaintiff's Motion was timely filed. Mr. Tomsheck replied that he would stand on his motion and would address the merits only if the Court requested supplemental briefing. Mr. Morris informed him that we would abide by the Court's ruling on the issue of supplemental briefing. On July 2, 2013, Plaintiff filed his Reply to the Opposition, arguing that Defendant's failure to address the merits constituted a waiver of his argument (See Exhibit 1) and again served the motion by mail on July 10, 2013 (See Exhibit 2). Although Defendant had actual knowledge of the Plaintiff's position, he never requested leave to file a supplemental brief arguing the merits of the motion under EJDCR 2.20 (i). The Motion was originally set for the Court's Chambers Calendar on July 17, 2013, but was moved by the Court to the Chambers Calendar on August 7, 2013 where the Court granted the Motion for a New Trial. At no time did Defendant ever

request or file a motion for additional briefing or file a request for an oral argument. On August 7, 2013 the Court granted the Motion for New Trial.

II.

#### LAW AND ARGUMENT

Defendant has brought a motion for reconsideration as to this Court's entry of an Order Granting a New Trial. A Motion for Reconsideration is governed by EJDR2.24 which provides:

## Rule 2.24. Rehearing of motions.

(a) No motions once heard and disposed of may be renewed in the same cause, nor may the same matters therein embraced be reheard, unless by leave of the court granted upon motion therefor, after notice of such motion to the adverse parties.

(b) A party seeking reconsideration of a ruling of the court, other than any order which may be addressed by motion pursuant to N.R.C.P. 50(b), 52(b), 59 or 60, must file a motion for such relief within 10 days after service of written notice of the order or judgment unless the time is shortened or enlarged by order. A motion for rehearing or reconsideration must be served, noticed, filed and heard as is any other motion. A motion for reconsideration does not toll the 30-day period for filing a notice of appeal from a final order or judgment.

(c) If a motion for rehearing is granted, the court may make a final disposition of the cause without reargument or may reset it for reargument or resubmission or may make such other orders as are deemed appropriate under the circumstances of the particular case.

It must be initially pointed out that once again the Defendant has ignored the Court rules and failed to request leave to file the Motion from the Court with notice to the Plaintiff as required under the Rule 224. Defendant filed the Motion, either presuming that the Court will grant leave and a hearing on the motion despite his noncompliance, or that he is not bound by the rules. Just as Defendant chose to not address the Plaintiff' Motion on its merits, although he had a more than ample opportunity to do so; the Defendant has now chosen to ignore the requirements of the very rule which he invokes for relief. Defendant's motion should be denied on its face for its failure to comply with EJDCR 2.24 (a).

However despite the fact that the Motion is improperly filed, in the interest of judicial economy the Plaintiff will address the arguments made, without waiving the objection to the motion itself.

## A. <u>DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION</u> AS TO TIMELINESS SHOULD BE DENIED

1. Defendant has set forth no new facts or law supporting reconsideration.

The Supreme Court of Nevada has made it clear that a Motion for Reconsideration is not a do-over and reconsideration should be granted only in "very rare circumstances" as the Court noted in *Moore v. Las Vegas 92 Nev. 402,405 (Nev. 1976)*.

"...only in very rare instances in which new issues of fact or law are raised supporting a ruling contrary to the ruling already reached should a motion for rehearing be granted." *Id.* 

The Court also found that it is an "...abuse of discretion" for the district court to entertain a motion for rehearing that lacks new issues of fact or law. *Id.* 

The issue of timeliness was decided by this Court on August 7, 2013 and Defendant fully briefed that issue, therefore any additional argument which does not provide new evidence or law unavailable at the time of the initial opposition cannot support a Motion for Reconsideration. Therefore the timeliness of the Motion for New Trial is not a justiciable issue. However since Defendant has chosen to address it and now argues that Plaintiff was obliged to file it's Motion for New Trial on Saturday June 8 rather than June 10, the Plaintiff cannot allow this statement to go unchallenged.

Computation of time is specifically addressed by EJDCR 1.14 which provides:

#### Rule 1.14. Time; judicial days; service by mail.

(a) In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these rules, by order of court, or by any applicable statute, the day of the act, event or default from which the designated period of time begins to run must not be included. The last day of the period so computed must be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a non-judicial day, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a non-judicial day, or, when the act to be done is the filing of a paper in court, a day on which weather or other conditions have made the office of the clerk of the district court inaccessible, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not one of the aforementioned days. The County Clerk shall memorialize and maintain in a written log all such inaccessible days. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than 11 days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and non-judicial days must be excluded in the computation.

(b) If any day on which an act required to be done by any one of these rules falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the act may be performed on the next succeeding judicial day.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (d) of this rule, whenever a party has the right or is required to do some act or take some proceedings within a prescribed period after the service of a notice or other paper, other than process, a motion for a new trial, a motion to vacate judgment pursuant to NRCP 59 or a notice of appeal, and the notice or paper is served upon the party by mail, either U.S. Mail or court authorized electronic mail, or by electronic means, three (3) days must be added to the prescribed period.

(d) The three (3) calendar days provided for in paragraph (c) of this rule shall not apply to criminal proceedings due to the necessity of getting matters on the calendar as quickly as possible as provided for in <u>EDCR 3.20</u>.

[As amended; effective December 10, 2009.] (emphasis added)

The rules are quite specific that when the last day of a period which includes the three days for mailing, falls on a Saturday or Sunday the date is continued to the next business day. This is the rule, affirmed by the Nevada Supreme Court of Nevada in Winston Products Company, Inc. v. DeBoer et.al. 122 Nev. 517, 134 P3d 726 (Nev 2006.) In view of the clear Nevada law on this issue Defendant's reliance on cases from other jurisdictions and Nevada cases overruled by Winston is meaningless.

Additionally Defendant had actual knowledge from Mr. Morris, that the Plaintiff would not concede the timeliness of the motion on June 20, 2013. This was reinforced when Defendant received Plaintiff's reply by fax on July 2, 2013, and again by mail on July 10, 2013 which argued that not only was the Motion timely filed but Defendant's failure to address the merits constituted a waiver of those arguments. This put Defendant on notice that Plaintiff was seeking a decision on the merits. The Defendant made a strategic choice to not seek leave to file a supplemental brief; request additional relief from the Court or even to request that the Court transfer the matter from the chambers calendar to Court's regular motion calendar. Instead the Defendant allowed the Court to rule and only after losing the motion sought to address the merits of the Plaintiff's Motion.

