2015-01-26 03:16:05 PM Jacqueline Bryant 1 1097 Clerk of the Court Transaction # 4788765 : yviloria Michael E. Sullivan, Esq. (SBN 5142) 2 ROBISON, BELAUSTEGUI, SHARP & LOW A Professional Corporation 3 71 Washington Street Reno, Nevada 89503 4 Telephone: (775) 329-3151 **Electronically Filed** Attorneys for Plaintiff MB America, Inc. Jan 29 2015 03:22 p.m. 5 Tracie K. Lindeman IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STAPE OF SHOTEME COURT 6 7 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE 8 9 10 11 MB AMERICA, INC., a Nevada Case No.: CV14-01229 corporation, 12 Dept. No.: 8 Plaintiff, 13 ٧. 14 ALASKA PACIFIC LEASING COMPANY, 15 a Alaska business corporation; and DOES I through X, inclusive. 16 Defendants. 17 18 AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL 19 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Plaintiff MB America, Inc. ("MB America") 20 hereby appeals to the Supreme Court of Nevada from the: 21 (1) Order Granting Summary Judgment, filed on October 22, 2014 and entered 22 on October 23, 2014; and 23 (2) Order, filed on January 13, 2015, and entered on January 21, 2015 regarding 24 Defendants' motion for attorney fees. 25 111 26 111 27 111 28 Robison, Belaustegui, 71 Washington St. Reno, NV 89503

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- 1. The district court case number and caption showing the names of all of the proceedings below are set forth above in the caption to this Amended Case Appeal Statement.
 - 2. Judge issuing decision, judgment or order appealed from:
- (a) Order Granting Summary Judgment, filed October 22, 2014 and entered October 23, 2014: Honorable Lidia S. Stiglich.
- (b) Order partially granting Defendants' motion for attorney fees, filed January 13, 2015 and entered January 21, 2015: Honorable Lidia S. Stiglich.

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3. Appellant and Appellant's Counsel:

MB AMERICA, INC. c/o Michael E. Sullivan, Esq. Robison, Belaustegui, Sharp & Low 71 Washington Street Reno, Nevada 89509 Telephone (775) 329-3151

4. Respondents and Respondent's Counsel:

ALASKA PACIFIC LEASING COMPANY c/o Holly S. Parker, Esq. Marilee Breternitz, Esq. Laxalt & Nomura, Ltd. 9600 Gateway Drive Reno, Nevada 89521 (775) 322-1170

- Whether any identified attorney is not licensed to practice law in Nevada:
 No.
- 6. Whether Appellant was represented by appointed counsel in district court or on appeal:

No. Appellant has been and will continue to be represented by retained counsel.

- 7. Whether Appellant was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis: No.
- 8. Date that proceedings commenced in district court: June 6, 2014.
- 9. A brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district court, including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the district court:

MB America and Alaska Pacific Leasing Company entered into an agreement in which Alaska Pacific Leasing agreed to purchase and distribute certain products from MB America. When MB America terminated the contract, Alaska Pacific Leasing stated that it wanted to rescind the parties' agreement. Thus, MB America filed a complaint seeking (1) declaratory relief that the parties' contract is a legally binding contract, and (2) specific performance of the terms of that contract.

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Alaska Pacific Leasing Company filed a motion for summary judgment on the ground that the parties' requires mediation and arbitration of their underlying dispute.

MB America opposed the motion for summary judgment on the ground that a stay, rather than dismissal, was the appropriate recourse. The district court granted Alaska Pacific Leasing Company's motion for summary judgment and dismissed MB America's complaint without prejudice. MB America appeals this order.

Shortly thereafter, Alaska Pacific Leasing Company filed a motion for attorney fees and costs. The district court partially granted this motion, and MB America also appeals this order.

- 10. Whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal or original proceeding: No.
 - 11. Whether the appeal involves child custody or visitation: No.
 - 12. Whether the appeal involves the possibility of settlement: Yes.

AFFIRMATION: The undersigned does hereby affirm that this document does not contain the Social Seçurity Number of any person.

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By:

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Attorneys for Plaintiff MB America, Inc.

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SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEVADA COUNTY OF WASHOE

Case History - CV14-01229

Case Description: MB AMERICA, INC. VS ALASKA PACIFIC LEASING CO (D8)

Case Number: CV14-01229 Case Type: OTHER CONTRACTS/ACCT/JUDG - Initially Filed On: 6/6/2014

Parties		
Party Type & Name	Party Status	
JUDG - LIDIA STIGLICH - D8	Active	
PLTF - MB AMERICA, INC @1247780	Active	
DEFT - ALASKA PACIFIC LEASING COMPANY - @1259975	Active	
ATTY - Holly S. Parker, Esq 10181	Active	
ATTY - Marilee Breternitz, Esq 12563	Active	
ATTY - Michael E. Sullivan, Esq 5142	Active	
Disposed Hearings		

