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**NOAS** THORNDAL, ARMSTRONG, DELK, **CLERK OF THE COURT BALKENBUSH & EISINGER** Michael P. Lowry, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 10666 3 P.O. Drawer 2070 **Electronically Filed** Las Vegas, Nevada 89125-2070 Mar 18 2015 01:54 p.m. Tel: (702) 366-0622 Tracie K. Lindeman 5 Fax: (702) 366-0327 Clerk of Supreme Court Email: mlowry@thorndal.com Attorneys for Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, 6 Lynn Welt and Michele Welt 7 **DISTRICT COURT** 8 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 9 HOWARD SHAPIRO and JENNA SHAPIRO, Case No.: A-14-706566-C 10 Dept. No. 27 Plaintiffs, 11 NOTICE OF APPEAL VS. 12 GLEN WELT, RHODA WELT, LYNN WELT, 13 MICHELLE WELT, individuals; CHECKSNET.COM, a corporation; DOES I through X, and ROE CORPORATIONS I 14 through X, inclusive, 15 Defendants. 16 Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, Lynn Welt and Michelle Welt appeal to the Supreme Court of 17 Nevada that the district court's February 20, 2015 order on their motion for attorneys' fees. 18 Notice of entry of this order was served on February 23, 2015. The Welts and Shapiros have 19 already appealed the court's prior, dispositive order. The appeal is assigned Supreme Court 20 docket number 67363. DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015. 21 22 THORNDAL, ARMSTRONG, DELK, **BALKENBUSH & EISINGER** 23 /s/ Michael P. Lowry 24 Michael P. Lowry, Esq. 25 P.O. Drawer 2070 Las Vegas, NV 89125-2070 26 Attorneys for Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, Lynn Welt and Michele Welt 27 28

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), on March 14, 2015 the **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was served upon each of the parties via electronic service through the Eighth Judicial District Court's Odyssey E-File and Serve system.

/s/ Michael P. Lowry

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5	the subject of docket 67363.		
6	12. Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation:		
7	This appeal does not involve child custody or visitation.		
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9	The parties are communicating with the settlement conference mediator assigned to		
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## CASE SUMMARY CASE NO. A-14-706566-C

Howard Shapiro, Plaintiff(s) vs. Glen Welt, Defendant(s) Location: Department 27
Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy
Filed on: 09/04/2014

Cross-Reference Case
Number: A706566

Supreme Court No.: 67363

CASE INFORMATION

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Statistical Closures Case Type: Other Civil Matters

01/02/2015 Motion to Dismiss (By Defendant)

Case Flags: Appealed to Supreme Court

DATE CASE ASSIGNMENT

**Current Case Assignment** 

Case Number A-14-706566-C
Court Department 27
Date Assigned 09/04/2014
Judicial Officer Allf, Nancy

**PARTY INFORMATION** 

Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Lead Attorneys
Schwab,

Schwab, Evan D. Retained 702-489-4442(W)

Shapiro, Jenna Schwab, Evan D.

*Retained* 702-489-4442(W)

Defendant Checksnet.com

Removed: 01/02/2015

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Welt, Glen Lowry, Michael P.

Retained 7023660622(W)

Welt, Lynn Lowry, Michael P.

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Welt, Michelle Lowry, Michael P.

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Welt, Rhoda Lowry, Michael P.

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DATE EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT INDEX

09/04/2014 Complaint

Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard

Complaint

09/04/2014 Case Opened

09/05/2014 Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard

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	CASE NO. A-14-/00500-C
	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure (NRS Chapter 19)
10/01/2014	Demand for Security of Costs Filed By: Defendant Welt, Rhoda Rhoda Welt and Lynn Welt's Demand for Security of Costs
10/01/2014	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Defendant Welt, Rhoda Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure for Rhoda Welt and Lynn Welt
10/01/2014	Disclosure Statement Party: Defendant Welt, Rhoda Rhoda Welt and Lynn Welt's NRCP 7.1 Disclosure Statement
10/08/2014	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Affidavit of Service
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10/13/2014	Demand for Security of Costs Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Glenn Welt & Michele Welt's Demand for Security of Costs
10/13/2014	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Glenn Welt & Michele Welt's Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
10/13/2014	Disclosure Statement Party: Defendant Welt, Glen Glenn Welt & Michele Welt's NRCP 7.1 Disclosure Statement
10/21/2014	Affidavit Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Affidavit of Service
10/28/2014	Summons Filed by: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Summons
11/14/2014	Motion to Dismiss Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, Lynn Welt & Michele Welt's Motion to Dismiss
11/17/2014	Undertaking for Security for Costs for Non-Resident Party: Plaintiff Shapiro, Jenna Undertaking for Security for Costs for Non-Resident