#### 2. <u>Defendant voluntarily waived his right to address the merits of the Motion.</u>

The fact that Defendant miscalculated the timeliness of the Plaintiff's Motion does not negate his obligation to address the Motion on its merits. Nor does the fact that his tactical decision to rely solely on a timeliness issue was unsuccessful justify his attempts now attempt to

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reopen the issues. Defendant argues that the Courts seek to have matters heard on the merits. However the simple fact is that the Defendant had a full opportunity to address the merits of the Motion but chose not to do so. This is not a denial of a hearing on the merits by the Court, but a voluntary waiver of that hearing by the Defendant. A Defendant may not refuse to address the merits on a claim, and then after losing, seek to re-litigate the issue.

In support of his Motion Defendant relies on EJDCR 2.20. However, this reliance is misplaced. The rule does not permit a party to reserve arguments in opposition and file them piecemeal. It is not satisfied merely by the filing of a piece of paper entitled opposition which ignores the arguments raised in the Motion it is addressing. The opposition must address the arguments and authorities raised in the motion and the failure to do so may result in the Court choosing to ignore the opposition. As EDJCR 2.20 e) provides:

(e) Within 10 days after the service of the motion, and 5 days after service of any joinder to the motion, the opposing party must serve and file written notice of nonopposition or opposition thereto, together with a memorandum of points and authorities and supporting affidavits, if any, stating facts showing why the motion and/or joinder should be denied. Failure of the opposing party to serve and file written opposition may be construed as an admission that the motion and/or joinder is meritorious arid a consent to granting the same. (emphasis added)

The rule does not allow the Opposition to address some issues while reserving the right to address other issues should they not prevail. Additionally EJDCR 2.20(i) provides:

"...supplemental briefs will only be permitted if filed within the original time limitations of paragraph (a) (b) or (d) or by order of the Court." This language does not explicitly or implicitly allow, encourage or condone, a party who, for whatever reason, fails to address the full merits of a Motion and then attempts to first address the merits on a motion for reconsideration. Defendant had both the opportunity and the obligation to seek relief from the Court prior to the decision on the Motion for New Trial on August 7, 2013. Defendant under EDJCR 2.20(i) had the right to file a supplemental brief up until June 27th, 2013, but chose not to do so. Defendant also had the opportunity to ask the Court to permit supplemental briefing prior to the August 7, 2013 chambers hearing but again chose not to act. Defendant had a more than ample opportunity

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to address the merits of the Plaintiff's Motion, but made a deliberate and intentional decision not to do so and must now accept the consequences of that decision.

#### B. PLAINTIFF IS ENTITELED TO A NEW TRIAL

While Plaintiff objects to Defendant's attempt to re-litigate the merits of the original Motion for New Trial, without waiving the objections previously raised cannot allow the Defendant's arguments, however improper to go unchallenged.

Plaintiff sought and was granted a new trial based on the following grounds pursuant to NRCP 59:

(A) Irregularity in the proceedings of the court, jury, master, or adverse party, or any order of the court, or master, or abuse of discretion by which either party was prevented from having a fair trial;

At the trial of this matter, the Defendant referred in his opening statement to an unsigned offer of settlement negotiations which Defendant sent to non-party Frey. At the time, the evidence may have been admissible for the limited purpose of supporting the Defendants' counterclaim that Plaintiff fraudulently prevented Mr. Frey from accepting the offer. However, once the Counterclaims were dismissed as a matter of law, the use of this evidence concerning what at best could be described as a "settlement negotiation" by Plaintiff constituted plain error since any testimony or evidence concerning settlement negotiations is impermissible at trial as a Plain error is defined in NRS 178.602 as "Plain errors or defects matter of Nevada law. affecting substantial rights may be noticed although they were not brought to the attention of the court". Since when the evidence was initially introduced it might have been applicable no objection would have been sustained. Unfortunately, once the Counter-claims were dismissed the "bell" could not be unrung, and Defendant improperly used this inadmissible evidence for an impermissible purpose. Defendant argued the implications of this settlement offer on the issue of liability in his closing statement (See Transcript of Day 5 P. 63 attached hereto as Exhibit 2) in clear violation of Nevada Revised Statute, 48.105 which provides:

- Evidence of:
- (a) Furnishing or offering or promising to furnish; or

(b) Accepting or offering or promising to accept, a valuable consideration in compromising or attempting to compromise a claim which was disputed as to either validity or amount, is not admissible to prove liability for or invalidity of the claim or its amount. Evidence of conduct or statements made in compromise negotiations is likewise not admissible.

Defendant's intentional violation of Nevada law prevented the Plaintiff from obtaining a fair trial. Defendant argued and improperly misled the jury into thinking that the original owner of the personal guaranty, Mr. Frey intended to accept the settlement offer, but was prevented from doing so by the improper conduct of the Plaintiff. Defendant was unable to adduce any evidence in support of this argument at trial, and his implications were refuted by the testimony of both the Plaintiff and Mr. Frey. Under these circumstances evidence and argument resulted in unfair prejudice to the Plaintiff, by asking the jury to use this evidence for an impermissible purpose. Such prejudice was so egregious that no objection was necessary to preserve the issue for reconsideration either in a motion for new trial or on appeal.