1 Department: D8 -- Event: CONFERENCE CALL -- Scheduled Date & Time: 9/16/2014 at 11:45:00

Extra Event Text: IN CHAMBERS Event Disposition: D435 - 9/16/2014

2 Department: D8 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 10/6/2014 at 14:14:00

Extra Event Text: DEFENDANT ALASKA PACIFIC LEASING COMPANY'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT (NO TRIAL DATE)

Event Disposition: S200 - 10/22/2014

3 Department: D8 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 11/25/2014 at 12:26:00

Extra Event Text: MB AMERICA, INC.'S MOTION TO RETAX COSTS THAT WAS FILED 11-3-14

Event Disposition: S200 - 1/13/2015

4 Department: D8 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 12/22/2014 at 12:30:00

Extra Event Text: MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES FILED 11/18/2014

Event Disposition: S200 - 1/13/2015

Actions

Filing Date - Docket Code & Description

1 6/6/2014 - \$1425 - \$Complaint - Civil

Additional Text: COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF - Transaction 4466509 - Approved By: MFERNAND : 06-06-2014:15:06:48

2 6/6/2014 - PAYRC - **Payment Receipted

Additional Text: A Payment of \$260.00 was made on receipt DCDC457733.

3 6/6/2014 - 4090 - ** Summons Issued

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4 7/17/2014 - 4085 - Summons Filed

Additional Text: ALASKA PACIFIC LEASING COMPANY SERVED ON 14-JUL-2014 - Transaction 4522769 - Approved By: ADEGAYNE: 07-18-2014:08:59:58

5 7/18/2014 - 1005 - Acceptance of Service

Additional Text: Transaction 4523087 - Approved By: ADEGAYNE: 07-18-2014:08:57:24

6 7/18/2014 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 4523263 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 07-18-2014:08:58:55

7 7/18/2014 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

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8 7/22/2014 - 3840 - Request Exemption Arbitration

Additional Text: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE NEVADA MANDATORY ARBITRATION PROGRAM - Transaction 4528292 - Approved By: MCHOLICO: 07-22-2014:15:01:03

9 7/22/2014 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 4528535 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 07-22-2014:15:02:02

10 8/15/2014 - 3975 - Statement ...

Additional Text: DEFENDANT'S NRCP 7.1 DISCLOSURE - Transaction 4563606 - Approved By: MCHOLICO: 08-15-2014:12:44:46

11 8/15/2014 - 1130 - Answer ...

Additional Text: ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF - Transaction 4563606 - Approved By: MCHOLICO: 08-15-2014:12:44:46

12 8/15/2014 - \$1560 - \$Def 1st Appearance - CV

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13 8/15/2014 - PAYRC - **Payment Receipted

Additional Text: A Payment of \$213.00 was made on receipt DCDC466289.

14 8/15/2014 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

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15 9/8/2014 - A120 - Exemption from Arbitration

Additional Text: Transaction 4596113 - Approved By: MFERNAND: 09-08-2014:16:28:42

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17 9/9/2014 - 2529 - Notice of Early Case Conferenc

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19 9/9/2014 - 2605 - Notice to Set

Additional Text: 9/25/14 AT 10:00 - Transaction 4597932 - Approved By: YLLOYD: 09-09-2014:14:51:21

20 9/9/2014 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 4598405 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 09-09-2014:14:52:11

21 9/9/2014 - 3696 - Pre-Trial Order

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23 9/10/2014 - 1120 - Amended ...

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24 9/10/2014 - 1120 - Amended ...

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27 9/15/2014 - \$2200 - \$Mtn for Summary Judgment

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28 9/15/2014 - 2140 - Mtn Ord Shortening Time

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29 9/15/2014 - 2195 - Mtn for Stay ...

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30 9/15/2014 - PAYRC - **Payment Receipted

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31 9/15/2014 - 3245 - Ord Shortening Time

Additional Text: Transaction 4607381 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 09-15-2014:16:41:29

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33 9/17/2014 - 4050 - Stipulation ...

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35 9/17/2014 - 3370 - Order ...

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37 9/17/2014 - 2540 - Notice of Entry of Ord

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38 9/17/2014 - 4301 - Withdrawal of Motion

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46 10/6/2014 - 3860 - Request for Submission

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54 10/29/2014 - 1950 - Memorandum of Costs

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73 12/10/2014 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn ...

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J. Krush (Clerk) N/A

(Reporter)

CONFERENCE CALL

Michael Sullivan, Esq. was present telephonically on behalf of Plaintiff, with no

representative present.

Holly Parker, Esq. was present telephonically on behalf of Defendant, with no

representative present.

11:53 a.m. – Court convened in Chambers with the Court and counsel present.

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therefore, Plaintiff's Counsel need not respond.

COURT ORDERED: The Court accepted the parties' agreement, and further vacated the

Court's Order shortening time related to Defendant's Motion to Stay.

Counsel Parker to prepare Order.

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I further certify that the transmitted record is a true and correct copy of the original pleadings on file with the Second Judicial District Court.

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JACQUELINE BRYANT CLERK OF THE COURT

By <u>/s/Yvonne Viloria</u> Yvonne Viloria Deputy Clerk