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11/17/2014	Undertaking for Security for Costs for Non-Resident Party: Plaintiff Shapiro, Jenna Undertaking for Security for Costs for Non-Resident			
11/17/2014	Undertaking for Security for Costs for Non-Resident Party: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Undertaking for Security for Costs for Non-Resident			
11/17/2014	Undertaking for Security for Costs for Non-Resident Party: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Undertaking for Security for Costs for Non-Resident			
11/18/2014	Certificate of Mailing Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Certificate of Mailing			
11/19/2014	Notice Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Notice of Posting Security Cost Bond			
11/25/2014	Certificate of Service Filed by: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Certificate of Service			
12/02/2014	Opposition Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Opposition to Motion to Dismiss			
12/10/2014	Reply to Opposition Filed by: Defendant Welt, Glen Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, Lynn Welt & Michele Welt's Reply re Motion to Dismiss			
12/11/2014	Undertaking for Security for Costs for Non-Resident Party: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Undertaking for Security for Costs for Non-Resident			
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12/11/2014	Undertaking for Security for Costs for Non-Resident Party: Plaintiff Shapiro, Jenna Undertaking for Security for Costs for Non-Resident			
12/12/2014	Notice Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Notice of Posting Additional Security Cost Bonds			
12/12/2014	Supplement to Opposition			

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	CASE NO. A-14-700500-C
	Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard First Supplement to Opposition to Motion to Dismiss
12/15/2014	Notice of Withdrawal of Motion Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, Lynn Welt & Michele Welt's Notice of Withdrawal of Motion
12/15/2014	Motion to Dismiss Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, Lynn Welt & Michele Welt's Motion to Dismiss
12/17/2014	CANCELED Motion to Dismiss (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Vacated
	Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, Lynn Welt & Michele Welt's Motion to Dismiss re NRS 18.130(4).
12/18/2014	Opposition to Motion to Dismiss  Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard  Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint and Counter-motion for Attorney's Fees, Costs, and Sanctions
12/19/2014	Reply to Opposition Filed by: Defendant Welt, Glen Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, Lynn Welt and Michele Welt's Reply Re Motion to Dismiss
12/24/2014	Motion to Dismiss (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, Lynn Welt & Michele Welt's Motion to Dismiss
12/24/2014	Opposition and Countermotion (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy)  Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint and Counter-motion for Attorney's Fees, Costs, and Sanctions
12/24/2014	All Pending Motions (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy)
12/29/2014	Supplemental Brief Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, Lynn Welt & Michele Welt's Supplement re Motion to Dismiss
12/30/2014	Status Check (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy)  Status Check: Written Decision
01/02/2015	Order For Dismissal Without Prejudice  Order Granting Defendant's Motion to Dismiss
01/02/2015	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Notice of Entry of Order Granting Motion to Dismiss
01/02/2015	Order of Dismissal Without Prejudice (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Debtors: Howard Shapiro (Plaintiff), Jenna Shapiro (Plaintiff) Creditors: Glen Welt (Defendant), Rhoda Welt (Defendant), Lynn Welt (Defendant), Michelle Welt (Defendant), Checksnet.com (Defendant) Judgment: 01/02/2015, Docketed: 01/08/2015
01/05/2015	Affidavit in Support Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Affidavit in Support of Fees and Costs per NRS 41.670

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01/08/2015	Substitution of Attorney Filed by: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Substitution of Attorney
01/15/2015	Memorandum Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Respondent's to Defendants' Memorandum of Fees and Costs Under NRS 41.670
01/16/2015	Reply in Support Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Reply in Support of Affidavit re Fees and Costs per NRS 41.670
02/02/2015	Voluntary Dismissal Filed by: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Voluntary Dismissal
02/02/2015	Certificate of Service Filed by: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Certificate of Electronic Service
02/02/2015	Notice of Appeal  Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard  Notice of Appeal
02/02/2015	Voluntary Dismissal (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Debtors: Checksnet.com (Defendant) Creditors: Howard Shapiro (Plaintiff), Jenna Shapiro (Plaintiff) Judgment: 02/02/2015, Docketed: 02/10/2015
02/04/2015	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard Case Appeal Statement
02/13/2015	Notice of Appeal Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Notice of Cross-Appeal
02/13/2015	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Cross-Appeal Case Statement
02/20/2015	Order Granting Motion  Order Granting Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fee
02/20/2015	Order (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Debtors: Howard Shapiro (Plaintiff), Jenna Shapiro (Plaintiff) Creditors: Glen Welt (Defendant), Rhoda Welt (Defendant), Lynn Welt (Defendant), Michelle Welt (Defendant), Checksnet.com (Defendant) Judgment: 02/20/2015, Docketed: 02/26/2015 Total Judgment: 5,054.68
02/23/2015	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen  Notice of Entry of Order Granting Motion for Attorneys' Fees