#### (B) Misconduct of the jury or prevailing party;

Defendant's also engaged in repeated acts of misconduct which while objected to and to which the objections were sustained no admonishment was given to the jury. In this case on several occasions, both in argument and in testimony, Counsel for the Defendant repeatedly referred to the Plaintiff as "an Israeli businessman". When admonished by the Court, Counsel's attempted justification of the remarks demonstrated that his intention was clearly to inflame and prejudice the jury against the Plaintiff based on Mr. Hefetz's being Jewish. In fact Counsel's remarks outside the presence of the jury, reek with the offensiveness of his conduct, and are replete with slanderous characterization which encouraged the jury to view the Plaintiff through the historical inaccuracies concerning the business practices of Jews since Shakespeare created Shylock. (See transcript of proceedings Day 2 P. 31-37 attached hereto as Exhibit 4). At that point the Court sui sponte admonished Defense Counsel that a another instance of this egregious conduct would result in a mistrial. A discussion then occurred between the Court and Plaintiff's counsel concerning the effectiveness and practicality of a curative instruction. Plaintiff's counsel was faced with the conundrum of having the Court admonish the jury, and thereby emphasizing

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the offensive characterization, or letting it go unremarked upon and hope that the remark had not prejudiced the jury. When the verdict was returned for the Defendant in the face of the uncontroverted evidence mandating a verdict for the Plaintiff, the damage was already done, and the only available relief is a new trial. Lioce v. Cohen 174 P. 3d 973, (Nev. 2008). While this unprincipled attack alone constitutes grounds for a new trial, the remarks also constituted an attack implying that Mr. Hefetz was not a citizen of the United States and not merely Israeli by birth but was a foreign national. This was an improper appeal to Post 9/11 xenophobia, implying that a true blue American (Defendant) should not be accountable to some foreigner (Plaintiff) who doesn't belong here and is using unscrupulous business methods to take advantage of American citizens.

It should be noted that the Defendant does not deny the comments made at trial, but instead seeks to justify the racist and jingoistic tenor of its arguments by claiming that the Plaintiff invited these comments. Merely having the Plaintiff testify where he was born and how long he lived in the United States does not "open the door" to a racist attack on Plaintiff's character. In fact, Mr. Sagese admitted to the Court that his purpose in referring to Plaintiff as an Israeli business man was to encourage the jury to assume that if Mr. Hefetz was Jewish, then he was by nature a smart and shrewd businessman. This is nothing less than an appear to view the Plaintiff through the prejudicial and jaundiced eye of anti-Semitism implying that we all know all about "Jewish businessmen-wink wink" This is no different or more egregious than attempts to portray a black businessman as being shiftless and lazy by nature and cannot be This blatant appeal to prejudice was countenanced or condoned by the judicial system. unconscionable and rang a bell so piercing that no jury instruction could unring it, or undue the ultimate damage.

#### (C) Accident or surprise which ordinary prudence could not have guarded against;

Just as no jury admonishment could have prevented the prejudicial effects of the Defendant's egregious comments concerning Mr. Hefetz's being Jewish, no reasonably prudent attorney would have anticipated that another officer of the Court would engage in such back-

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alley tactics. In fact a reasonably prudent counsel would have considered bringing a motion in limine to preclude such remarks as not only unnecessary, but demeaning to the dignity of the Court, and an unprovoked attack on the integrity of opposing counsel. That such a motion turns out to have been necessary, is a sad commentary on civility as well as grounds justifying a new trial.

#### (D) Manifest disregard by the jury of the instructions of the court;

The uncontroverted evidence adduced at trial establishes Plaintiff's right to a verdict. Whether or not the jury might have reduced the damages due on the note to less than its face value of \$6,000,000.00 should not have precluded the finding of liability. In fact, it initially appeared as though that was what the jury intended since the original verdict form showed a judgment for Plaintiff with a zero next to his name. Upon polling the jury members stated that the verdict was instead a finding of non-liability in favor of the Defendant. This finding was in clear disregard of the evidence. The only possible explanations for this verdict must lie in the Defendant's improper conduct during the trial. Either as the result of the slurs against the Plaintiff, or the improper argument concerning the meaning of the settlement offer, the Defendant effectively argued for and obtained jury nullification. Jury nullification is defined as

[a] jury's knowing and deliberate rejection of the evidence or refusal to apply the law either because the jury wants to send a message about some social issue that is larger than the case itself or because the result dictated by law is contrary to the jury's sense of justice, morality, or fairness (op.cit. 174 P.3d 982-983)

That Defendant was asking the jury to ignore the law, is shown in his final arguments to the jury. Not only did Counsel compare his client to a homeowner who was caught in the mortgage crisis, by implication comparing the Plaintiff's conduct to that of the egregious conduct of some banks in foreclosure proceeding, and attempting to have the jury identify and sympathize with the Defendant. (See Exhibit 4 P. 56) Without any supporting evidence, Defendant's Counsel asked the jury, to ignore the rulings of the bankruptcy court and believe that the Bankruptcy Court's order was the result of fraud by the Freys and Plaintiff. Defendant's Counsel again without evidence argued that the unsigned documents were in fact prepared, by

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Mr. Frey, stating that the fact that similar fonts were used evidenced that the same person drafted them.( See Exhibit 4 P. 58, 65). This argument is not only improper but absent an expert who testified that the documents were produced by the same computer and printer, were improper testimony by Counsel

Counsel then invited and solicited jury nullification by informing the jury that " ... you're expected to go in the deliberation room and do justice. Whatever you determine that is. Come out of there, you give your verdict, and that, by law, is justice." This is an appeal for jury nullification which created an atmosphere that the basically amounted to the unspoken argument that the law didn't matter, and that you could teach this "Israeli businessman" a lesson, not to mess with good American guys and is anathema to both the code and the spirit of the American system of jurisprudence.

#### IV

#### **CONCLUSION**

Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration was filed in violation EJDCR 2.24. The Motion for New Trial was timely filed under Nevada law, and Defendant must accept the consequences of his decision not to seek to supplement his opposition under EJUDCR 2.20 (i). By failing to do so the Defendant waived any arguments not set forth in his opposition to the Motion for New Trial. Despite this Plaintiff has been forced to readdress the issues upon which this Court has already ruled. Plaintiff was entitled to a fair and unprejudiced jury trial where the jury was not subjected to inadmissible evidence being used for an improper purpose. Scurrilous attacks on his ethnicity religion, and citizenship prevented the Plaintiff from obtaining a fair trial and resulted in jury nullification. The evidence supported a verdict in favor of the Plaintiff, and he should be granted the opportunity to present his case to a truly impartial jury, untainted by the inflammatory and improper conduct present in the first trial. Therefore Plaintiff asks this Honorable Court to:

Enter an order dismissing, striking, or denying the Defendant's Motion for 1. Reconsideration;

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- 2. Affirming the prior order granting the Plaintiff a new trial on the merits;
- 3. Granting the Plaintiff's attorneys fees for the time spent in preparing the opposition to this motion for Reconsideration;
  - Such other and additional relief as this court deems equitable and just.
     DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **OPPOSIITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION** was served by placing a copy thereof in the US Mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, with proper postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

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CHRISTOPHER BEAVOR, an individual; SAMANTHA BEAVOR, an individual; DOES I through X and ROES ENTITIES I through X, inclusive.

Defendants.

### REPLY TO DEFENDANT CHRISTOPHER BEAVOR'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL OR IN THEALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR JUDGMENT NOTWITHSTANDING VERDICT (JNOV)

COME NOW, Plaintiff, YACOV JACK HEFETZ, by and through his attorneys of record H. Stan Johnson, Esq. of Cohen-Johnson, LLC, and hereby Replies to Defendant Christopher Beavor's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial, or in the Alternative Motion for Judgment Notwithstanding Verdict (JNOV).

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DATED this 2nd day of July, 2013.

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The civil case Yacov Jack Hefetz vs. Christopher Beavor (hereinafter referred to as Hefetz v. Beavor was heard before a jury between February 26, 2013 through March 1, 2013. The case arose out of Defendant's failure to meet his obligations as guarantor of a defaulted personal loan in the amount of \$6,000,000.00. During the course of the trial, Plaintiff's attorney made several comments referencing the fact that the Plaintiff was Israeli, and certain behaviors and characteristics should be presumed based on his ethnicity. Objections were made and the Court cautioned Counsel.

On March 1, 2013 the Court granted a directed verdict as to all the Defendants counterclaims. The Plaintiff's case went to verdict and a jury verdict in favor of the defendant was entered in the above captioned matter. Plaintiffs believe that the verdict was improperly influenced by the racial slurs and imprecations made by Plaintiff's counsel.

On March 25, 2013 Marc Saggese, Attorney for the Defendant, withdrew from the case. On March 29, 2013, H. Stan Johnson, Esq. of Cohen Johnson LLC substituted in as Counsel for the Plaintiff. On May 21, 2013 Marc Saggese served a Notice of Entry of Judgment. This

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Motion for a New Trial and/or Amendment of Judgment is being timely filed within 10 days of the service of the Notice of Entry.

#### III.

#### **LEGAL ARGUMENT**

#### A. Plaintiff's Motion was Timely Filed.

Defendant's sole opposition to the motion is the claim that the Motions for New Trial was untimely filed. Motions for New trials are governed by NRCP 59 which provides in pertinent part:

#### RULE 59. NEW TRIALS; AMENDMENT OF JUDGMENTS

(a) Grounds. A new trial may be granted to all or any of the parties and on all or part of the issues for any of the following causes or grounds materially affecting the substantial rights of an aggrieved party: (1) Irregularity in the proceedings of the court, jury, master, or adverse party, or any order of the court, or master, or abuse of discretion by which either party was prevented from having a fair trial; (2) Misconduct of the jury or prevailing party; (3) Accident or surprise which ordinary prudence could not have guarded against; (4) Newly discovered evidence material for the party making the motion which the party could not, with reasonable diligence, have discovered and produced at the trial; (5) Manifest disregard by the jury of the instructions of the court; (6) Excessive damages appearing to have been given under the influence of passion or prejudice; or, (7) Error in law occurring at the trial and objected to by the party making the motion. On a motion for a new trial in an action tried without a jury, the court may open the judgment if one has been entered, take additional testimony, amend findings of fact and conclusions of law or make new findings and conclusions, and direct the entry of a new judgment.

[As amended; effective January 1, 2005.]

(b) Time for Motion. A motion for a new trial shall be filed no later than 10 days after service of written notice of the entry of the judgment.

The Notice of Entry of Judgment was served by facsimile transmission on May 21, 2013. In calculating the ten days the statute provides only judicial days are calculated. Following the expiration of these ten judicial days three days are then added for purposes of mailing. NRCP 6 provides for the computation of time that:

(a) Computation. In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these rules, by the local rules of any district court, by order of court, or by any applicable statute, the day of the act, event, or default from which the

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designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a nonjudicial day, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a nonjudicial day, or, when the act to bedone is the filing of a paper in court, a day on which weather or other conditions have made the office of the clerk of the district court inaccessible, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not one of the aforementioned days. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than 11 days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and nonjudicial days shall be excluded in the computation except for those proceedings filed under Titles 12 or 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

Pursuant to Rule 6 the date of the Notice of Entry is not included in the computation. This means that the ten days begins to run on May 22, 2013, The judicial days in that week were May 23, and 24. The intervening Saturday and Sunday is not included. Nor is Monday, May 27th which was the Memorial Day holiday, and was a non-judicial day. The remaining days of the week, the 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st are included. This brings the total to seven judicial days. Neither Saturday June 1st or Sunday June 2nd is included. June 3rd, 4th, 5th are included. The tenth judicial day from May 22, 2013 was June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. However NRCP 6 (e) provides:

(e) Additional Time After Service by Mail or Electronic Means. Whenever a party has the right or is required to do some act or take some proceedings within a prescribed period after the service of a notice or other paper, other than process, upon the party and the notice or paper is served upon the party by mail or by electronic means, 3 days shall be added to the prescribed period.

Adding these three days would be June 6th, and June 7th, the third calendar day for mailing would be Saturday June 8th. Pursuant to NRCP Rule 6, Saturday June 8th will not be included making the last day June 10, 2013, which was the date of the timely filing by the Plaintiff.

This is the method of calculation set forth by the Nevada Supreme Court in Winston Products Company, Inc. v. DeBoer et.al. 122 Nev. 517, 134 P3d 726 (Nev 2006) under identical circumstances and is directly on point and controlling, proving that the Plaintiff's motion was timely filed.

#### Defendant's Failure to Oppose the Motion on its Merits В. Constitutes a Waiver

EJDCR 2.20 provides that:

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(e) Within 10 days after the service of the motion, and 5 days after service of any joinder to the motion, the opposing party must serve and file written notice of nonopposition or opposition thereto, together with a memorandum of points and authorities and supporting affidavits, if any, stating facts showing why the motion and/or joinder should be denied. Failure of the opposing party to serve and file written opposition may be construed as an admission that the motion and/or joinder is meritorious and a consent to granting the same.

The rules exist so that motions may be timely heard and resolved, not allow a party to continue to relitigate a matter one element at a time. Just as the Plaintiff was required to set forth his arguments and grounds in a single motion, Defendant is required to address the entire motion in one responsive pleading, and may not use this method to improperly enlarge the statutory time allowed to file a response. Plaintiff's motion was served on the Defendant on June 10, 2013 and the Plaintiff was allowed until June 27, 2013 to file an opposition. Plaintiff instead of using the full time allowed to file a pleading responsive to the substantive arguments chose to file a opposition limited only timeliness on June 20, 2013.

Nevada law does not provide that the opposing party may file piece meal oppositions but allows one opportunity to oppose the entire motion. In the present case, the Defendant has failed to even address a single ground relied upon by the Plaintiff in his motion. This failure to address the substantive arguments amounts to a failure to provide a written opposition and should be construed as an admission that those arguments are meritorious and consent to the granting of the motion. By choosing to solely oppose the motion only on the grounds of timeliness the Defendant has waived his right to make a further opposition. Defendant chose not to file a substantive response and must accept the consequences of that decision.

#### IV

#### **CONCLUSION**

Plaintiff was entitled to a fair and unprejudiced jury trial where the jury was not subjected to inadmissible evidence being used for an improper purpose. Scurrilous attacks on his ethnicity religion, and citizenship prevented the Plaintiff from obtaining a fair trial and resulted in jury nullification. The evidence supported a verdict in favor of the Plaintiff, and he should be granted

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the opportunity to present his case to a truly impartial jury, untainted by the inflammatory and The Plaintiff's Motion was timely filed, and the improper conduct present in the first trial. Defendant failed to file an opposition to the grounds set forth in Plaintiff's Motion, waiving any arguments opposing those grounds and admitting that the Plaintiff's Motion is meritourius and consenting to the granting of the relief sought. Therefore Plaintiff asks this Honorable Court to:

- 1. Enter an order finding that Plaintiff's Motion was timely filed;
- Finding that the Defendant's Opposition constitutes an admission that any 2. grounds not addressed in are admitted to as meritorious,;
- 3. Enter an Order vacating the judgment;
- Granting the Plaintiff a new trial on the merits; 4.
- Granting the Plaintiff a Judgment Not On the Verdict. 5.
- Such other and additional relief as this court deems equitable and just. 6.

#### **Affirmation Pursuant to NRS 239B.030**

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

#### COHEN-JOHNSON, LLC

/s/ H. Stan Johnson By: \_\_\_ H. STAN JOHNSON, ESO. Nevada Bar No. 0265 TERRY KINNALLY, ESQ. Nevada Bar No.: 06379 255 W. Warm Springs Rd., Ste. 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 Attorneys for Plaintiff

# COHEN-JOHNSON, LLC

Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 (702) 823-3500 FAX: (702) 823-3400 

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL OR IN THEALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR JUDGMENT NOTWITHSTANDING VERDICT (JNOV) was served by facsimile Transmission and by placing a copy thereof in the US Mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, with proper postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Joshua Tomsheck, Esq Nevada State Bar No. 9210 Hofland & Tomsheck 228 South Fourth Street First Floor Las Vegas Nevada 89101 Facsimile (702)731-6910

/s/Nelson Achaval
An Employee of COHEN-JOHNSON, LLC

## Exhibit "3"

#### AFFIDAVIT OF BRIAN A. MORRIS, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

STATE OF NEVADA	) ) ss:
COUNTY OF CLARK	) 33.
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Brian A. Morris, Esq., being fully sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. That affiant is a duly licensed and practicing attorney in the State of Nevada, is a member of the law firm of Cohen-Johnson, LLC, and maintains an office at 255 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 100, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.
- 2. That Cohen-Johnson, LLC is the law firm of record for Plaintiff, Yacov Jack Hefetz.
- 3. That the facts in this affidavit are true, and if called upon I will testify to the same.
- 4. That Mr. Tomsheck called me at 1:52pm on 6/20/13 to discuss the timeliness of the Motion filed by Cohen-Johnson, LLC. See 8x8 phone records which reflect the exact time and duration of the call attached to this affidavit as Exhibit 3- A.
- 5. This initial call lasted 10 minutes and 54 seconds. *Id.*
- 6. During the phone call, Mr. Tomsheck explained his position and method of calendaring the due date for the Motion at issue.
- 7. That I informed Mr. Tomsheck that I did not calendar the date or file the Motion, but it sounded like we might have a problem.
- 8. That I thanked Mr. Tomsheck for bringing this to my attention, and told him that I would investigate and call him back right away.
- 9. That Mr. Tomsheck filed the Opposition to our Motion a little over an hour later at 3:21pm on 6/20/13. See filed stamped Motion on file herein.
- 10. That I discussed this matter with Mr. Johnson from our office as soon as he was available, around 3:30pm.
- 11. That Mr. Johnson immediately recognized the error in Mr. Tomsheck's calculations, which was that he failed to exclude the intermediate holiday of Memorial Day on 5/27/13 from his calculations.

12.	That were it not for Memorial Day, Mr. Tomsheck would have been correct, and
the M	lotion would have been time barred.
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- 13. That I returned Mr. Tomscheck's call at 3:34pm on 6/20/13, as reflected by the attached phone records. See Exhibit 3-B to this Affidavit.
- 14. That I left a voicemail requesting a call back at that time.
- 15. That shortly thereafter, Mr. Tomsheck returned my call at 3:48pm wherein we discussed the calendar issues for 12 minutes and 13 seconds. See Exhibit A.
- 16. That during our conversation I insisted to Mr. Tomscheck that "the Motion is absolutely timely" and pointed out to Mr. Tomsheck that he did not account for Memorial Day in his calculations.
- 17. That Mr. Tomsheck responded that he was going to stick with his position, and that if the court requested supplemental briefing then he would address the merits at that time.
- 18. That I agreed that we would follow the court's guidance should additional briefing be requested by the Honorable Judge, but that the motion was most definitely filed on time.

Further, affiant sayeth naught.

BRIAN A. MORRIS, ESQ.

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(Jury recesses at 12:13 p.m.)

THE COURT: Now, counsel, I allowed you to ask him or
you discussed the fact that he was Israeli one time. What was
the relevance, other than to prejudice the jury, as your
statement that he's an Israeli businessman?
MR. SAGGESE: Because he's
THE COURT: Because I'm offended.
MR. SAGGESE: He's he's
THE COURT: If he was black, are you going to say
he's a black businessman?
MR. SAGGESE: No. But if there was a certain area of
expertise that he had and and by virtue of him I mean,
he's an intelligent I I feel comfortable saying he's an
intelligent Israeli businessman. Because I think the the
implication
THE COURT: I think that's highly offensive.
MR. SAGGESE: You think so?
THE COURT: It's offensive to me. What's your
ethnicity?
MR. SAGGESE: Italian.
THE COURT: So, if I said, Well, he's a very fine
Italian attorney, would that be appropriate? I don't think
so.
MR. SAGGESE: Well, Italians are not necessarily good
lawyers.
THE COURT: Counsel, your argument is absolutely

MR. SAGGESE: Do you know what I mean?

THE COURT: — without merit. I think your — your intent is to prejudice the jury, and I'm very close to declaring a mistrial.

MR. SAGGESE: I disagree, Your Honor. Let me -- let me put it in perspective. If this was --

THE COURT: Go ahead, make a record. Because you're really on thin ice.

MR. SAGGESE: If this was a — a chef and I said, You're a successful Italian chef, absolutely, I believe that that would be consistent and it would point out the fact that he is not — this is not his first foray. He's a successful Israeli businessman.

THE COURT: If you had said he's a successful businessman, that would have been absolutely appropriate. What's the relevance of the fact that he — first of all, I think he's an American citizen.

Aren't you?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: And second of all, the fact that he's Israeli — what possible relevance does that have other than to try to prejudice the jury in some manner?

MR. SAGGESE: Absolutely, I don't see how that would prejudice the jury. It would show that he has a significant or superior level of business acumen. I think that's a

1	compliment, if anything. It's an absolute
2	THE COURT: I find that offensive, too, that all
3	Israelis are are good businessman, all Jews are
4	MR. SAGGESE: That's
5	THE COURT: good at business? Counsel, there's no
6	way you can justify that. Except that you are trying to
7	prejudice the jury.
8	MR. SAGGESE: I would never do that. And it's so
9	significant and valuable that I wouldn't even try that.
10	THE COURT: You know how many I I don't
11	understand why you haven't objected to the relevance of this
12	whole thing several times, but that's your that's
13	MR. IGLODY: Well, I stood up to make my objection,
14	and then you called it. Because I was
15	MR. SAGGESE: It's it
16	MR. IGLODY: I I let it go a little bit. I was
17	like, all right, if he really wants to go there. But then
18	finally I stood up
19	THE COURT: This is the second time.
20	MR. IGLODY: to object.
21	THE COURT: I'm admonishing you.
22	MR. SAGGESE: I won't reference it again.
23	THE COURT: If you do it a third time
24	MR. SAGGESE: I won't.
25	THE COURT: I'm declaring a mistrial.

MR. SAGGESE: I won't reference it again. To me it doesn't, you know, it doesn't strike — I didn't mean to make it cause such a response. But I'm just stating a fact of the case and it is, in fact, true. He's born and raised and he — that those are — that's his basis of knowledge.

THE COURT: Well, you know, it's --

MR. SAGGESE: It's certainly not done to inflame —

THE COURT: — just as offensive at the Academy

Awards when they made jokes about the fact that Jews control

the cinema. And if you think that's appropriate, well, okay,

MR. SAGGESE: Fair enough.

you can do that. But not in my courtroom.

THE COURT: And --

MR. SAGGESE: I apologize. I — honest to God, I'm, you know, I'm speaking the way I'm laying the facts as they are. This is, you know, you're not — in other words you're not — I'm laying it out and I just spoke it with — honest, Your Honor, you know me better than that to try and —

THE COURT: I -- I understand --

MR. SAGGESE: -- you said inflame the jury.

THE COURT: -- I -- the first time, fine. You know, you were trying to explain where he's from. The second time under this particular circumstance, directly, yes. It's not relevant and it is offensive. And what he -- his ethnicity, I would no longer -- I would no more allow you to say, Well,

you're a black American and whatever. Or an Italian American, 1 or what exactly. I wouldn't -- ethnicity has no place and 2 justice is supposed to be blind. So we're not going to 3 discuss that any further. 4 All right. We're in recess. 5 MR. IGLODY: What time do we come back? 6 THE MARSHAL: 1:15. 7 THE COURT: 1:15. 8 MR. SAGGESE: Again, my apologies, Your Honor. 9 THE COURT: Fine. Don't do it again. 10 MR. SAGGESE: I don't want you viewing me differently 11 than you may have 10 minutes ago. 12 THE COURT: All right. 13 MR. SAGGESE: I apologize. Won't happen again. 14 (Court recesses at 12:18 p.m., until 1:33 p.m.) 15 (Outside the presence of the jury.) 16 THE COURT: We're on the record. So I thought a lot 17 about declaring a mistrial over the break. And I reviewed the 18 tape again. And once again, just so you understand, Mr. --19 and I, you know, we've never -- it's Saggese? 2.0 Uh-huh. MR. SAGGESE: 21 Saggese. Mr. Saggese, your comments that THE COURT: 22 you thought you were giving him a compliment that he was an 23 Israeli -- good -- a good Israeli businessman totally ignores 24 or something the -- I mean, that -- that's just stereotyping

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him as a -- a good Jewish businessman. And as I said, so I understand that apparently you don't see it as offensive, but I can tell you it is.

So my question to the plaintiff's counsel is do you want a curative instruction?

MR. IGLODY: The problem with a --

THE COURT: Or do you just want to move on?

MR. IGLODY: The problem with a curative instruction, and this is difficult for us, is, of course, when you give a curative instruction, you just draw attention to it.

THE COURT: Highlights it, yes.

MR. IGLODY: And that — and that creates the problem. If it would please the Court I think perhaps you can reserve on that issue for now, depending on how the rest of the examination goes. And if necessary, that can be addressed perhaps before we issue the jury instructions, depending on whether it's necessary. At some point I have to rely on the jury's good discretion to see past these inflammatory statements.

THE COURT: Okay. Then we'll continue.

MR. HULET: Your Honor, I have one thing before we bring in the jury. Wayne Krygier is here from North Dakota. We discussed him earlier. And we'd like to bring him in now if possible, to be out of order, to make sure we can get his testimony done before [indiscernible].

1	to take over this project and correct all the mistakes and		
2	make it viable. And it never substantiated to anything. More		
3	than welcome, that was the purpose of my my tender, was to		
4	get Mr. Frey and anybody else as a byproduct off their		
5	personal guaranties, and if somebody would step up to the		
6	plate and do that, I wouldn't have to go through what I was		
7	doing. So.		
8	Q So you were willing to listen to anybody who		
9	could potentially buy the loan?		
10	A The goal was to get the personal guaranties back		
11	from from the bank. And if somebody had money and that		
12	facilitated, yes, that's correct.		
13	Q Did Mr. Beavor ever produce anybody with money?		
14	A No, he did not.		
15	Q Now, did you attend the Toluca Lake bankruptcy		
16	hearings?		
17	A Yes, I did.		
18	Q Was Mr. Beavor at the bankruptcy hearings?		
19	A He was at some.		
20	Q Did he was he ever to able to speak to the		
21	judge at the hearings?		
22	A Yes, he did.		
23	Q Did he have any complaints that he voiced to the		
24	judge?		
25.	A Yes. We were in front of the bankruptcy judge		

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1	THE COURT: Otherwise it's hearsay.		
2	BY MR. HULET:		
3	Q But Mr. Beavor was able to voice all of his		
4	complaints to the bankruptcy judge, correct?		
5	A Yes, he was.		
6	Q And the bankruptcy plan was confirmed?		
7	A No, it was not. At Chris Beavor's request, he		
8	asked to delay it so he could bring legal counsel to represent		
9	him in this matter. And I think it was rescheduled two weeks		
10	out and we had another hearing two weeks later.		
11	Q And was after listening to those complaints		
12	was the bankruptcy confirmed, the plan?		
13	A Yes, it was.		
14	Q Did you communicate with Mr. Hefetz during this		
15	time period?		
16	A 'I don't recall. Perhaps I very briefly might'		
17	have.		
18	Q Did he give you any directives on how to handle		
19	the bankruptcy?		
20	A None whatsoever.		
21	Q Did he give you any directives prior to the		
22	bankruptcy?		
23	A No.		
24	Q Now, did you ever receive directions from		
25	anybody to negotiate with Mr. Beavor, Mrs. Beavor, with		

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1	"is." Is he	the owner
2	Q	Is
3	A	is he a manager
4	Q	the word
5	А	is he I'm not sure, please
6	Q	Well, the company is, meaning it's comprised of
7	the people wh	o own it or the managers, people who started it.
8	A	I don't believe Gary Frey is an owner, if that's
9	the question.	
10	Q	Okay.
11	А	If he's an officer, I believe he's an officer.
12	Q	Or a
13	А	That was with clarification
14	Q	or a manager
15	А	I didn't quite understand the question.
16	Sorry to inte	rrupt.
17	Q	Okay. Star Development was created by whom?
18	А	I don't know.
19	Q	Would you have any reason to disagree that Star
20	Development w	as created by Mr. Hefetz?
21	A	I don't know.
22	Q	But yet you were behind replacing my client with
23	Star Developm	ment, you don't know who Star Development is?
24	A	Earlier on I said Star Development was a company
25	that existed	prior to my involvement. And because of the

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Yacov Hefetz, Plaintiff(s) vs. Christopher Beavor, Defendant(s)

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#### **EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT**

09/26/2013 All Pending Motions (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Israel, Ronald J.) All Pending Motions (09/26/13)

#### **Minutes**

09/26/2013 9:00 AM

DEFENDANT CHRISTOPHER BEAVOR'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION...DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES Colloquy regarding the dismissal of Ms. Samantha Beavor. Mr. Saggese noted it was in the process, they were fine tuning the language. COURT ORDERED, Matter CONTINUED and FURTHER CONTINUED Mr. Saggese's Motion for Attorney Fees. Court noted if the settlement documents are submitted, Counsel may notify chambers to have the matter taken off calendar. Arguments by Counsel regarding the Motion to Reconsider Plaintiff's Motion for a new trial. Mr. Tomsheck argued the time of service of the notice of judgment. Colloquy regarding rule 6A and rule 6E and holidays and weekends excluded from the time of service. Further arguments. COURT stated its finding and noted under 2.24 there were no grounds for reconsideration and ORDERED, Motion to Reconsider, DENIED. Mr. Tomsheck requested matter be stayed to take it up on a writ. COURT ORDERED, Oral Motion to Stay, DENIED.

10/24/13 9:00 AM STATUS CHECK: DISMISSAL/S. BEAVOR...DEFT'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES CLERK'S NOTE: Following Court, Court noted Mr. Tomsheck may file a written motion for a stay for both sides to brief. A copy of this minute order was placed in the attorney folder(s) of: Joshua Tomsheck, Esq. (Hofland & Tomsheck) and H. Stanley Johnson, Esq. (Cohen-Johnson) and Marc Saggese, Esq.

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#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

YACOV JACK HEFETZ, an individual,

Plaintiff,

Case No.:

A645353

VS.

Dept. No.:

XXVIII

CHRISTOPHER BEAVOR, an individual; SAMANTHA BEAVOR, an individual; DOES I through X and ROES ENTITIES I through X, inclusive,

Hearing Date: September 26, 2013 Hearing Time: 9:00 am

Defendants.

# FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSION OF LAW AND ORDER

THIS MATTER having come before this Court on September 26, 2013 on Defendant Christopher Beavor's Motion for Reconsideration, Plaintiff Yacov Hefetz, having been represented by H. Stan Johnson, Esq. of Cohen-Johnson, LLC; Defendant Christopher Beavor, having been represented by Joshua Tomsheck, Esq. of Hofland & Tomsheck; and Defendant Samantha Beavor having been represented by Marc A. Saggese, Esq. of Saggese and Associates, Ltd.; the Court having heard the representations and arguments set forth in open Court on the date of the hearing; the Court having carefully considered the pleadings and papers on file herein; being fully advised regarding the same; and good cause appearing:

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Trial. 2 THE COURT FINDS that Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial was timely filed; 3 THE COURT FURTHER FINDS: there were no grounds for reconsideration of the 4 Court's prior order. 5 COUCLUSION OF LAW 6 THE COURT CONCLUDES that pursuant to NRCP 6(a) and (e), that the underlying 7 Motion for New Trial or in the Alternative Motion for Judgment notwithstanding the Verdict 8 (JNOV) was timely filed. 9 THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDES that pursuant to EDCR 2.24 there are no 10 grounds for reconsideration of the Court's order granting Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial. 11 **ORDER** 12 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion for Reconsideration is DENIED. 13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Tomshek's Oral Motion for a Stay is DENIED. 14 day of Dated this 15 16 17 18 19 Submitted by: 20 COHEN-JOHNSON, LLC 21 22 H. Stan Johnson, Esq. 23 Nevada Bar No.: 00265 Brian A. Morris, Esq. 24 Nevada Bar No.: 11217 25 255 E. Warm Springs Road, Ste. 100 Las Vegas, NV 89119 26 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 27

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I hereby certify that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER** upon each of the parties by facsimile transmission and by placing a copy thereof in the US Mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, with proper postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

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# POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### LEGAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to EDCR 7.30(a), "[a]ny party may, for good cause, move the court for an order continuing the day set for trial of any cause." In this matter, good cause exists for the Plaintiff's to file an Application for Writ of Mandamus to the Nevada Supreme Court based on this Court's recent granting of Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial, without argument, and subsequent denial of Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration.

Additionally, as outlined below, Plaintiffs must move for a stay before proceeding in this matter before the Nevada Supreme Court.

Pursuant to NRAP(a)(1):

a) Motion for Stay,

- (1) Initital Motion in the District Court. A party must ordinarily move first in the district court for the following relief:
- (A) a stay of the judgment or order of, or proceedigns in, a district court pending appeal or resolution of a petition to the Supreme Court for an extraordinary writ;
- (B) approval of a supersedes bond; or
- (C) an order suspending, modifying, restoring or granting an injuction while an appeal or original writ petition is pending.

This case was tried to a Jury before this Honorable Court in February of 2013, commencing February 25, 2013 and concluding with the jury's Verdict for the Defense on March 1, 2013.

After this matter proceeded to Trial, Defendant's former counsel (and Trial

Counsel in this matter), Marc Saggese, Esq. formally withdrew as attorney of record on March 25, 2013.

On May 21, 2013, Judgment and Notice of Entry of Judgment was entered by this Court and served on Plaintiff.

On June 10, 2013, Plaintiff's counsel filed their Motion for New Trial or in the Alternative Motion for Judgment Notwithstanding Verdict (JNOV).

On June 19, 2013, Defendant Christopher Beavor retained the undersigned to defend against Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial or in the Alternative Motion for Judgment Notwithstanding Verdict (JNOV).

On June 20, 2013, the undersigned counsel filed, on behalf of Defendant Beavor, Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial or in the Alternative Motion for Judgment Notwithstanding Verdict (JNOV). In the Opposition, the Defense stated "[a]s Plaintiff's Motion is untimely filed, and thus procedurally time barred, Defendant need not address Plaintiff's motion on the merits" but that "should this honorable Court desire additional briefing on the merits, Defense counsel can provide same."

This matter, having to do with a substantive issue which sought to invalidate the Jury's determination of the facts, law and evidence, was never heard for argument, but was heard on a "chambers calendar." The Matter was continued until a second chambers calendar on August 7, 2013, at which time this Court ruled.

The minute order from the Court's August 7, 2013 chambers calendar

decision were never served on the undersigned, even though he is listed as "Lead Attorney" for Defendant Christopher Beavor on the Courts Odyssey system. Instead, as the minutes from the August 7, 2013 hearing clearly state, "CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was placed in the attorney folder(s) of: H. Stan Johnson, Esq. (Cohen- Johnson) and Marc Saggese, Esq. (Saggese & Associates)" even though Mr. Saggese withdrew as counsel of record on March 25, 2013. The undersigned only discovered the Court's decision by happenstance when checking the online Court minutes after realizing he had never received a decision.

On September 26, 2013, this Court heard Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration of the previous granting of Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial. After argument, this Court denied Defendant's Motion for reconsideration. After the Court's ruling, Defense counsel orally moved, pursuant to the authority cited herein, for a stay of these proceedings in order to address the Court's decision by way of Petition for Writ with the Nevada Supreme Court. This was denied. Therafter, a clerks note was entered into the Court minutes wherein the Court invited Defense counsel to file a written Motion for Stay.

The Notice of Entry of Order for the September 26, 2013, hearing was not mailed to Defense counsel until November 15, 2013. This Motion now follows.

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# CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Defendant's respectfully requests this Honorable Court grant Defendant's Motion for Stay.

DATED this  $25^{th}$  day of November, 2013

#### **HOFLAND & TOMSHECK**

By: /s/ J. Tomsheck

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I hereby certify that I am an employee of HOFLAND & TOMSHECK and that on the <u>Jo</u>day of November, 2013, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing MOTION FOR STAY in the following manner:

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5	VS.		
6	THE EIGHT JUDICIAL DISTRICT		
7	COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,		
8	CLARK COUNTY, and THE		
9	HONORABLE RONAL ISREAL, DISTRICT JUDGE		
	DISTRICT JUDGE		
10	Respondents,		
11	respondents,		
12	and		
13	YACOV JACK HEFETZ,		
14	Real Party in Interest.		

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