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03/14/2015	Notice of Appeal Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Defendants' Notice of Appeal		
03/14/2015	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Defendant Welt, Glen Defendants' Case Appeal Statement		
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DATE		FINANCIAL INFORMATION	

DATE	FINANCIAL INFORMATION	ON
	Defendant Welt, Lynn	
	Total Charges	30.00
	Total Payments and Credits	30.00
	Balance Due as of 3/17/2015	0.00
	Defendant Welt, Michelle	
	Total Charges	30.00
	Total Payments and Credits	30.00
	Balance Due as of 3/17/2015	0.00
	Defendant Welt, Rhoda	
	Total Charges	223.00
	Total Payments and Credits	223.00
	Balance Due as of 3/17/2015	0.00
	Defendant Welt, Glen	
	Total Charges	271.00
	Total Payments and Credits	271.00
	Balance Due as of 3/17/2015	0.00
	Plaintiff Shapiro, Howard	
	Total Charges	294.00
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	Plaintiff Shapiro, Jenna	
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### DISTRICT COURT CIVIL COVER SHEET

County, Nevada

Case No. A-14-706566-C Dept XXVII

(Assigned by Clerk's Office)

I. Party Information (provide both he	ome and mailing addresses if different)		
Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone):		Defendant(s) (name/address/phone):	
Howard Sh	ıapiro	Glen Welt, Rhoda Welt,	
. Jenna Sha	apiro	Lynn Welt, and Checksnet.com	
Attorney (name/address/phone):		Attorney (name/address/phone):	
Eric P. Roy	, Esq.	Unknown	
818 E. Charleston Blvd., L	as Vegas, NV 89104	,	
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II Nature of Controversy			
II. Nature of Controversy (please s Civil Case Filing Types	select the one most applicable Juing type b	elow)	
Real Property		Torts	
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Title to Property	Other Negligence	Employment Tort	
Judicial Foreclosure	Malpractice	Insurance Tort	
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Probate	Construction Defect & Contra	Judicial Review/Appeal	
Probate (select case type and estate value)	Construction Defect	Judicial Review	
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Trust/Conservatorship	Building and Construction	Department of Motor Vehicle	
Other Probate	Insurance Carrier	Worker's Compensation	
Estate Value	Commercial Instrument	Other Nevada State Agency	
Over \$200,000	Collection of Accounts	Appeal Other	
Between \$100,000 and \$200,000	Employment Contract	Appeal from Lower Court	
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Civi	il Writ	Other Civil Filing	
Civil Writ		Other Civil Filing	
Writ of Habeas Corpus	Writ of Prohibition	Compromise of Minor's Claim	
Writ of Mandamus	Other Civil Writ	Foreign Judgment	
Writ of Quo Warrant	<del>_</del>	Other Civil Matters	
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See other side for family-related case filings.

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**CLERK OF THE COURT** 

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CASE NO.: A-14-706566-C

**Plaintiffs** 

DEPARTMENT 27

VS.

GLEN WELT, LYNN WELT, MICHELLE WELT and RHODA WELT, Defendants

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ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES

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COURT FINDS after review that the Court's entered an Order Granting Defendants' Motion to Dismiss under the anti-SLAPP provisions of NRS 41.660 on January 2, 2015. As part of the order, the Court stated it would allow reasonable attorneys' fees under NRS 41.670 and requested Defendants' counsel provide an affidavit detailing their costs and fees.

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COURT FURTHER FINDS after review Defendants filed their Affidavit in Support of Fees and Costs per NRS 41.670 on January 5, 2015, requesting \$14,775.00 in attorneys' fees (59.1 hours at \$250.00 per hour) and \$554.68 in costs. Plaintiffs filed their Response on January 15, 2015 and Defendants' filed their Reply in Support on January

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COURT FURTHER FINDS after review that NRS 41.670(1)(a) allows for an award of reasonable attorneys fees if a defendant prevails on a motion to dismiss.

CLERK OF THE COURT

**COURT FURTHER FINDS** after review the award of attorneys' fees is within the Court's discretion in applying the factors set forth in Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat. Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969). Here, the hourly rate of \$250 is

reasonable considering the skill and experience of the attorney. The character of the work done was intricate, and required research into a developing area of law. However, Defendants affidavit requested attorneys' fees that accrued throughout the entirety of the case. In applying a reasonableness standard, it is appropriate to only allow the work specifically relating to the successful Motion to Dismiss under NRS 41.660. The totality of the costs are allowable.

**COURT ORDERS** for good cause appearing Defendants are awarded \$4,500 in attorneys' fees and \$554.68 in costs as reasonable under NRS 41.670(1)(a).

Dated: February 18, 2015

NANCY ALLF

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In reviewing the Defendants' Affidavit in Support of Fees and Costs per NRS 41.670, the Court determines the following entries are reasonable:

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December 11, 2014	2.60 hours	\$650.00	
December 12, 2014	1.20 hours	\$300.00	
December 15, 2014	7.30 hours	\$1,825.00	
December 19, 2014	0.30 hours	\$75.00	
December 19, 2014	5.20 hours	\$1,300.00	
December 22, 2014	0.10 hours	\$25.00	
December 29, 2014	0.10 hours	\$25.00	
December 31, 2014	0.20 hours	\$50.00	
December 31, 2014	0.30 hours	\$75.00	
January 2, 2015	0.10 hours	\$25.00	
January 5, 2015	0.60 hours	\$150.00	
Total	18.00 hours	\$4,500.00	

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on or about the date signed I caused the foregoing document to be served by placing same in the attorney folder located at the Regional Justice Center; and/or by fax; and/or pursuant to EDCR 8.05(a) and 8.05(f), to be electronically served through the Eighth Judicial District Court's electronic filing system, with the date and time of the electronic service substituted for the date and place of deposit in the mail.

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**NOEJ** THORNDAL, ARMSTRONG, DELK, **CLERK OF THE COURT BALKENBUSH & EISINGER** Michael P. Lowry, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 10666 3 P.O. Drawer 2070 Las Vegas, Nevada 89125-2070 4 Tel: (702) 366-0622 Fax: (702) 366-0327 Email: mlowry@thorndal.com Attorneys for Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, Lynn Welt and Michele Welt DISTRICT COURT 8 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 9 HOWARD SHAPIRO and JENNA SHAPIRO, Case No.: A-14-706566-C Dept. No. 27 10 Plaintiffs. NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER 11 GRANTING MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' VS. FEES 12 GLEN WELT, RHODA WELT, LYNN WELT, MICHELLE WELT, individuals; 13 CHECKSNET.COM, a corporation; DOES I through X, and ROE CORPORATIONS I 14 through X, inclusive, 15 Defendants. 16 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 20, 2015, the court entered the attached 17 order granting a motion for attorneys' fees. DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015. 18 THORNDAL, ARMSTRONG, DELK, 19 BALKENBUSH & EISINGER 20 /s/ Michael P. Lowry 21 Michael P. Lowry, Esq. P.O. Drawer 2070 22 Las Vegas, NV 89125-2070 Attorneys for Glenn Welt, Rhoda Welt, 23 Lynn Welt and Michele Welt 24 25 26 27 28

1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE		
2	Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), on February 20, 2015, NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER		
3	GRANTING MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES was served upon each of the parties via		
4	electronic service through the Eighth Judicial District Court's Odyssey E-File and Serve system.		
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6	/s/ Michael P. Lowry		
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HOWARD SHAPIRO, JEAN SHAPIRO,

Plaintiffs

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VS.

GLEN WELT, LYNN WELT, MICHELLE

WELT and RHODA WELT, Defendants

CASE NO.: A-14-706566-C

**DEPARTMENT 27** 

#### ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES

COURT FINDS after review that the Court's entered an Order Granting Defendants' Motion to Dismiss under the anti-SLAPP provisions of NRS 41.660 on January 2, 2015. As part of the order, the Court stated it would allow reasonable attorneys' fees under NRS 41.670 and requested Defendants' counsel provide an affidavit detailing their costs and fees.

COURT FURTHER FINDS after review Defendants filed their Affidavit in Support of Fees and Costs per NRS 41.670 on January 5, 2015, requesting \$14,775.00 in attorneys' fees (59.1 hours at \$250.00 per hour) and \$554.68 in costs. Plaintiffs filed their Response on January 15, 2015 and Defendants' filed their Reply in Support on January 17, 2015.

**COURT FURTHER FINDS** after review that NRS 41.670(1)(a) allows for an award of reasonable attorneys fees if a defendant prevails on a motion to dismiss.

COURT FURTHER FINDS after review the award of attorneys' fees is within the Court's discretion in applying the factors set forth in <u>Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat.</u>

<u>Bank</u>, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969). Here, the hourly rate of \$250 is

reasonable considering the skill and experience of the attorney. The character of the work done was intricate, and required research into a developing area of law. However, Defendants affidavit requested attorneys' fees that accrued throughout the entirety of the case. In applying a reasonableness standard, it is appropriate to only allow the work specifically relating to the successful Motion to Dismiss under NRS 41.660. The totality of the costs are allowable.

**COURT ORDERS** for good cause appearing Defendants are awarded \$4,500 in attorneys' fees and \$554.68 in costs as reasonable under NRS 41.670(1)(a).

Dated: February 18, 2015

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DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In reviewing the Defendants' Affidavit in Support of Fees and Costs per NRS 41.670, the Court determines the following entries are reasonable:

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December 11, 2014	2.60 hours	\$650.00
December 12, 2014	1.20 hours	\$300.00
December 15, 2014	7.30 hours	\$1,825.00
December 19, 2014	0.30 hours	\$75.00
December 19, 2014	5.20 hours	\$1,300.00
December 22, 2014	0.10 hours	\$25.00
December 29, 2014	0.10 hours	\$25.00
December 31, 2014	0.20 hours	\$50.00
December 31, 2014	0.30 hours	\$75.00
January 2, 2015	0.10 hours	\$25.00
January 5, 2015	0.60 hours	\$150.00
Total	18.00 hours	\$4,500.00

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on or about the date signed I caused the foregoing document to be served by placing same in the attorney folder located at the Regional Justice Center; and/or by fax; and/or pursuant to EDCR 8.05(a) and 8.05(f), to be electronically served through the Eighth Judicial District Court's electronic filing system, with the date and time of the electronic service substituted for the date and place of deposit in the mail.

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### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-14-706566-C Howard Shapiro, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
Glen Welt, Defendant(s)

December 24, 2014 10:00 AM Motion to Dismiss

HEARD BY: Allf, Nancy COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03A

**COURT CLERK:** Nicole McDevitt

**RECORDER:** Traci Rawlinson

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

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### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Civil Matters COURT MINUTES December 24, 2014

A-14-706566-C Howard Shapiro, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

Glen Welt, Defendant(s)

December 24, 2014 10:00 AM All Pending Motions

HEARD BY: Allf, Nancy COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03A

**COURT CLERK:** Nicole McDevitt

**RECORDER:** Traci Rawlinson

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Ghibaudo, Alex, ESQ Attorney

Lowry, Michael P. Attorney Shapiro, Howard Plaintiff

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- GLENN WELT, RHODA WELT, LYNN WELT & MICHELE WELT'S MOTION TO DISMISS...OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND COUNTER-MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES, COSTS, AND SANCTIONS

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CONTINUED FOR CHAMBER'S DECISION......12/30/2014 (CHAMBERS)

### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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December 30, 2014 3:00 AM Status Check

HEARD BY: Allf, Nancy COURTROOM:

**COURT CLERK:** Nicole McDevitt

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

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#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Order Granting Motion to Dismiss filed January 2, 2015.

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

MICHAEL P. LOWRY, ESQ. P.O. DRAWER 2070 LAS VEGAS, NV 89125-2070

**DATE: March 17, 2015** 

CASE: A706566

RE CASE: HOWARD SHAPIRO; JENNA SHAPIRO vs. GLEN WELT; RHODA WELT; LYNN

WELT; MICHELLE WELT; CHECKSNET.COM

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: March 14, 2015

YOUR APPEAL HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

PLEASE NOTE: DOCUMENTS NOT TRANSMITTED HAVE BEEN MARKED:

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- If the \$250 Supreme Court Filing Fee was not submitted along with the original Notice of Appeal, it must be mailed directly to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court Filing Fee will not be forwarded by this office if submitted after the Notice of Appeal has been filed.
- \$24 District Court Filing Fee (Make Check Payable to the District Court)\*\*
- S500 − Cost Bond on Appeal (Make Check Payable to the District Court)\*\*
  - NRAP 7: Bond For Costs On Appeal in Civil Cases

#### ☐ Case Appeal Statement

- NRAP 3 (a)(1), Form 2
- □ Order
- ☐ Notice of Entry of Order

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

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

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>Per District Court Administrative Order 2012-01, in regards to civil litigants, "...all Orders to Appear in Forma Pauperis expire one year from the date of issuance." You must reapply for in Forma Pauperis status.

### **Certification of Copy**

State of Nevada
County of Clark

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

NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

HOWARD SHAPIRO; JENNA SHAPIRO,

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Case No: A706566

Dept No: XXVII

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 17 day of March 2015.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk