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		Approximate Cash	1,159,769	As of 3/31/2011
	Trust	AZ-29 Gateway Lots	139,500	Agreed Earlier
		Russell Road Property (65%)	4,000,000	Court Accepted
	Individually	Family Members	35,000	Face Value
		Nikki Cvintavich	200,000	Face Value
	Banone	2911 Bella Kathryn Circle (Residence)	1,602,171	Costs (Appraisal \$925,000)
		17 Nevada Rental Properties	1,184,236	Costs
		21 Arizona Rental Properties	629,221	Costs
	-	Notes Receivable	720,761	Face Value
	Banone-AZ	8 Properties	284,122	Costs
	Dynasty	Silver Slipper Casino	1,568,000	Settlement
		Mississippi Property (121.23 acres)	607,775	Appraisal
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ynit	a Nelson			
		Approximate Cash	1,071,035	As of 3/31/2011
	Trust	7065 Palmyra (Residence)	725,000	Preliminary Appraisal
	·	AZ-31 Gateway Lots	139,500	Agreed to Value Earlier
		5913 Pebble Beech (Sisters House)	75,000	Agreed to Value Earlier
		Wyoming - 200 acres	405,000	Appraisal
		830 Arnold Ave. Greenville, Miss	40,000	Agreed to Value Earlier
		Mississippi Property - RV Park	559,042	Appraisal
		Mississippi	870,193	Appraisal
		Grotta 16.67% (25.37 acres)	21,204	Appraisal (\$127,226)
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	Trust			
		Brianhead Cabin	985,000	Appraisal
		3611 Lindell (Office Complex)	1,145,000	Appraisal
		Mississippi Property (Emerald Bay)	560,900	Appraisal
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27	Counterdefendants/Crossdefendants/Th	ird-Party Def	endants Lana Martin, Individually,
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former Distribution Trustee of the LSN Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2001; Nola Harber, Individually, former Distribution Trustee of the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2001, and former Distribution Trustee of the LSN Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2001; Rochelle McGowan; and Joan B. Ramos (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Third-Party Defendants), by and through their Counsel of Record, Solomon Dwiggins Freer & Morse, Ltd., hereby file their Motion to Dismiss to Lynita S. Nelson's ("Lynita")Third-Party Complaint filed on or around December 20, 2011. Further, Third-Party Defendants move to strike certain inadmissible allegations.

This Motion is based on the Memorandum of Points and Authorities which follows and on all documents and papers filed herein.

DATED this 17th day of January, 2012.

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I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

Lynita's Counsel sought leave to file an Amended Third-Party Complaint at the December 13,2011, hearing. Instead of eradicating the numerous deficiencies within the Third-Party Complaint, which were meticulously detailed in the Motion to Dismiss and Reply to Opposition to Motion to Dismiss previously filed, the Amended Third-Party Complaint asserts additional tort claims which are time-barred and cannot and should not be heard in this Divorce Proceeding. In fact, hearing the tort claims contemporaneously with the Divorce Proceeding would further delay the divorce that Lynita and Eric L. Nelson ("Eric") have been seeking since May 6, 2009, as it would make it impossible to conclude this matter at the currently scheduled trial date of May 7, 2012.

This Court lacks jurisdiction to hear matters arising under Title 12 and 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. Notwithstanding, even if this Court has jurisdiction to hear the claims under Title

12 and 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, it is not obligated to do so. To the extent this Court believes it has jurisdiction and would like to hear said claims, the Motion to Dismiss should still be granted as Lynita's claims for relief: (1) violate the applicable statute of limitations, and as such, fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted; and (2) fail to meet the elements of the relief sought therein.

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. This Court Lacks Jurisdiction To Hear The Majority, If Not All, Of The Claims For Relief Asserted In The Amended Third-Party Complaint.

The Nevada Constitution grants the Nevada Supreme Court authority to assign district judges to specialized courts such as the Probate Court.¹ Similarly, the Nevada Legislature has also granted the Nevada Supreme Court authority to make rules consistent with the Constitution and laws of the State for "the government of the district courts." The Nevada Legislature has also granted districts where more than one judge exists to "make additional rules, not inconsistent with law, which will enable them to transact judicial business in a convenient and lawful manner." Consistent with such authority, the Nevada Supreme Court adopted the Eighth Judicial District Court Rules, including Part IV, entitled "Probate; Guardianships; Conservatorship; Trusts; and the Administration of Estates," which "govern the practice and procedure of all proceedings under Title 12 of NRS and all of Title 13 of NRS except chapters 159, 160, and 161." EDCR 4.16(a), provides in part:

The probate judge may hear whichever contested matters the judge shall select, and schedule them at the convenience of the judge's calendar. The judge alone may also refer contested matters pertaining to the probate calendar to a master appointed by the judge for hearing

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See Nevada Constitution, Article 6, Section 19(1) ("The chief justice is the administrative head of the court system. Subject to such rules as the supreme court may adopt, the chief justice may: (b) Assign district judges to assist in other judicial districts or to specialized functions which may be established by law."). (Emphasis added).

Specifically, NRS 2.120 provides: "1. The Supreme Court may make rules not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the State for its own government, the government of the district courts, and the government of the State Bar of Nevada."

³ NRS 3.020.

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and report. All other contested matters pertaining to the probate calendar will be assigned on a random basis to a civil trial judge, other than a trial judge serving in the family division. (Emphasis added).

Further, as previously recognized by Lynita in her Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss, the "Nevada Constitution provides the Nevada Legislature with authority to assign or prescribe classes of cases to a specific division of the district court. . ." Similar to the delineation of jurisdiction in the justice and municipal courts, the Nevada Legislature has delineated the jurisdiction of the Probate Court in NRS 30.060 and NRS 164.015(1). Under NRS 164.015(1), the "court has exclusive jurisdiction of proceedings initiated by the petition of an interested person concerning the internal affairs of a nontestamentary trust. . " Indeed, proceedings which may be maintained under NRS 164.015(1) concern: "the administration and distribution of trusts, the declaration of rights and the determination of other matters involving trustees and beneficiaries of trusts. . ." Further, NRS 30.060 specifically provides that "[a]ny action for declaratory relief under this section [which includes the determination of "any question" arising in the administration of a trust] may only be made in a proceeding commenced pursuant to the provisions of title 12 or 13 of NRS, as appropriate."

As evidenced by the fact that she has stricken her Third Claim for Relief, entitled: "Declaratory Relief - Alter Ego Veil-Piercing Against Eric and Eric Nelson's Alter Ego Trust," from the Third-Party Complaint, Lynita concedes that this Court lacks jurisdiction to hear certain matters commenced pursuant to Title 12 and 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, including, but not limited to, claims for declaratory relief. Despite this acknowledgment, Lynita failed to strike her First and Second Claims for Relief entitled "Veil-Piercing Against Eric, Lana, Nola, and Eric Nelson's Alter Ego Trust,"

See Opposition to Motion to Dismiss ("Opp.") at p. 8, 11. 1-3.

The word "court" in NRS 164.015(1) means "a district court of this State sitting in probate or otherwise adjudicating matters pursuant to this title." *See* NRS 132.116, made applicable to trust proceedings under Title 13 by NRS 164.005.

⁷ Cf. Opp. at p. 25, l. 20 - p. 26, l. 14 with Amended Third-Party Complaint.

respectively, both of which seek declaratory relief.8 Indeed, both the First and Second Claims for Relief seek the following declaratory relief:

> Pursuant to NRS 78.747, and/or NRS 163.418, LYNITA seeks a declaratory judgment piercing the veil of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and declaring that the assets held in ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST are the community assets of ERIC and LYNITA, subject to division in the Instant Divorce Action.9

Since the First and Second Claims seek declaratory relief, at a minimum, said claims must be "commenced pursuant to the provisions of title 12 or 13 of NRS" (i.e. in Probate Court) as this Court lacks jurisdiction to hear the same.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned provisions of the Nevada Constitution, Nevada Revised Statutes and the Eighth Judicial District Court Rules, Lynita previously contended that this Court is the proper venue to hear any and all claims pertaining to the internal affairs of a nontestamentary trust because this Court "is a division of the district court" and "district courts are courts of general jurisdiction."¹⁰ As indicated *supra*, Lynita's claims must be brought pursuant to the provisions of Title 12 or 13 or Nevada Revised Statutes (i.e. in Probate Court), at which point the Probate Court, may hear the case or, in its sole discretion, assign the case to a civil trial judge, "other than a trial judge serving in the family division." Consequently, even if the Probate Court exercised its discretion to assign this case to a civil trial judge it could not be this Court.

Lynita's prior contention that this Court has jurisdiction to hear cases which arise under Title 12 and 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes is based, in part, upon her misinterpretation of Landreth v. Malik, 251 P.3d 163, 127 Nev. Adv. Op. 16 (Nev. 2011) and Barelli v. Barelli 11 Nev. 873, 944 P.2d 246 (Nev. 1997), which are inapposite to her position that this Court has jurisdiction to hear claims regarding the internal affairs of irrevocable trusts.

See Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 82 and 88, and p. 42, 11. 9-12.

Id.

¹⁰ See Opp. at p. 8, ll. 11-15.

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Indeed, in Landreth the issue addressed by the Nevada Supreme Court was whether the family court had the same constitutional power and authority as other district court judges to adjudicate cases outside of the matters listed in NRS 3.223,12 specifically whether the family court possessed jurisdiction to hear a case regarding two unmarried persons over the title and ownership of property. After a lengthy analysis, the Nevada Supreme Court held that "a district court judge in the family division has the same constitutional power and authority as any district court judge." However, unlike Landreth, "any district court" does not have the power or authority to hear the majority of claims contained within the Amended Third-Party Complaint (i.e. alter ego, conversion, money had and received, unjust enrichment, breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy and/or aided and abetting) unless/until the Probate Court assigns this matter, if at all, to a civil trial judge, which cannot be a "trial judge serving in the family division." Since the Probate Court has not assigned this matter to any district court, Landreth supports the Third-Party Defendants' contention that this Court, or any other district court other than the Probate Court, lack jurisdiction to hear matters pertaining to the internal affairs of the ELN Trust or LSN Trust.

Further, in Barelli, a wife sued her former husband to reform a property settlement agreement to incorporate alimony or alternatively to seek damages for breach of an "oral side agreement." 15 Because the reformation/rescission claim, which arose under NRS 3.223 (thereby invoking the family court's jurisdiction), was dependent upon the existence of the "oral side agreement," the Nevada Supreme Court concluded that the family court had jurisdiction "to resolve issues that fall outside [its] jurisdiction when necessary for the resolution of those claims over which jurisdiction is properly exercised."¹⁶ In other words, the Nevada Supreme Court held that family court had jurisdiction over "oral side agreement" because "the reformation/rescission claim was dependent upon the existence

¹² See Landreth, 251 P.3d at 166, 127 Nev. Adv. Op. at 19.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ EDCR 4.16(a). (Emphasis added).

¹⁵ See Barelli, 11 Nev. at 877, 944 P.2d at 248.

¹⁶ Id. at 11 Nev. at 878, 944 P.2d at 249.

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of the oral contract, and because a favorable ruling on the reformation/rescission had a potential for resurrecting claims for alimony and community property, the family court also had jurisdiction to adjudicate its existence."17

Unlike Barelli, the claims asserted in the Third-Party Complaint (i.e. alter ego, conversion, money had and received, unjust enrichment, breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy and/or aided and abetting) are unnecessary "for the resolution" of Lynita's claim that she has a community property interest in assets owned by the ELN Trust and/or any other issues pertaining to the divorce. Consequently, Barelli does not support Lynita's theory that this Court must hear claims pertaining to the internal affairs of the ELN Trust or LSN Trust. Further, the claims brought in Barelli did not arise from Title 12 or 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

Lynita also previously relied upon EDCR 5.42 to support her unfounded request to have this Court hear matters arising under Title 12 and 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. However, this reliance is equally unpersuasive as said rule only applies to the "same parties," which occurs "when the same two persons in any domestic case or sub-type have an action against one another, regardless of their respective party designation,"18 and the ELN Trust, LSN Trust, Lana, Nola, Rochelle McGowan ("Rochelle"), Joan Ramos ("Joan") were not parties to the Divorce Proceeding prior to the filing of the Third-Party Complaint. Further, EDCR 5.42 contains a number of exceptions to the purported "one judge, one family" rule, including, but not limited to, cases filed pursuant to Chapter 62, Chapter 432B, Chapter 159, Chapter 130 and/or Chapter 425.

If this Court were to adopt Lynita's contention that EDCR 4.01 and NRS 164.015 "simply provide administrative and procedural rules for matters which proceed before the probate court," the Legislature, Nevada Supreme Court and Eighth Judicial District's purpose in designating a probate judge to hear probate matters will be circumvented, and any party could escape the jurisdiction of the

¹⁷ Id.

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designated court sitting in probate by filing their claims in any district court.¹⁹ This clearly was not the intent of the Legislature, Nevada Supreme Court or the Eighth Judicial District. Irrespective of whether Lynita believes it "makes [] sense at all" for her to bring her claims for declaratory relief and other claims concerning the internal affairs in the Probate Court as required by NRS 30.060 and NRS 164.015, it is what the law requires.

Further, if all of the claims asserted in the Third-Party Complaint proceed in this Court, the Third-Party Defendants will be deprived of their constitutional right to a jury trial under Article 1, Section 3 of the Nevada Constitution.²¹ As such, this Court must dismiss any and all claims for declaratory relief and other claims concerning the internal affairs of the ELN Trust and the LSN Trust.

Even If This Court Has Jurisdiction To Hear Lynita's Claims Arising Under **B**. Title 12 or 13 Of The Nevada Revised Statutes, It Is More Appropriate For Said Claims To Be Heard By The Probate Court And/Or A Civil District Judge Of Its Own Choosing.

The Nevada Supreme Court has recognized that even if a family court finds that it "may have

Lynita's previous contention that the Third-Party Defendants' "interpretation of NRS 164.015" is that "all decisions concerning matters involving trusts would issue from the probate court and the trust (or its trustees) would never be named as a party in a divorce action, or any other type of civil action," see Opp. at p. 10, ll. 24-26, misconstrues NRS 30.060, NRS 164.015 and EDCR Part IV. As illustrated by the fact that the ELN Trust stipulated to being named as a Defendant in this matter, Third-Party Defendants acknowledge that trusts may be named parties to litigation outside of probate when the claims do not arise from NRS 30.060 or NRS 164.015, e.g. Lynita's claim she has a community property interest in the ELN Trust. See e.g., Gladys Baker Olsen Family Trust By and Through Olsen v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court, 110 Nev. 548, 553, 874 P.2d 778, 781 (1994) (the failure of a real party in interest to join a trust as a party was fatal error, where the trust owned all the assets at issue and was therefore a necessary party under NRCP 19(a)); Guerin v. Guerin, 114 Nev. 127, 132, 953 P.2d 716, 719 (1998) abrogated on other grounds by Pengilly v. Rancho Santa Fe Homeowners, 116 Nev. 646, 646, 5 P.3d 569, 569 (2000) (Nevada Supreme Court directed the Clerk of the Court to issue a writ of prohibition precluding the district court from enforcing its April 8, 1996, order because the Hill Family Trust was not a named party to the action at the time the order was entered). However, Lynita's claims in her Amended Third-Party Complaint must be initiated in Probate Court as they arise under NRS 30.060 or NRS 164.015.

See Opp. at p. 9, l. 1.

²¹ Cf. Nevada Constitution, Article 1, Section 3 ("The right of trial by Jury shall be secured to all and remain inviolate forever; but a Jury trial may be waived by the parties in all civil cases in the manner to be prescribed by law. . . ") with NRS 125.070 ("The judge of the court shall determine all questions of law and fact arising in any divorce proceeding under the provisions of this chapter.").

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jurisdiction over [a] matter pursuant to NRS 3.223," the matter may be heard by the "Civil Division of the District Court" if the family court decides it would be more appropriate to be heard by the same. Lynita has not and cannot cite any authority that requires this Court to hear the claims arising under Title 12 and 13 or the Nevada Revised Statutes. It would be unduly prejudicial to both Eric and Lynita for this Court to hear the claims arising under Title 12 and 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes as it would further delay the divorce that they have been seeking since May 6, 2009. Indeed, if said claims proceeded contemporaneously with the Divorce Proceeding the trial date would need to be continued once again (most likely until 2013) as Third-Party Defendants would need to conduct voluminous discovery, including, but not limited to retaining expert witnesses, regarding Lynita's claims for alter ego, conversion, money had and received, unjust enrichment, breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy and/or aided and abetting. Further, this Court indicated at the December 13, 2011, hearing that it was unsure whether it wanted to hear Lynita's tort claims because said claims were not domestic violence torts. This rationale has been adopted and followed by numerous other jurisdictions.

See Kwist v. Chang, 2011 WL 1225692 * 2 (Nev. Mar. 31, 2011) (slip copy) (family court found that it "may have jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to NRS 3.223 . . . but it is more appropriate for the matter to be heard by the Civil Division of the District Court.").

Indeed, neither *Landreth* nor *Barelli* stand for the proposition that this Court must hear said claims.

See Hearing Video at 14:26:39 - 14:27:21.

See Ward v. Ward, 155 Vt. 242, 247, 583 A.2d 577, 581 (1990) ("We note that the better reasoned cases from other states have reached the conclusion that marital tort actions may not be joined into a divorce action."); Stuart v. Stuart, 143 Wis.2d 347, 421 N.W.2d 505 (1988), aff'g, 140 Wis.2d 455, 410 N.W.2d 632 (App.1987) ("the administration of justice is better served by keeping tort and divorce actions separate.... Divorce actions will become unduly complicated if tort claims must be litigated in the same action. A divorce action is equitable in nature and involves a trial to the court. On the other hand, a trial of a tort claim is one at law and may involve, as in this case, a request for a jury trial. Resolution of tort claims may necessarily involve numerous witnesses and other parties such as joint tortfeasors and insurance carriers whose interests are at stake. Consequently, requiring joinder of tort claims in a divorce action could unduly lengthen the period of time before a spouse could obtain a divorce and result in such adverse consequences as delayed child custody and support determinations."); Heacock v. Heacock, 402 Mass. 21, 520 N.E.2d 151, 153 (1988) ("A tort action is not based on the same underlying claim as an action for divorce. The

In light of the foregoing, even is this Court believes that it has jurisdiction over claims arising under Title 12 or 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, it would be more appropriate for said claims to be heard by the Probate Court and/or a civil district judge of its choosing.

C. Lynita's First And Second Claims For Relief For Alter Ego Should Be Dismissed Because NRS 78.747 Does Not Apply To A Self-Settled Spendthrift Trust And Has Failed To State A Claim Under NRS 163.418.

Lynita's First and Second Claims for Relief should be dismissed because said claims, even though titled claims for "Alter Ego" seek declaratory relief, which Lynita has conceded by striking her Third Claim for Relief from the Third-Party Complaint, must be brought under Title 12 and 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.²⁶ The First and Second Claims for Relief should additionally be dismissed for the reasons set forth below.

1. NRS 78.747, Which Pertains Solely To Alter Ego Claims Against Corporations, Cannot Be Applied To A Self-Settled Spendthrift Trust.

Lynita's alter ego claims, made under NRS 78.747, must be dismissed because said statute does not extend alter ego liability to trusts, specifically a self-settled spendthrift trust.²⁷ Indeed, there is no statutory or judicial authority that supports applying NRS 78.487 to trusts. To the contrary, applying NRS 78.747 to a self-settled spendthrift trust would frustrate NRS Chapter 166 which specifically allows a settlor of a self-settled spendthrift trust to manage, benefit from and control said

purpose of a tort action is to redress a legal wrong in damages; that of a divorce action is to sever the marital relationship between the parties, and, where appropriate, to fix the parties' respective rights and obligations with regard to alimony and support, and to divide the marital estate."); *Lord v. Shaw*, 665 P.2d 1288, 1291 (Utah 1983) (torts between married persons should not be litigated in a divorce proceeding. We believe that divorce actions will become unduly complicated in their trial and disposition if torts can be or must be litigated in the same action. A divorce action is highly equitable in nature, whereas the trial of a tort claim is at law and may well involve, as in this case, a request for trial by jury. The administration of justice will be better served by keeping the two proceedings separate).

²⁶ NRS 30.060.

See Nevada v. Miller, 124 Nev. 874, 881, 192 P.3d 1166, 1170-71 (2008) ("[u]nless ambiguous, a statute's language is applied in accordance with its plain meaning [and] when the Legislature's intent is clear from the plain language, [the Nevada Supreme Court] will give effect to such intention and construe the statute's language to effectuate rather than nullify its manifested purpose.").

trust except as to distributions.²⁸ This sentiment was echoed by this Court at the December 13, 2011, hearing when it stated: "[t]he alter ego, I'll be honest I've never seen that used in a trust. I've seen it in corporate, I've seen it in LLC's being used as the alter ego and to pierce the corporate veil. I haven't seen it in a trust context so I'm not sure . . ."²⁹

Lynita's prior reliance upon *Dean v. United States*, 987 F. Supp. 1160, 1166-67 (W.D. Mo. 1997)³⁰ and *In re Schwarzkopf*, 626 F.3d 1032 (9th Cir. 2010), is inapposite to her contention that NRS 78.747 should be applied to self-settled spendthrift trusts because neither case applied an alter ego statute, which specifically states that it pertains solely to the "[1]iability of stockholder, director or officer for debt or liability of corporation."³¹ Most importantly, unlike the trusts in *Dean* and *Schwarzkopf*, which were created for the benefit of minor children, and not the settlor, ³² NRS Chapter 166 specifically permits the settlor of a self-settled spendthrift trust to be a beneficiary without limits as to the benefits received and to have any power except "for the power of the settlor to make distributions to himself or herself without the consent of another person."³³

Assuming *arguendo* that NRS 78.747 applies to self-settled spendthrift trusts, which it does not, the First and Second Claim for Relief should still be dismissed because: (1) said claims are barred

²⁸ See NRS 166.040(3).

See Hearing Video at 14:26:39 - 14:27:21.

Indeed, in *Dean* the court actually would not permit the alter ego doctrine to apply as it would require an expansion of the alter ego doctrine which the Court was unwilling to do without clearer direction from Congress or the Missouri courts. *Dean*, 987 F. Supp. at 1166-67.

³¹ See NRS 78.747.

See Dean, 987 F. Supp. at 1162 (settlors "decided to transfer their assets into an irrevocable trust for the sole benefit of their children."), and Schwarzkopf, 626 F.3d at 1036 (trust was created for the benefit of a minor child).

Specifically, NRS 166.040(3) provides: "[e]xcept for the power of the settlor to make distributions to himself or herself without the consent of another person, the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the settlor of a spendthrift trust from holding other powers under the trust, whether or not the settlor is a cotrustee, including, without limitation, the power to remove and replace a trustee, direct trust investments and execute other management powers."

by NRS 166.170;³⁴ and (2) a declaratory judgment would not terminate the uncertainty or controversy giving rise to Lynita's claims. In Nevada, courts may refuse to render or enter a declaratory judgment or decree where such judgment or decree, if rendered or entered, would not terminate the uncertainty or controversy giving rise to the proceeding."³⁵ Lynita seeks a declaratory judgment stating that the ELN Trust is an illusory sham trust and Eric's alter ego pursuant to NRS 78.747;³⁶ however, such a declaration "would not terminate the uncertainty or controversy giving rise" to Lynita's claims. Indeed, even if this Court were to find Lynita's allegations are true, the controversy would not be terminated because the question of whether her claims are time-barred would still remain.

2. <u>The Amended Third-Party Complaint Is Riddled With Allegations That Cannot Be Considered In An Alter Ego Claim.</u>

No Nevada statute specifies what makes a trust the alter ego of its settlor, but NRS 163.418 requires that any such claim must be proven by clear and convincing evidence. Indeed, NRS 163.418 provides that the following factors, alone or in combination, are insufficient for a finding of alter ego:

- 1. The settlor has signed checks, made disbursements or executed other documents related to the trust as the trustee and the settlor is not a trustee, if the settlor has done so in isolated incidents.
- 2. The settlor has made requests for distributions on behalf of a beneficiary.
- 3. The settlor has made requests for the trustee to hold, purchase or sell any trust property.
- 4. The settlor has engaged in any one of the activities, alone or in combination, listed in NRS 163.4177.

Further, under NRS 163.4177, factors which must not be considered exercising improper dominion or control over a trust are:

1. A beneficiary is serving as a trustee.

As indicated *infra*, pursuant to NRS 166.170, Lynita's claims are barred because she failed to file bring suit within two (2) years after the transfers were made to the ELN Trust.

NRS 30.080. See Aetna Cas. & Sur. Co. v. Rasa Management Co., Inc., 621 F. Supp. 892, 893 (D. Nev. 1985) ("a declaratory judgment should not be entered unless it disposes of a controversy and serves a useful purpose."); El Capitan Club v. Fireman's Fund Ins. Co., 89 Nev. 65, 68, 506 P.2d 426, 428 (1973) ("It is true that a court may refuse to enter a declaratory judgment where to do so would not terminate the controversy giving rise to the action.").

See Amended Third-Party Complaint, at ¶¶ 78-89.

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- 2. The settlor or beneficiary holds unrestricted power to remove or replace a trustee.
- 3. The settlor or beneficiary is a trust administrator, general partner of a partnership, manager of a limited-liability company, officer of a corporation or any other manager of any other type of entity and all or part of the trust property consists of an interest in the entity.
- 4. The trustee is a person related by blood, adoption or marriage to the settlor or beneficiary.
- 5. The trustee is the settlor or beneficiary's agent, accountant, attorney, financial adviser or friend.
- 6. The trustee is a business associate of the settlor or beneficiary.

Notwithstanding the foregoing statutes, the majority, if not all, of Lynita's self-serving allegations pertaining to the ELN Trust must not be considered in alter ego claims. Indeed, the Amended Third-Party Complaint alleges:

- 1. "Eric has asserted his management and control over the ELN Trust;"³⁷
- 2. "Eric has influenced, directed, and controlled all aspects of both [ELN Trust] and the LSN Trust;"38
- 3. Lana, "Eric's employee, close friend . . . served as the Distribution Trustee for [ELN Trust] and the LSN Trust;³⁹
- 4. Nola, "Eric's sister . . . served as the Distribution Trustee for [ELN Trust] and the LSN Trust for approximately four years; 40
- 5. "Eric directed the release of thousand of dollars of trust income to Eric and other third parties, including Eric's family members (Cal Nelson, Paul Nelson, Chad Ramos, Ryan Nelson and others) . . . to fund Eric's and Eric's family members' personal expenditures;"⁴¹
- 6. Eric dictated the asset transfers and loans he desired to be performed;⁴²
- 7. "Eric's actions demonstrate that [ELN Trust] was influenced,

³⁷ Cf. Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 6 with NRS 163.4177(3).

³⁸ Cf. Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 6 with NRS 163.418(2).

Cf. Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 10 with NRS 163.4177(5) & (6).

⁴⁰ Cf. Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 10 with NRS 163.4177(4).

⁴¹ Cf. Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 11 with NRS 163.418(2) & (3) and NRS 163.4177(3).

 $^{^{42}}$ Cf. Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 12 with NRS 163.418(3) and NRS 163.4177(3).

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directed, controlled and governed by Eric;"43 Lana, Rochelle and Joan, "as employees of any one of Eric's 8. entities, they each handled Eric's books and records and day to day operations (under Eric's direction and control), acted as the registered agent for any one of Eric's entities (under Eric's direction and control), and/or acted as the notary public for Eric's entities, including notarizing documents related to the [ELN Trust] and [LSN Trust];44

"[t]here has been such unity of interest and ownership 9. between Eric and [ELN Trust] that one is inseparable from the other;⁴⁵

"Eric's actions demonstrate his control over [ELN Trust] and 10. the assets held in the Trust, including the distribution of assets of [ELN Trust] for his own personal benefit;46 and

"Eric's direct or indirect control and direction of [ELN Trust] 11. investments and disbursements invalidate any spendthrift aspect of the Trust."47

Further, the Amended Third-Party Complaint cites and relies upon a number of payments made by the ELN Trust that Mr. Larry L. Bertsch, CPA, CFF purportedly identified in a December 8, 2011, document entitled "Source and Application of Funds for Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust;" however. said facts cannot be considered in an alter ego claim under NRS 78.747, NRS 163.418 or NRS 163.4177. Unsurprisingly, although Lynita contends in the Amended Third-Party Complaint that the payments Mr. Bertsch purportedly identified "are in direct contravention of the terms of the [ELN Trust],"49 she is unable to cite a single provision of the ELN Trust to support said contention.

Since Lynita has failed to make a proper allegation to support an alter ego claim under NRS

Cf. Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 73 and 78 with NRS 163.418(2) & (3) and NRS 163.4177(1)-(6).

⁴⁴ Cf. Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 13 with NRS 163.418(3) and NRS 163.4177(5).

Cf. Amended Third-Party Complaint at $\P\P$ 74 & 79 with NRS 163.418(2) & (3) and NRS 163.4177(1)-(6).

Cf. Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 74 with NRS 163.418(2) & (3) and 163.4177(1)-(6).

Cf. Amended Third-Party Complaint at \P 84 with NRS 163.418(2) & (3) and NRS 163.4177(1)-(6).

⁴⁸ See Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 57-61.

⁴⁹ Id. at \P 58.

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3. <u>Settlement Statements Purportedly Made By Eric Do Not Demonstrate A High Likelihood Of Success On Lynita's Alter Ego Claims</u>.

In addition to erroneously contending that NRS 78.747 is the requisite standard for an alter ego claim against a self-settled spendthrift trust, Lynita previously contended that she has otherwise "demonstrate[d] a high likelihood of success on her alter ego claims." Attached as an Exhibit to the Opposition, was what Lynita deemed an admission of "the validity [of her] claims" in the form of certain statements purportedly made by Eric during the course of trial. Eric's statements are not controlling because under Nevada law, personal opinion of either spouse as to separate or community character of property is of no moment whatsoever in determining legal status of that property. On the effect of the opinion of a spouse as evidence of the separate or community character of property, the court in *Re Pepper's Estate*, 158 Cal. 619, 625-26, 112 P. 62 (Cal. 1910)⁵³ stated:

Whether the property was community or separate, was a question of law, depending on the manner and time of its acquisition. The opinion of Pepper [the husband] on this legal question was entitled to no weight.

Lynita's logic is similarly flawed because settlement proposals are inadmissible to prove the validity/invalidity of Lynita's claims.⁵⁴ Further, Lynita's prior contention that "if the Court had

See Opp. at p. 14, 11. 24-27.

Upon information and belief there are just as many excerpts made by Eric during the course of this litigation, which support the ELN Trust's position that it is a valid self-settled spendthrift trust duly established pursuant to NRS 166, and that neither Eric nor Lynita have a community property and/or separate property interest therein.

See Hardy v. United States, 918 F. Supp. 312, 317 (D. Nev. 1996) ("The personal opinion of either spouse as to the character of the property is of no moment whatsoever."); See also, Peters v. Peters, 92 Nev. 687, 692, 557 P.2d 713, 716 (1976) ("The opinion of either spouse as to whether property is separate or community is of no weight whatever."); In re Wilson's Estate, 56 Nev. 353, 53 P.2d 339, 344 (1936) (court disregarded affidavit, even through it raises some doubt regarding correctness of findings of the district court, because "it has been decided by this court, as well as by appellate courts of other states, that the opinion of either spouse as to whether property is separate or community is of no weight.").

Overruled on other grounds by *In re Neilson's Estate*, 371 P.2d 745 (Cal. 1962).

See generally, NRS 48.105.

accepted one of Eric's proposed distribution . . . Eric could have, and would have, directed such distributions from the ELN and LSN Trusts to effectuate said distributions,"⁵⁵ presupposes that the settlement proposal would withstand the muster of the Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust. ⁵⁶ In light of the foregoing, this Court should summarily disregard the self-serving excerpts referenced by Lynita.

D. Lynita's Sixth Claim For Relief for Conversion, Seventh Claim For Money Had And Received And Ninth Claim For Relief For Unjust Enrichment Are Time-Barred

Since she undoubtedly realized that her alter ego claims are tenuous at best, Lynita sought leave to amend her Third-Party Complaint to assert claims for conversion,⁵⁷ money had and received⁵⁸ and unjust enrichment.⁵⁹ Although unclear, it appears that said additional claims are solely against the ELN Trust and not against Lana and Rochelle individually.

Chapter 166 of the Nevada Revised Statutes codifies the Spendthrift Trust Act of Nevada. For purposes of Chapter 166, a spendthrift is defined as "a trust in which by the terms thereof a valid restraint on the voluntary and involuntary transfer of the interest of the beneficiary is imposed." "The beneficiary or beneficiaries of such trust shall be named or clearly referred to in the writing. No spouse, former spouse, child or dependent shall be a beneficiary unless named or clearly referred to as a beneficiary in the writing." "A beneficiary of a spendthrift trust has no legal estate in the capital, principal or corpus of the trust estate . . ." "62

See Opp. at p. 15, ll. 20-23.

See ELN Trust, Art. III, Section 3.3.

See Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 113-117.

⁵⁸ See id. at ¶¶ 118-121.

See id. at ¶¶ 130-134.

⁶⁰ NRS 166.020.

NRS 166.080.

NRS 166.130.

NRS 166.170 limits the time frame in which a creditor,⁶³ which is defined as "a person who has a claim, may bring an action against a trust advisor,⁶⁴ trustee and/or spendthrift trust. Specifically, NRS 166.170 provides:

1. A person may not bring an action with respect to a transfer of property to a spendthrift trust:

(a) If the person is a creditor when the transfer is made, unless the action is commenced within:

(1) Two years after the transfer is made; or

(2) Six months after the person discovers⁶⁵ or reasonably should have discovered the transfer, whichever is later.

(b) If the person becomes a creditor after the transfer is made, unless the action is commenced within 2 years after the transfer is made. (Emphasis added).

NRS 166.170(3)⁶⁶ and (6),⁶⁷ require that a creditor prove by "clear and convincing evidence" that the

See NRS 112.150(4) defines a creditor as "a person who has a claim."

- See NRS 166.170(6)(a) defines trust advisor as: "any person, including, without limitation, an accountant, attorney or investment adviser, who gives advice concerning or was involved in the creation of, transfer of property to, or administration of the spendthrift trust or who participated in the preparation of accountings, tax returns or other reports related to the trust." (Emphasis added).
- NRS 166.170(2) ("A person shall be deemed to have discovered a transfer at the time a public record is made of the transfer, including, without limitation, the conveyance of real property that is recorded in the office of the county recorder of the county in which the property is located or the filing of a financing statement pursuant to chapter 104 of NRS.").
- Under Section 206 of Nevada Senate Bill No. 221, NRS 166.170(3) reads as follows: "[a] creditor may not bring an action with respect to transfer of property to a spendthrift trust unless a creditor can prove by clear and convincing evidence that the transfer of property was a fraudulent transfer pursuant to chapter 112 of NRS or that the transfer violates a legal obligation owed to the creditor under a contract or a valid court order that is legally enforceable by that creditor. In the absence of such clear and convincing proof, the property transferred is not subject to the claims of the creditor. Proof by one creditor that a transfer of property was fraudulent or wrongful does not constitute proof as to any other creditor and proof of a fraudulent or wrongful transfer of property as to one creditor shall not invalidate any other transfer of property."
- Under Section 206 of Nevada Senate Bill No. 221, NRS 166.170(6) reads as follows: "[a] person other than a beneficiary or settlor may not bring a claim against a trustee of a spendthrift trust unless the person can show by clear and convincing evidence that the trustee acted in violation of the laws of this State, knowingly and in bad faith, and the trustee's actions directly caused the damages suffered by the person. As used in this subsection, "trustee" includes a cotrustee, if any, and a predecessor trustee."

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transfer of property was a fraudulent transfer and/or violated the laws of the State of Nevada.

As set forth in the Amended Third-Party Complaint, both the ELN Trust and LSN Trust were created and funded in May 2001, as Lynita clearly knew.⁶⁸ Notwithstanding, the Third-Party blames Eric, and takes no personal responsibility, for her failure to file a timely conversion, money had and received and unjust enrichment claim, because Eric purportedly made inadmissible settlement statements.⁶⁹

Further, the Amended Third-Party Complaint fails to articulate and/or identify what portion of the ELN Trust she claims a community property interest in as the ELN Trust was funded by assets that were wholly owned by the ERIC L. NELSON SEPARATE PROPERTY TRUST dated July 13, 1993, a fact that she acknowledged in or around 1993. If Lynita contends that the ELN Trust and the LSN Trusts were invalid upon creation (*i.e.* due to fraud, sham alter ego), Lynita is deemed an existing creditor, which is defined as "a person who has a claim," and pursuant to NRS 166.170, had two years to challenge the creation of the ELN Trust and the LSN Trust and/or any claims against the Trustees. Similarly, if Lynita contends that her community property was transferred to the ELN Trust in or around May 2001, she had the later of two years after the transfer was made, or six months after she discovered or reasonably should have discovered the transfer, whichever is later, to file suit. If Lynita contends that her community property was transferred to the ELN Trust within two years of the Divorce Proceeding, Lynita's claims would not be barred.

Lynita's claim for conversion and money had and received are further barred under NRS 11.190(3)(c) and NRS 11.220.

1. The Continuous Tort Doctrine Is Inapplicable And Does Not Justify Lynita Filing Untimely Claims.

In a brazen attempt to excuse her unjustified delay in bringing claims against the Third-Party

See Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 28-29.

See id. at ¶¶ 114 and 119.

⁷⁰ See NRS 112.150(4).

⁷¹ NRS 166.170.

Defendants, Lynita contended in the Opposition, for the first time, that her delay was justified because none of her "causes of action could have accrued until June, 2011."⁷² Notwithstanding said contention, the Amended Third-Party Complaint, which is the operative document for purposes of the Motion to Dismiss, fails to state when: (1) the tortious conduct occurred;⁷³ and (2) she discovered the same.⁷⁴ Lynita's failure to plead the requisite elements of her Tort Claims warrants the relief sought in the Motion to Dismiss.

Lynita's prior reliance upon the "continuous tort doctrine" also fails as said doctrine typically "applies in various cases invoking several federal statutes," and does not appear to have been adopted in Nevada.76 "[A] continuing tort is a tortious act that occurs so repeatedly that it can be termed "continuous," such that one may say that the tortious conduct has not yet ceased." The doctrine only applies where there is "no single incident" that can "fairly or realistically be identified

See NRCP 9(f) ("For the purpose of testing the sufficiency of a pleading, averments of time and place are material and shall be considered like all other averments of material matter."); Brown v. Kellar, 97 Nev. 582, 583, 636 P.2d 874, 874 (1981) (pleading for tort claim must averments to time).

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See Prescott v. United States, 523 F.Supp. 918, 940-941 (D. Nev.1981), aff'd, 731 F.2d 1388 (9th Cir. 1984) ("Plaintiff who relies upon this delayed discovery rule must plead facts justifying delayed accrual of his action. The complaint must allege: (1) the time and manner of discovery, and (2) the circumstances excusing delayed discovery.") cited with approval by the Nevada Supreme Court in Petersen v. Bruen, 106 Nev. 271, 274, 792 P.2d 18, 20 (1990).

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See Page v. United States, 729 F.2d 818, 822 (D.C. Cir. 1984) disapproved of by Beard v. Edmondson & Gallagher, 790 A.2d 541 (D.C. 2002) (claim that the VA wrongfully prescribed addictive drugs without proper monitoring under the Tort Claims Act did not accrue for purposes of the statutory limitations on suit-filing until treatment was terminated.).

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Indeed, the cases relied upon by Lynita had specifically already adopted the continuous tort doctrine. See Coulon v. Witco Corp., 848 So. 2d 135, 138 (La. App. 2003) (continuous-tort doctrine adopted.).

Anderson v. State, 965 P.2d 783, 790 (Haw. App. 1998) ("The Hawaii Supreme Court adopted the continuing-tort exception to a statute of limitations in 1935").

⁷² See Opp. at p. 19, 11. 5-9.

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as the cause of significant harm" such as exposure to chemicals over a period of time. [O]nce the plaintiff has been placed on notice of an injury and the role of the defendants' wrongful conduct in causing it, the policy disfavoring stale claims makes application of the "continuous tort" doctrine inappropriate."80

Although Lynita previously contended that the continuous tort doctrine should be applied, the Amended Third-Party Complaint references certain transactions that purportedly caused her significant harm, including, but not limited to, "the transaction involving the Russell Road property"81 and "the release of thousands of dollars of trust income to Eric and other third parties." Since there are a number of "single incidents," which Lynita contends is the cause of "significant harm," the continuous tort doctrine does not apply. In any case, even if this Court finds that the continuous tort doctrine applies, the alleged tortious conduct of Nola and Lana cannot be deemed continuous as Lynita removed them as the Distribution Trustee of the LSN Trust long ago.⁸³

Ms. Nelson's Third And Fourth Claims For Relief For Breach Of Fiduciary Duty E. Should Be Dismissed Because Said Claims Are Barred Under NRS 166.170(8) And NRS 11.190(3)(d).

Further, NRS 166.170(8) strictly prohibits any action against the trustee of a spendthrift trust as follows:

> Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no action of any kind, including, without limitation, an action to enforce a judgment entered by a court or other body having adjudicative authority, may be

⁷⁸ Flowers v. Carville, 310 F.3d 1118, 1126 (9th Cir. 2002). See also 54 C.J.S. Limitations of Actions § 223 ("The common-law continuing tort doctrine may be applied, for statute of limitations purposes, when no single incident in a chain of tortious activity can fairly or realistically be identified as the cause of significant harm").

See Coulon, 848 So. 2d at 138 (continuous-tort doctrine applied when employee suffered permanent neurological injuries as result of exposure to significant amounts of neurotoxins and several carcinogens during employment).

⁸⁰ Beard v. Edmondson & Gallagher, 790 A.2d 541, 548 (D.C. 2002)

⁸¹ See Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 14 and 142.

⁸² See id. at ¶¶ 11 and 57-61.

⁸³ See id. at \P 51.

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brought at law or in equity against the trustee of a spendthrift trust if, as of the date the action is brought, an action by a creditor with respect to a transfer to the spendthrift trust would be barred pursuant to this section.

A "clear and convincing evidence" standard is also required for claims against a trust advisor.84

As indicated supra, both the ELN Trust and LSN Trust were created and funded in May 2001.85 Consequently, the statute of limitations began to run in or around May 2001, over ten (10) years ago. Pursuant to NRS 166.170, any claim that Ms. Nelson may have had against the ELN Trust and/or LSN Trust should have been brought no later than May 2003, within two (2) years of its creation and funding; however, she failed to do so. Said failure not only precludes Lynita's claims against the ELN Trust, but against the Trustees of the ELN Trust and LSN Trust (Eric, Lana and Nola).

Irrespective of NRS 166.170, Lynita's Tort Claims are further barred under NRS 11.190(3)(d) and NRS 11.220. Indeed, Lynita knew, or should have known, of the facts constituting the elements of her causes of action when Eric executed the ELN Trust, and she executed the LSN Trust in or around May 30, 2001, as neither trust provides that the assets titled in the name of the ELN Trust or the LSN Trust "were held, owned and controlled by the parties as community property." At the very least, Lynita's claims against Lana in her capacity as Distribution Trustee of the LSN Trust must be dismissed because Lana was admittedly "replaced as Distribution Trustee for the LSN Trust on February 22, 2007,"87 which was over 4.5 years ago, and "breach of fiduciary duty is fraud and,

⁸⁴ NRS 166.170(5) provides: "[a] person may not bring a claim against an adviser to the settlor or trustee of a spendthrift trust unless the person can show by clear and convincing evidence that the adviser acted in violation of the laws of this State, knowingly and in bad faith, and the adviser's actions directly caused the damages suffered by the person."

See Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 28-29.

⁸⁶ See Opp. at p. 18, ll. 2-3.

⁸⁷ See Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 51.

therefore, [subject to] the three-year statute of limitation set forth in NRS 11.190(3)(d)."88

Lynita's prior contention that "NRS 166.170, by its express terms, only applies to the time period for "creditors" to bring actions "with respect to a transfer of property to a spendthrift Trust" is erroneous as NRS 166.170(8) contains no such limitation.⁸⁹

F. Lynita's Eleventh Claim For Relief For Conspiracy And Thirteenth Claim For Relief For Aiding And Abetting Should Be Dismissed Because Said Claims Are Barred Under NRS 166.170 And NRS 11.220, And She Has Not Plead The Requisite Elements.

In addition to being barred by NRS 166.170, Lynita's aiding and abetting and conspiracy claims are also time-barred under NRS 11.220. Aiding and abetting⁹⁰ and conspiracy are governed by the catch-all provision of NRS 11.220, which provides that an action "must be commenced within four (4) years after the cause of action shall have accrued." Lynita contends that Eric, "during the time period October 1, 2001 through the present," conspired with Lana, Nola, Rochelle and Joan, by directing them to undertake certain actions pertaining to the ELN Trust and LSN Trust to the detriment of Lynita. Further, Lynita contends that Lana, Nola, Rochelle and Joan aided and abetted Eric and knowingly agreed and allowed and substantially assisted Eric to undertake such actions. ⁹³

Despite the fact that the purported actions begun on or around May 2001, Lynita did not file claims for aiding and abetting and/or conspiracy until September 30, 2011. Said claims are clearly outside of the four (4) year statute of limitations, and as such, must be dismissed.

Nevada State Bank v. Jamison Family P'ship, 106 Nev. 792, 799, 801 P.2d 1377, 1382 (1990).

⁸⁹ Cf. Opp. at p. 16, l. 28 - p. 17, l. 2 with NRS 166.170(8).

See Dow Chem. Co. v. Mahlum, 114 Nev. 1468, 1490, 970 P.2d 98, 112 (1998) ("[L]iability attaches for civil aiding and abetting if the defendant substantially assists or encourages another's conduct in breaching a duty to a third person.")

See Flowers v. Carville, 292 F. Supp. 2d 1225 (D. Nev. 2003) aff'd, 161 F. App'x 697 (9th Cir. 2006) (holding that public figure's claims of civil conspiracy to defame and hold in false light against Presidential candidate's wife accrued outside Nevada's four-year statute of limitations).

See Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 99-101.

See id. at ¶¶ 109-110.

Similarly, Lynita has not plead the requisite elements to support her claims for conspiracy and aiding and abetting. The Opposition has unsuccessfully attempted to distinguish the facts in this matter from one of the cases cited in the Motion to Dismiss, *Collins v. Union Federal Savings & Loan Association*, 662 P.2d 610, 99 Nev. 284 (1983), by contending that the elements of conspiracy have been met because Lana, Nola and Rochelle: (1) are not agents of a single corporate entity; 94 and (2) acted "as individuals for their individuals benefits." 95

Although in *Collins* the agents and employees were agents and employees of a single corporation, that case certainly does not require that Eric, Lana, Nola, Rochelle and Joan be agents and employees of a single corporation, and Lynita has failed to cite any case law holding otherwise. Here, the Third-Party Complaint refers to Lana, Rochelle and Joan as an "employee of any one of Eric's entities" who are "intricately involved in many of Eric's entities." Further, the Third-Party Complaint alleges that "Eric directed and controlled the distributions of income and assets to and from" the ELN Trust and the LSN Trust and Lana, Nola, Rochelle and Joan "knowingly and substantially assisted Eric." Since Lynita concedes an agent/employee relationship existed, her claim for conspiracy must be dismissed. Here

The Amended Third-Party Complaint does not allege that Lana, Nola, Rochelle or Joan acted

⁹⁴ See Opp. at p. 21, 1l. 4-6.

⁹⁵ See id. at p. 21, 11. 20-22.

See Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 13.

See *id.* at ¶ 13.

⁹⁸ See id. at ¶¶ 19-22, 44 and 53.

⁹⁹ See id. at ¶¶ 142, 149 and 156.

See id. at ¶¶ 143-144 and 157-158.

Although Nola and Lana have been sued in their capacity as former Distribution Trustees of the LSN Trust, the Third-Party Complaint fails to delineate what capacity Nola and Lana purportedly conspired and/or aided Eric. See Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 141-144, and 155-159. For this reason, Third-Party Defendants are not estopped from asserting that they cannot be con-conspirators/aiders and abetters with Eric in their individual capacities. See Opp. at p. 21, ll. 11-19.

"as individuals for their individuals benefits" and/or "conspired with Eric for their own respective, individual interests and gain." The Amended Third-Party Complaint contends that Lana¹⁰⁴ and Nola¹⁰⁵ are the former Distribution Trustees of the LSN Trust and the ELN Trust and/or employees of companies owned by the ELN Trust and/or the LSN Trust. Further, the Amended Third-Party Complaint contends that Rochelle¹⁰⁶ and Joan¹⁰⁷ are employees of entities owned by the ELN Trust and/or the LSN Trust, serving both as bookkeeper, and upon information and belief, the notary public on several documents for Eric; however, it is unclear what Lynita contends they did wrong. Since they have not acted for their own benefit, Lynita's conspiracy claim fails.

G. Lynita's Twelfth Claim For Relief For Concert Of Action Fails To State A Claim Upon Which Relief Can Be Granted.

Lynita previously opposed dismissal of her concert in action claim, by erroneously contending she was only alleging intentional torts, not negligence, and that concert of action claims involving intentional torts do not need to involve inherently dangerous activities. In fact, Lynita contended in her Opposition that the "inherently dangerous activity" prong of concert of action only applies to claims sounding in "negligence" rather than intentional torts is based upon an incorrect and disjointed reading of the Nevada Supreme Court's opinions in *Dow Chemical Co. v. Mahlum* and *GES, Inc. v. Corbitt*, and the RESTATEMENT (SECOND) OF TRUSTS § 876 ("RESTATEMENT § 876"). However, in applying RESTATEMENT § 876 to tortious acts constituting both intentional torts and negligence, the Nevada Supreme Court in both *Dow Chemical* and *GES* expressed that concert of action "is meant

See Opp. at p. 21, ll. 20-22.

See id. at p. 21, ll. 25-26.

See Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 19.

See *id*. at ¶ 20.

See *id*. at $\P 21$.

¹⁰⁷ See id. at ¶ 22.

to deter antisocial or dangerous behavior." Indeed, each of the illustrations in the comments on Restatement section 876, which demonstrate proper application of concert of action to inherently dangerous activities, include the commission of intentional torts, specifically burglary, illegal coercion (battery) by police officers and arson. ¹⁰⁹ Moreover, other jurisdictions have specifically held that imposition of concert of action over defendants engaging in intentional torts likewise required that the tortious conduct be inherently dangerous or pose a substantial risk of harm to others. 110

In Dow Chemical, the plaintiff sought to impose concert of action liability over the defendants for the commission of intentional torts. The Nevada Supreme Court specifically noted that "[u]nder the Restatement [section 876], liability attaches for concert of action if two persons commit a tort while acting in concert with one another or pursuant to a common design." (Emphasis added). 111 The Court, therefore, correctly noted that concert of action could potentially apply to the joint commission of any tort, whether intentional or negligent. Moreover, the Court expressly stated that "concert of action has traditionally been quite narrow in the scope of its application," and that "[t]he classic application of concert of action is drag racing, where one driver is the cause-in-fact of plaintiff's injury

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Dow Chemical Co. v. Mahlum, 114 Nev. 1468, 1488, 970 P.2d 98, 111 (1998); citing Juhl v. Airington, 936 S.W.2d 640, 644-45 (Tex.1996) (holding that "instances where concert of action liability has been imposed have almost always involved conduct posing a high degree of risk to others."); GES, Inc. v. Corbitt, 117 Nev. 265, 271, 21 P.3d 11, 15 (2001) at footnote 18.

See RESTATEMENT § 876, illustrations 1-16 involving joint commission of burglary, drag racing, participation in a riot, illegal methods of coercion by police officers (amounting to battery), discharging firearms across a public road, sale of a firearm known to be dangerously defective, arson, intentional explosion of dynamite, and possession of wild animals.

¹¹⁰ See III Forks Real Estate, L.P. v. Cohen, 228 S.W.3d 810, 816 (Tex. App. 2007) (declining to impose concert of action where defendant's intentional misrepresentation was "not the type of activity addressed in concert of action cases" because it "was simply not the type of highly dangerous, deviant, or anti-social group activity which was likely to cause injury or death to a person or certain harm to a large number of people."). See also Mein v. Cook, 193 P.3d 790 (Ariz. App. 2008) (Holding that concert of action in Arizona requires the commission of an intentional tort and substantial certainty of serious injury or death); Ryan v. Eli Lilly & Co., 514 F.Supp. 1004 (D. S.C. 1981) (concert of action "involves an extremely narrow fact pattern" and has been found in such conduct as group assault and battery.").

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¹¹¹ Dow Chemical, 114 Nev. at 1488, 970 P.2d at 115.

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and the fellow racer is also held liable for the injury."¹¹² However in discussing whether a theory of concerted action could be imposed over the defendants in *Dow Chemical*, the Nevada Supreme Court found that the plaintiff had not shown the requisite agreement or encouragement in the commission of the tortious conduct, specifically fraudulent misrepresentation of the safety of liquid silicone breast implants, and, thus, failed to reach a determination of whether the commission of the intentional tort was inherently dangerous.¹¹³

In *GES*, the Nevada Supreme Court announced its disfavor with the *Dow Chemical* opinion because the decision might be read, as Lynita concludes in her Opposition, that "concert of action requires no more than an agreement along with tortious conduct." Although, the Court in *GES* dealt specifically with the negligence case before it, its decision is much broader, as the Court sought to determine and clarify the meaning of "concerted acts." In reviewing its definition of "concert of action" in its *Dow Chemical* opinion, the Court in *GES* stated "to the extent our holding in [*Dow Chemical*] suggests that concert of action requires no more than an agreement along with tortious conduct, it is disfavored." Rather, it specifically requires that tortious conduct be "inherently dangerous or pose[] a substantial risk of harm to others." Therefore, the Court's express disfavor

¹¹² *Id*.

Id. at 114 Nev. at 1489, 970 P.2d at 112. Had it reached the issue, it is certainly reasonable to conclude that the Court would have found that Dow Chemical's fraudulent misrepresentation was inherently dangerous given the broad consumer market for silicone breast implants.

GES, 117 Nev. 265, 271, 21 P.3d 11, 15 (2001).

Id. at 117 Nev. at 270, 21 P.3d at 14-15. NRS 41.141(5)(d) simply extends joint and several liability to "concerted acts of the defendants." In finding that "the district court incorrectly interpreted the phrase 'concerted acts'," the court looked to its previous holding in *Dow Chemical*, and suggested that its opinion did not go far enough to define "concert of action." Therefore the Court in *GES* broadened the definition of "concert of action" in general, including the commission of both intentional torts, as in *Dow Chemical*, and negligence, as in the case before it, to require "conduct that is inherently dangerous or pose a substantial risk of harm to others."

¹¹⁶ Id. at 117 Nev. at 271, 21 P.3d at 15.

Id.

23-2483 (TELEPHONE) 53-5485 (FACSIMILE) 53-5485 (FACSIMILE) 53-5483 (TELEPHONE) of its opinion in *Dow Chemical* can only reasonably be read to conclude that concert of action applies in the context of intentional torts (*Dow Chemical*) as well as negligence (*GES*), and in either case requires that "the defendants must have agreed to engage in conduct that is inherently dangerous or pose[] a substantial risk of harm to others." 118

Accordingly, Lynita's prior argument that the *GES* case is limited only to negligent actions under NRS 41.141(5)(d) is disingenous because the Court in *GES* defined the phrase "concert of action" as applied to "tortious conduct," *i.e.* both intentional torts and negligence, and expressly required inherently dangerous activity or conduct that poses a substantial risk of harm to others. ¹¹⁹ Notwithstanding, Lynita's prior reliance on *Reynolds v. Schrock*, 107 P.3d 52 (Or. App. 2005), in support of her assertion that "[j]oint liability for concert of action has in fact been found in cases not involving inherently dangerous activity," is disingenuous and inapposite for two reasons: (1) *Reynolds* does not discuss whether concert of action required the commission of inherently dangerous activities, suggesting counsel failed to litigate the issue; and (2) *Reynolds* was overruled by the Oregon Supreme Court in *Reynolds v. Schrock*, 142 P.3d 1062 (Or. 2006), which expressly rejected the application of concert of action over an attorney as a matter of public policy, where application of the same would make the attorney liable for his client's breach of a fiduciary duty owed to a third party. ¹²¹

Lynita's Twelfth Claim for Relief seeking to impose joint and several liability over the defendants for their purported agreement or encouragement along with tortious conduct should be dismissed because it fails to allege that the Third-Party Defendants engaged in an inherently dangerous activity which posed a substantial risk of harm to others, a requirement in Nevada under *Dow Chemical* and *GES*. Moreover, in light of the traditional, and limited, application of concert of action to deter "antisocial or dangerous behavior," such as drag racing and participation in gang

¹¹⁸ *Id*.

¹¹⁹ *Id*.

See Opp. at p. 24, ll. 3-10.

Reynolds v. Schrock, 142 P.3d 1062, 1071-72 (Or. 2006).

related activity, this Court should dismiss claims alleging concert of action where the underlying tortious conduct falls far short of such longstanding policy considerations requiring participation in inherently dangerous activities, as Lynita's counterclaim does here.

H. Lynita's Fourteenth Claim For Relief For Constructive Trust Should Be Dismissed Because The Elements To Establish A Constructive Trust Have Not Been Met As Pled And A Constructive Trust Is A Remedy.

A constructive trust exists when: "(1) a confidential relationship exists between the parties; (2) retention of legal title by the holder thereof against another would be inequitable; and (3) the existence of such a trust is essential to the effectuation of justice." The Amended Third-Party Complaint is devoid of any allegations that a confidential relationship existed between the ELN Trust, who actually owns the assets, and Lynita. For this reason alone (i.e. Lynita's failure to plead the requisite elements of constructive trust), Lynita's Fourteenth Claim for Relief should be dismissed.

I. Lynita's Fifteenth Claim For Relief For Injunctive Relief Is Improper.

Lynita's Fifteenth Claim for Relief for Injunctive Relief "seeks the entry of a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction¹²³ on the grounds that the "community estate face the prospect of immediate, severe, and irreparable injury should Eric be allowed to continue his current course of conduct with respect to the ELN Trust."¹²⁴ In response to the previously filed Motion to Dismiss, Lynita contended that she is merely seeking to "confirm what is already in place [*i.e.* the Joint Preliminary Injunction], and what she is legally entitled to."¹²⁵ Said contention is a misnomer as neither Lynita nor Eric are entitled to any assets of the ELN Trust unless so provided by the terms of the ELN Trust. ¹²⁶ Further, if Lynita believed the ELN Trust was bound by the Joint Preliminary Injunction, there would have been no reason for her to request another

¹²² *Id*.

See Opp. at p. 34, ll. 20-22.

See id. at p. 34, 11. 12-14.

See id. at p. 27, ll. 8-9.

See NRS 166.130 ("A beneficiary of a spendthrift trust has no legal estate in the capital, principal or corpus of the trust estate...").

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injunction in open court at the April 4, 2011, hearing.

Lynita's contention that the ELN Trust should be enjoined from operating in the usual course of business contravenes the terms of the ELN Trust and EDCR 5.85 upon which she relies. Indeed, even if it were applicable to the ELN Trust, EDCR 5.85 specifically provides that the Joint Preliminary Injunction does not impede parties from engaging in "the usual course of businesses or for the necessities of life," which would include making investments and paying for the attorneys' fees and costs associated with defending the interest of the ELN Trust in this litigation.¹²⁷ Further, pursuant to the terms of the ELN Trust, the Trustees are allowed to use trust assets to: (1) defend against Eric and Lynita's claims of community and separate property, which is specifically allowed under Article XII, Section 12.1(m), 12.1(z), 12.5(a), 12.6 and 12.9; 128 and (2) invest and reinvest trust assets in the Trustees' sole discretion under Article XII, Section 12.1(f). 129

Further, this Court lacks jurisdiction to enter an injunction against the ELN Trust under NRS 125.050 as such a ruling would pertain to "the internal affairs of a nontestamentary trust...," and be therefore subject to the Probate Court's exclusive jurisdiction under Title 12 and Title 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. Notwithstanding, to the extent that Lynita seeks an injunction under NRS 125.050, she should be forced to comply with the stringent requirements of EDCR 5.20, including, but not limited to, providing notice to the ELN Trust. Consequently, Lynita's request for an injunction must be dismissed.

¹²⁷ Estate of Harvey, 1958, 330 P.2d 478, 164 Cal. App.2d 330 (Cal. App. 1958) (a testamentary trustee has a power and duty to resist a claim by the widow of the testator that the trust property was community property); Bank of Am. Nat. Trust & Sav. Ass'n v. Long Beach Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 141 Cal. App. 2d 618, 624, 297 P.2d 443, 447 (Cal. App. 1956) ("The law governing the administration of trusts is that a trustee not only has the right, but it is his duty, whenever necessary to the proper administration, preservation and execution of the trust or to its defense"); In re Estate of Duffill, 206 P. 42, 188 Cal. 536 (Cal. 1922) (duty to resist attack on validity of trust by beneficiary).

¹²⁸ Upon information and belief, Lynita is paying her attorneys' fees and costs from the LSN Trust.

¹²⁹ Upon information and belief, Lynita is investing and reinvesting the assets of the LSN Trust.

¹³⁰ NRS 164.015.

J. All Causes Of Action Against The ELN Trust Should Be Brought Against The Trustee Who Is The Real Party In Interest.

Pursuant to the August 9, 2011, Stipulation and Order, the ELN Trust was joined as a necessary party, intervening in this action. On August 19, 2011, Lana, acting as the "real party in interest" (*i.e.* the "trustee of an express trust") pursuant to NRCP 17(a), filed an Answer to Complaint for Divorce and Counterclaim and Cross-Claim. On September 30, 2011, Lynita filed claims against the ELN Trust *and* Lana as Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust. Since Lana in her capacity as Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust is the real party in interest, Lynita's claims against the ELN Trust should be dismissed and said claims, if any survive the Motion to Dismiss, should be made by and through the Lana as Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust. Trust.

K. This Court Should Also Dismiss The Third-Party Complaint Because It Fails To Meet The Pleading Requirement Under NRCP 9(b).

"In all averments of fraud or mistake, the circumstances constituting fraud or mistake shall be stated with particularity. Malice, intent, knowledge, and other condition of mind of a person may be averred generally." "This heightened pleading requirement is a response to the 'great harm to the reputation of a business firm or other enterprise a fraud claim can do." "Thus 'a plaintiff claiming fraud or mistake must do more pre-complain investigation to assure that the claim is

See Stipulation and Order, previously filed 8/8/11.

NRCP 17(a) provides in part that "[e]very action shall be prosecuted in the name of the real party in interest."

Lynita's reliance upon NRCP 19(a), *Robinson v. Kind*, 23 Nev. 330, 47 P. 977 (1897) and *Schwob v. Hemsath*, 98 Nev. 293, 646 P.2d 1212 (1982) is inapposite because said cases, although dealing with joinder of proper parties, do not analyze whether it is proper to file a directly against a trust or by and through its trustee. The remaining cases support Third-Party Defendants contention that Lynita's claims should be made against Lana as Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust.

¹³⁴ NRCP 9(b).

Borsellino v. Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., 477 F.3d 502, 507 (7th Cir. 2007) (district court's dismissal of complaint was justified when plaintiff refused to submit amended pleadings after the district court indicated that the original complaint was deficient).

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"The circumstances that must be detailed include averments to the time, the place, the identity of the parties involved, and the nature of the fraud or mistake." 137 "The circumstances constituting the alleged fraud must be 'specific enough to give defendants notice of the particular misconduct." 138

Further, "Rule 9(b) does not allow a complaint to merely lump multiple defendants together but require[s] plaintiffs to differentiate their allegations suing more than one defendant . . . and inform each defendant separately of the allegations surrounding his alleged participation in the fraud." 139

Although certain claims may not require an element of fraud, a plaintiff may nonetheless be subject to the particularity requirement set forth in NRCP 9(b) if a complaint "sounds in fraud." Where a plaintiff alleges a unified course of fraudulent conduct and relies entirely on that course of conduct as the basis of its complaint, the complaint is said to sound in fraud and the complaint as a whole must satisfy the particularity requirements of Rule 9(b). Indeed, "fraud can be averred by specifically alleging fraud, or by alleging facts that necessarily constitute fraud (even if the word "fraud" is not used.)". Indeed, "its not used.)".

Lynita's Fifth Claim for Relief is for fraud. 143 Further, the Amended Third-Party Complaint

¹³⁶ Id. at 477 F.3d at 507.

Brown v. Kellar, 97 Nev. 583-584, 636 P.2d 874 (1981).

G.K. Las Vegas, Ltd. P'ship v. Simon Prop. Group, Inc., 460 F. Supp. 2nd 1246, 1257 (D. Nev. 2006) (court found that plaintiff failed to meet the threshold requirement of alleging fraud against individual defendants).

Swartz v. KPMGLLP, 476 F.3d 756, 764-765 (9th Cir. 2007) (in the context of a fraud suit involving multiple defendants, a plaintiff must, at a minimum, identify the role of each defendant in the alleged fraudulent scheme).

See Rubke v. Capitol Bancorp Ltd., 460 F. Supp. 2d 1124, 1134 (N.D. Cal. 2006) (holding that if a complaint sounds in fraud it must comply with Rule 9(b)).

See Vess v. Ciba-Geigy Corp. USA, 317 F.3d 1097, 1103 (9th Cir. 2003).

See id. at 317 F.3d 1097 at 1105.

See Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 106-112.

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1 PROFESSIONAL CEI CHEYENNE AVENUE SARS (TELEHONE) 5-5485 (FACSIMILE) H@Sdfmlaw.com alleges that the Third-Party Defendants engaged in a scheme to "defraud" Lynita, ¹⁴⁴ and fraudulently conveyed assets from the LSN Trust and the ELN Trust. ¹⁴⁵ "Further, "[a] breach of fiduciary duty is fraud," ¹⁴⁶ and Rule 9(b) applies to claims of conspiracy. ¹⁴⁷ The remainder of the Amended Third-Party Complaint sounds in fraud as it is based on Lynita's unfounded allegations that Eric made numerous misrepresentations and omissions in the creation and funding of the ELN Trust, ¹⁴⁸ and has undertaken numerous other acts to defraud Lynita in her purported community property interest in assets owned by the ELN Trust. ¹⁴⁹ The Amended Third-Party Complaint further alleges a unified course of allegedly fraudulent conduct, without differentiating her allegations against the Third-Party Defendants, ¹⁵⁰ and relies on said course of conduct as the basis for each and every claim for relief against Eric, Lana, Nola, Rochelle and Joan. Notwithstanding, the Amended Third-Party Complaint fails to state with particularity what statements, if any, Eric made to Lynita regarding the creation of the ELN Trust and LSN Trust, ¹⁵¹ the assets that Lynita contends were inappropriately distributed, ¹⁵² and/or the actions/inactions of Lana, Nola, Rochelle and Joan.

As a result of the foregoing, this Court should dismiss the Amended Third-Party Complaint, or alternatively, order Lynita to amend the Third-Party Complaint so as to comply with NRCP 9(b).

L. Motion To Strike Allegations That Cannot Be Considered In An Alter Ego Claim.

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144 See id. at ¶ 34.
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See id. at ¶¶ 144, 151 and 158.

See Shupe v. Ham, 98 Nev. 61, 64, 639 P.2d 540, 542 (1982).

See Arroyo v. Wheat, 591 F. Supp. 141, 144 (D. Nev. 1984) (holding Rule 9(b), which requires that in averments of fraud the circumstances constituting fraud shall be stated with particularity, must be plead in claim for conspiracy).

See Amended Third-Party Complaint, at ¶¶ 29, 31 and 63.

See id. at ¶¶ 72-108.

¹⁵⁰ See fn 139 supra.

See Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 29, 31 and 63.

See id. at ¶¶ 53-54.

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NRCP 12(f) provides: "[u]pon motion made by a party before responding to a pleading . . . the court may order stricken from any pleading any insufficient defense or any redundant, immaterial, impertinent, or scandalous matter." "Redundant matter" is that which "consists of allegations that constitute a needless repetition of other averments." Matter which is "immaterial" is "that which has no essential or important relationship to the claim for relief or the defenses being pleaded." "Impertinent matter" consists of statements that do not pertain, and are not necessary to the issues in question." Scandalous" matter "improperly casts a derogatory light on someone, most typically on a party to the action." 156

As indicated *supra* in Section (C)(2), under NRS 163.4177, factors which must not be considered exercising improper dominion or control over a trust are:

1. A beneficiary is serving as a trustee.

2. The settlor or beneficiary holds unrestricted power to remove

or replace a trustee.

3. The settlor or beneficiary is a trust administrator, general partner of a partnership, manager of a limited-liability company, officer of a corporation or any other manager of any other type of entity and all or part of the trust property consists of an interest in the entity.

4. The trustee is a person related by blood, adoption or marriage to the settlor or beneficiary.

5. The trustee is the settlor or beneficiary's agent, accountant, attorney, financial adviser or friend.

6. The trustee is a business associate of the settlor or beneficiary.

Notwithstanding, the Amended Third-Party Complaint is riddled with allegations that may not be considered under the foregoing statute.¹⁵⁷ Consequently, this Court should strike any and all

See 5A Charles Alan Wright & Arthur R. Miller, Federal Practice and Procedure § 1382, at 704 (2d ed.1990)

See Fantasy, Inc. v. Fogerty, 984 F.2d 1524, 1527 (9th Cir.1993), rev'd on other grounds, 510 U.S. 517, 114 S.Ct. 1023, 127 L.Ed.2d 455 (1994) (citing 5A Charles Alan Wright & Arthur R. Miller § 1382, at 706–07) (internal citations omitted).

See id. citing 5A Charles Alan Wright & Arthur R. Miller § 1382, at 711.

See 5A Charles Alan Wright & Arthur R. Miller § 1382, at 712.

See generally Amended Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 6, 10 -13, 57-61, 73-74, 78-79,

inadmissible allegations pertaining to Lynita's First and Second Claims for Relief.

CONCLUSION III.

For the reasons set forth above, this Court should grant the Motion to Dismiss and deny the Countermotion.

DATED this 17th day of January, 2011.

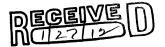
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EXHIBIT A

Source and Application of Funds For Eric Nelson Auctioneering

From January 1, 2009 through May 31, 2011

District Court Family Division Clark County, Nevada

Case Number: D-09-411537-D

Department O

Report Date: January 26, 2012

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Eric Nelson Auctioneering, Inc. ("ENA")

From January 1, 2009 through May 31, 2011

Sources of Cash		
Beginning Cash/Equivalents	26,709.51	(A)
Affiliated Companies	285,000.00	(B)
Sale of Assets	280,165.39	(C)
Other Income	700,040.76	(D)
Refunds	88,200.15	(E)
Line of Credit	200,000.00	(F)
Total Sources	1,580,115.81	
Applications of Cash		
Eric Nelson	43,349.45	(G)
Lynita Nelson	5,742.00	(H)
Children Payments	13,293.80	(I)
Related Individuals	225,049.94	(J)
Professionals	50,638.36	(K)
Affiliated Companies	824,349.32	(L)
Rental Expenses	170,406.29	(M)
Operating Expenses	98,450.13	(N)
Other Individuals	131,300.05	(O)
Other Companies	10,609.86	(P)
Ending Cash	6,926.61	(Q)
Total Applications	1,580,115.81	
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Footnotes to the Financial Statement

The following report is based upon Peachtree Accounting records produced, written statements from Eric Nelson regarding various transactions and supporting documentation provided.

Sources of Cash

Beginning Cash/Equivalents	26,709.51	(A)
Affiliated Companies	285,000.00	(B)
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Total Sources	1,580,115.81	

- A. <u>Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents</u> As of January 1, 2009, ENA began the year with \$26,709.51 in its Bank of America Checking account ending in #5466.
- B. <u>Affiliated Companies</u> Between January 2009 and May 2011, ENA received \$285,000 in funds from Banone, LLC ("Banone") and Eric L. Nelson NV Trust ("ELN NV").
 The following charts indicate the date and amount of each transfer:

Date	ELN NV	Banone
01/20/09	50,000.00	
04/13/09		50,000.00
08/17/09	20,000.00	
08/24/09	10,000.00	
08/28/09		10,000.00
09/08/09		35,000.00
02/01/10	10,000.00	
05/31/11		100,000.00
·_	90,000.00	195,000.00
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C. <u>Sale of Assets</u> – Between January 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011, ENA received funds as commissions for selling properties. Many of the commissions paid to ENA resulted from the sales of Banone, LLC properties. The following is a chart indicating the monthly receipts ENA received:

	Sale of Assets / Commissions		
2009 2010			2011
Jan	56,969.70	25,549.00	6,250.00
Feb	33,200.00	11,500.00	
Mar	600.00	6,580.00	
Apr	3,230.00	9,000.00	
May	5,972.50	10,800.00	
June	1,900.00		
July	450.00		
Aug	15,000.00	7,000.00	
Sept	4,680.00		
Oct	16,535.00		
Nov	23,553.00		
Dec	41,396.19		
	203,486.39	70,429.00	6,250.00

D. Other Income – In 2009 and 2010, ENA recorded three transactions for which we have classified as "Other Income". The following is a description of each of the three transactions:

Date	Amount	Name	Description
04/22/09	300,000.00		loan payment by doctor (FDIC Notes)
06/15/09	400,000.00		Wire from Doctor (FDIC Notes)
04/12/10	40.76	CNR Real Estate	Powerpay bill
=	700,040.76		

According to the Peachtree files, the \$300,000.00 and \$400,000.00 payments from doctors relate to FDIC notes ENA purchased and the two payments were applied against said notes.

E. <u>Refunds</u> – In 2009 and 2010, ENA received refunds from transactions. The following chart is a description of the transactions classified as "Refunds":

Date	Amount	Name	Description
06/29/09	1.00	Department of the Treasury	Refund
06/29/09	25.00	Town of Pahrump	Refund
11/06/09	50,000.00	Chicago Title	Sugar Daddy's Earnest Money
12/09/09	185.00	Towne Center Escrow, LLC	refund HOA fee-8101 Pursuit
12/21/09	10,000.00	Sugar Daddy's	Closing Extension
02/08/10	22,851.19	Chicago Title	overpayment of closing fees
03/15/10	37.49	Chicago Title	Investment Exchange Int on \$ held for Sugar Daddy's Exchange
03/15/10	23.47	Century Link	Refund
04/12/10	5,077.00	Seneca Insurance Company	Premium Refund
	88,200.15		

F. <u>Line of Credit</u> – On October 1, 2009 and December 16, 2009, ENA received wires for \$100,000.00 each from the Line of Credit.

Applications of Cash

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Lynita Nelson 5,742.00 (l	H)
Children Payments 13,293.80 (I)
Related Individuals 225,049.94 (J)
Professionals 50,638.36 (I	K)
Affiliated Companies 824,349.32 (L)
Rental Expenses 170,406.29 (1	M)
Operating Expenses 98,450.13 (1	N)
Other Individuals 131,300.05 (O)
Other Companies 10,609.86 (P)
Ending Cash6,926.61(Q)
Total Applications 1,580,115.81	

G. <u>Eric Nelson</u> – In 2009, Eric Nelson received two (2) payments amounting to \$34,500.00. The following is a chart of the two payments Eric received:

Date	Amount	Name	Description
11/09/09	25,500.00	Eric Nelson	loan pmt / reimbursement for Keith's expenses
12/22/09	9,000.00	Eric Nelson	loan pmt
	34,500.00		

The following chart details the payments for Eric's expenses:

Eric Nelson Expenses				
	2009			
Jan	726.98			
Feb				
Mar				
Apr	485.38			
May				
June	1,897.72			
July	1,600.89			
Aug	1,226.34			
Sept	2,481.64			
Oct				
Nov				
Dec	430.50			
	8,849.45			

The types of transactions listed in the Eric's expenses include payments for the following:

- Club Sport Dues
- Food & Entertainment
- Gas

- H. <u>Lynita Nelson</u> On 7/28/09, ENA paid Lynita Nelson \$5,742.00 with a description of "misc personal expenses".
- I. <u>Children's Payments</u> Between January 2009 and May 2011, ENA made payments to children directly and/or toward children related expenses. The following is a description of the direct payments and expenses paid on behalf of ENA:

Child Name	Amount	Reference
Amanda Stromberg	3,501.90	(a)
Aubrey Nelson	8,988.40	(b)
Erica Nelson	803.50	(c)
	13,293.80	_

 a) Amanda Stromberg – Amanda is the adult daughter of Eric and Lynita Nelson. Amanda is married to Chris Stromberg. Amanda received the following distributions and/or expenses:

Amanda Direct Payments	2,601.90
Chris Direct Payments	900.00
	3,501.90

b) <u>Aubrey Nelson</u> – Aubrey is the adult daughter of Eric and Lynita Nelson. Aubrey received the following distributions and/or expenses:

Direct Payments	8,000.00
Expenses	988.40
	8,988.40

c) <u>Erica Nelson</u> – Erica is the adult daughter to Eric and Lynita Nelson. Erica received \$803.50 in expenses.

J. Related Individuals - Between January 2009 and May 2011, ENA made payments to related individuals directly and/or toward these related individuals expenses. The following is a description of the direct payments and expenses paid on behalf of ENA:

Name	Amount	Relationship	Reference
Aleda Nelson	98,249.54	Eric's Sister	(a)
Cal Nelson	30,713.60	Eric's Brother	(b)
Chad Ramos	77,386.80	Eric's Nephew (Nola's son)	(c)
Eric T. Nelson	6,000.00	Eric's Nephew (Paul's son)	(d)
Paul Nelson	4,700.00	Eric's Brother	(e)
Ryan Nelson	8,000.00	Eric's Nephew (Paul's son)	(f)
	225,049.94		

a) Aleda Nelson (Eric's Sister) – In 2009 and 2010, Aleda Nelson ("Aleda"), Nelson Auctioneering, a company owned and operated by Aleda, benefited and/or received payments amounting to \$98,249.54. Eric produced 1099s for 2009 and 2010 for ENA¹. According to the 1099s and the Peachtree files, we have found discrepancies as shown below:

	2009		20	010
	1099	Records	1099	Records
Aleda Nelson	4,750.00	25,368.52		631.00
Nelson Auctioneering	58,475.00	49,621.65		8,500.00
Expenses		13,428.37		700.00
	63,225.00	88,418.54	_	9,831.00

Page 11 of this report indicates the various payments to or for the benefit of Aleda Nelson and/or Nelson Auctioneering.

¹ As the 1099 is only a copy, we cannot determine if the 1099s were filed with the IRS.

Aleda Nelson Payments/Expenses

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
01/22/09	950.00	Aleda Nelson	DDG INT 1/2 JAN / N&A INT 1/2 JAN
03/16/09	1,900.00	Aleda Nelson	DDG 1/2 Feb/March / N&A 1/2 Int Feb & March
04/06/09	950.00	Aleda Nelson	ddg int / n&a int
04/22/09	651.00	Aleda Nelson	Insurance reimbursement
04/22/09	950.00	Aleda Nelson	1/2 MAY DDG / 1/2 MAY N&A
06/29/09	1,302.00	Aleda Nelson	Monthly Insurance May / Monthly Insurance June
08/10/09	651.00	Aleda Nelson	Insurance
08/24/09	7,652.37	Aleda Nelson	Advertising Reimbursement-TSG
09/08/09	6,081.78	Aleda Nelson	TSG on credit card / Insurance
10/05/09	1,953.00	Aleda Nelson	Aug. Insurance / Sept. Insurance / Oct. Insurance
10/27/09	300.00	Aleda Nelson	reimbursement -open house supplies
11/09/09	725.37	Aleda Nelson	reimbursement for auction expenses / October insurance
12/02/09	651.00	Aleda Nelson	Insurance November
12/03/09	651.00	Aleda Nelson	December Insurance
02/02/10	631.00	Aleda Nelson	January insurance
	25,999.52	- -	
01/22/09	5,000.00	Nelson Auctioneering	Williams & Williams
01/22/09	1,375.00	Nelson Auctioneering	GRIZZLY INT 1/2 JAN / N&A INT 1/2 JAN
03/16/09	2,750.00	Nelson Auctioneering	Grizzly 1/2 Int Feb/March / N&A 1/2 Int Jan/Feb
04/06/09	1,375.00	Nelson Auctioneering	grizzly int / n&a int
04/22/09	1,375.00	Nelson Auctioneering	1/2 MAY GRIZZLY / 1/2 INT N&A
08/10/09	15,000.00	Nelson Auctioneering	Hudson & Marshall
10/07/09	6,000.00	Nelson Auctioneering	Hudson & Marshall CK#21379
10/23/09	7,373.33	Nelson Auctioneering	reimbursement for payment to Summit Comm.
11/02/09	7,373.32	Nelson Auctioneering	Reimbursement For Advertising -Summit Comm.
12/16/09	2,000.00	Nelson Auctioneering	Hudson & Marshall commission
01/14/10	1,000.00	Nelson Auctioneering	Hudson & Marshall
02/01/10	5,000.00	Nelson Auctioneering	Hudson & Marshall-Dec online commission
06/09/10	2,500.00	Nelson Auctioneering	Hudson & Marshall Commission
	58,121.65		
09/11/09	5,000.00	Bank of America	TSG PMT ON LANA'S CC
05/26/09	90.00	IRS	Late filing penalty-Aleda (Nelson Auctioneering, Inc)
04/02/09	486.00	TSG	Invoice#55588-0 & 55589-0 Less Overpmt Of \$9
08/27/09	7,652.37	TSG	week 2 advertising
09/09/09	200.00	TSG	Art Changes-Aleda
04/05/10	700.00	TSG	outstanding invoices 9-09
	14,128.37	_	
	98,249.54	· =	

b) Cal Nelson (Eric's Brother) – In 2009 and 2010, Clarence Nelson ("Cal") personally, and/or Cal's Blue Water Marine, a company owned by Cal, received or benefited from the following payments:

Cal Nelson Payments/Expenses

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
06/17/09	30,000.00	Cal's Blue Water Marine	Rent
06/05/09	263.60	Bank of America	Southwest Airlines & M Resort
04/21/10	450.00	_ Cal Nelson	
	30,713.60	_	

Eric produced a copy² of a 2009 IRS form 1099 for Cal's Blue Water Marine in the amount of \$30,000.00.

c) Chad Ramos (Eric's Nephew (Nola's son)) – Between January 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011, Chad Ramos ("Chad"), and/or CNR Real Estate, LLC, a company owned by Chad, received and/or benefited from payments made by ENA. Eric produced 1099s for 2009 and 2010 for Chad Ramos and/or CNR Real Estate, LLC³. According to the 1099s and the Peachtree files, we have found discrepancies as shown below:

	2009		20	10
	1099	Records	1099	Records
Chad Ramos	25,725.00	25,113.63	14,800.00	15,421.66
CNR Real Estate	-	-		22,500.00
Expenses		7,002.93		7,348.58
	25,725.00	32,116.56	14,800.00	45,270.24

We have not received employment records or contractor agreements between Chad and ENA. According to the Peachtree files produced by Eric, ENA recorded a note receivable from Chad Ramos prior to January 1, 2009 of 11,006.92. As of May 31, 2011, the note has an outstanding balance of \$11,006.92.

² As the 1099 is only a copy, we cannot determine if the 1099s were filed with the IRS.

³ As the 1099 is only a copy, we cannot determine if the 1099s were filed with the IRS.

Chad Ramos Payments/Expenses

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
01/05/09	3,000.00	Chad Ramos	Commission Draw
02/03/09	3,000.00	Chad Ramos	Commission Draw
04/01/09	3,000.00	Chad Ramos	Monthly Commission
04/06/09	1,750.00	Chad Ramos	3025 Meadow Flower Ave
05/29/09	975.00	Chad Ramos	1069 Overture Drive Commission
09/09/09	581.00	Chad Ramos	House Pictures / Broker Advertising / Virtual Meetings
10/01/09	3,000.00	Chad Ramos	Monthly Commission
10/05/09	786.95	Chad Ramos	Brochures / Gas / Computer Monitor
11/02/09	3,000.00	Chad Ramos	Commission
11/03/09	572.55	Chad Ramos	Brochures / Gas / Hard Drive Backup
12/01/09	3,000.00	Chad Ramos	Monthly Commission
12/16/09	2,000.00	Chad Ramos	Copper Canyon Commission / Veneer Commission
12/16/09	448.13	Chad Ramos	computer / Headset / Map Pins / Batteries
01/04/10	3,000.00	Chad Ramos	Commission
01/05/10	1,000.00	Chad Ramos	commission-36 Marble Apex
01/11/10	372.89	Chad Ramos	gas reimbursements 12/30/09-1/7/10
01/11/10	4,000.00	Chad Ramos	Commission-Mariner Beach/New Leaf/Attributes/Gazelle
01/27/10	248.77	Chad Ramos	gas receipts
01/27/10	1,000.00	Chad Ramos	commission-Swept plains
02/01/10	2,800.00	Chad Ramos	commission
02/08/10	2,000.00	Chad Ramos	commission -Cabrini
08/17/10	1,000.00	Chad Ramos	commission - Bella Kathryn
03/01/10	15,000.00	CNR Real Estate	loan-less commission to pay Deborde MLS Fees
03/26/10	3,000.00	CNR Real Estate	Ever Clear commission / Valley Drive Commission
04/30/10	1,500.00	CNR Real Estate	Copper Pine Commission
05/11/10	3,000.00	CNR Real Estate	commission-Scarlet Sea / Commission- Palamos
01/22/09	1,098.58	GMAC	Chad's car
02/19/09	1,098.58	GMAC	Chad's car
03/26/09	160.13	Go Fish Creative, LLC	Business Cards-Chad
05/06/09	200.00	IRS	Chad Ramos Tax Pmt
05/27/09	1,101.90	American Express	NV Registration-Chad
10/20/09	1,098.58	GMAC	Chad's car
10/27/09	48.00	American Express	37 Signals-Chad
11/20/09	1,098.58	GMAC	Chad's car
12/20/09	1,098.58	GMAC	Chad's car
01/20/10	1,098.58	GMAC	Chad's car
11/08/10	6,250.00	GMAC	08 Cadi Escalade
•	77,386.80	=	

- d) Eric T. Nelson (Eric's Nephew (Paul's son)) On January 27, 2009 and March 30, 2009, Eric T. Nelson received payments of \$3,000.00 each with a description of "Commission Draw" and "Monthly Commission", respectively. According to the records produced, Eric T. Nelson received a 1099 in 2009 from ENA for \$9,000.00. We have not received employment records or contractor agreements between Eric T. Nelson and ENA.
- e) <u>Paul Nelson (Eric's Brother)</u> In 2009, Paul Nelson ("Paul") received the following payments and/or benefited from the payment of expenses:

Paul Nelson Payments/Expenses

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
01/03/09	850.00	Ford Credit	Paul's Truck
02/09/09	850.00	Ford Credit	Paul's Truck
03/15/11	3,000.00	Paul Nelson	Bella Kathryn Plans revision to be reimbursed by Banone
	4,700.00	_	

According to the records produced, Paul Nelson did not receive a 1099 in 2009 or 2010. We have not received records and/or agreements relating to the payments of Paul's truck payment. In addition, we have not received backup from the payment of the March 15, 2011 payment to Paul for reimbursement.

⁴ As the 1099 is only a copy, we cannot determine if the 1099s were filed with the IRS.

f) Ryan Nelson (Eric's Nephew (Paul's son)) – During 2009, Ryan Nelson ("Ryan") received \$8,000 from ENA as shown below:

Ryan Nelson Payments/Expenses

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
01/27/09	3,000.00	Ryan Nelson	Commission Draw
03/30/09	3,000.00	Ryan Nelson	Monthly Commission
12/21/09	2,000.00	Chris White	Misc fees for Ryan Nelson
	8,000.00	<u> </u>	

According to the records produced, Ryan received⁵ a 1099 in 2009 from ENA for \$9,000.00. We have not received employment records or contractor agreements between Ryan Nelson and ENA.

K. <u>Professionals</u> – The following transactions involved payments by ELN NV to professionals in the accounting and legal fields.

Professional Name	Amount
Gordon & Silver, LTD.	144.40
Ecker & Kainen	26,080.00
Harold Duke	5,000.00
Stephens, Gourley & Bywater	1,398.69
Warner Angle Hallam Jackson	15,365.27
Rogers & Haldeman (Accountant)	680.00
Gerety & Associates (Accountant)	1,970.00
	50,638.36

⁵ As the 1099 is only a copy, we cannot determine if the 1099s were filed with the IRS.

Intercompany - The following chart explains the various transfers between related L. companies:

Date	Banone ⁶	Banone-Az ⁷	Dynasty ⁸	ELN NV ⁹
01/15/09				50,000.00
03/16/09	716.86			•
03/16/09				23,300.00
04/22/09				300,000.00
06/01/09	200,000.00			
06/01/09		100,000.00		
06/29/09		332.46		
10/01/09			20,000.00	
10/27/09				10,000.00
12/16/09	100,000.00			
05/20/10	20,000.00			
	320,716.86	100,332.46	20,000.00	383,300.00

Rental Expenses - The following chart explains the payments relating to rental real property:

Description	Amount	_
Insurance	8,285.00	(a)
Oasis Baptist Church	100,000.00	(b)
Rental Expenses	54,730.46	(c)
Utilities	7,390.83	(d)
	170,406.29	_

⁶ Banone, LLC
⁷ Banone-AZ, LLC
⁸ Dynasty Development Group, LLC
⁹ Eric L. Nelson NV Trust

a) <u>Insurance</u> – Between January 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011, ENA paid the following amounts relating to insurance:

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
01/15/09	100.00	A & J Insurance	NELAU-1 Policy #1231680
05/04/09	450.00	CNA Surety	Bond/Policy#060168605314-US Bankruptcy Court
05/04/09	100.00	A & J Insurance	City of Henderson Bond
06/03/09	100.00	CNA Surety	Clark County Bond
10/27/09	1,814.00	Seneca Insurance Company	Sugar Daddy's Insurance
12/01/09	1,807.00	Seneca Insurance Company	Sugar Daddy's
12/30/09	3,614.00	Seneca Insurance Company	sugar daddy's ins
04/30/10	100.00	CNA Surety	City of LV Bond
05/09/11	100.00	CNA Surety	renewal
05/18/11	100.00	A & J Insurance	bond renewal
:	8,285.00	-	

b) Oasis Baptist Church - On May 31, 2011, ENA paid Oasis Baptist Church \$100,000.00 referencing "1 of 3 (total note \$300,000) loan for construction of school (loan to be reimbursed by outside 3rd party)".

c) <u>Rental Expenses</u> – Between January 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011, ENA paid expenses associated with rental properties¹⁰:

Date	Amount	Name	Description
01/26/09	3,200.00	Nelson & Associates	RENT STE 108
01/30/09	3,200.00	Nelson & Associates	STE 108 RENT
04/01/09	300.00	W. Charleston Lions Foundation	Football program ad
04/01/09	3,200.00	Nelson & Associates	RENT SUITE 108
05/11/09	3,200.00	Nelson & Associates	SUITE 108 RENT
06/04/09	3,200.00	Nelson & Associates	rent Suite 108
07/06/09	3,200.00	Nelson & Associates	RENT
07/28/09	3,200.00	Nelson & Associates	AUG RENT
07/22/09	2,164.77	The Sign Shop	'
08/24/09	40.00	Palo Verde H.S. Theatre	Advertising
08/24/09	252.95	Tyrone Boyer	MLS Photos
08/27/09	84.31	Tyrone Boyer	Silver Heights Photos
09/08/09	3,200.00	Nelson & Associates	RENT 108
09/24/09	1,297.20	The Sign Shop	misc signs
09/25/09	2,927.21	American Express	GLVAR Fees
09/28/09	546.95	Tyrone Boyer	16 properties-Front / 6 interior
	3,270.00	Various Individuals	Open House Help (Indiv. received \$100 - \$200 for help)
10/01/09	100.00	Elsie R. Uti	Open house work
10/01/09	3,200.00	Nelson & Associates	RENT SUITE 108
10/01/09	675.62	The Sign Shop	25 signs @ \$25 each
10/05/09	42.00	Tyrone Boyer	Clover Blossom pictures
10/23/09	125.00	Adrienne Larsen	Sugar Daddy's pictures
10/23/09	125.00	Karla Primosch	Sugar Daddy's pictures
10/27/09	3,200.00	Nelson & Associates	November Rent
10/28/09	400.00	Hawkeye Striping	Sugar Daddy's re-stripe
10/28/09	548.00	Tyrone Boyer	property pictures
11/03/09	2,720.00	Various Individuals	Open House Help (Indiv. received \$80 - \$160 for help)
12/31/09	(100.00)	Danielle G. R. Grey	Voided check from September
12/01/09	3,200.00	Nelson & Associates	rent suite 108
12/16/09	25.00	Gildardo Torres	
12/29/09	486.45	The Sign Shop	
01/05/10	3,200.00	Nelson & Associates	January rent suite 108
04/21/10	300.00	W. Charleston Lions Foundation	Advertising
=	54,730.46	•	

 $^{^{10}}$ Payments to Nelson & Associates amounting to \$3,200.00 a month are not recorded as "Intercompany" as the payments are for rent therefore recorded as rental income on the report of Eric L. Nelson NV Trust.

d) <u>Utilities</u> – Between January 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011, ENA paid \$7,390.83 in Utilities such as Power, Sewer, Trash and Gas. The following is a monthly chart of said payments:

	2009	2010
Jan	360.77	1,913.07
Feb	270.63	706.09
Mar	321.01	
Apr	166.26	
May	124.98	
June	397.76	
July	269.83	
Aug	337.52	
Sept	460.92	
Oct	426.08	
Nov	1,110.49	
Dec	525.42	
	4,771.67	2,619.16

N. Operating Expenses – Expenses commonly associated with business operations are listed as Interest Expense, Other Expenses and Travel Expenses. The following is a description of the transaction associated with all three categories:

Description	Amount	
Interest Expense	480.40	(a)
Other Expenses	57,307.24	(b)
Travel Expenses	5,652.49	(c)
	63,440.13	

a) <u>Interest Expense</u> – On May 11, 2009 and February 16, 2010, ENA made payments to The Bank of New York Mellon for \$166.67 and \$313.73, respectively.

b) Other Expenses – Expenses associated with this description include payments to the following companies and/or individuals:

Name	Amount	
AMEX	8,284.56	(a)
Bank Charges	1,704.64	(b)
Golf Cart	2,702.50	(c)
Licenses / Dues	8,374.20	(d)
Printing	9,041.01	(e)
Repairs/Maintenance	1,537.09	(f)
Security	545.85	(g)
Shipping & Postage	890.97	(h)
Supplies	3,941.91	(i)
Telecommunications	20,284.51	(j)
Website	35,010.00	(k)
	92,317.24	

- a. AMEX The Payments to American Express included expenses such as USPS, Office Depot, Business Cards, Email blasts, computer software, closing fees, and room rental for a seminar.
- b. Bank Charges Between January 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011, ENA incurred \$1,704.64 in bank charges.
- c. Golf Cart On December 21, 2009, ENA paid \$2,702.50 for a golf cart from Silver State Golf Carts. As of the date of this report, the whereabouts of said golf cart are unknown.
- d. Licenses/Dues Between January 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011, ENA paid \$8,374.20 towards Licenses and/or dues. Said payments were to the following: City of Las Vegas, Clark County Department of Business License, Greater LV Association of Realtors, National Auctioneers Association, State of Nevada – Real Estate Division, and Town of Pahrump.

- e. Printing Between January 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011, ENA paid \$9,041.01 in expenses associated with printing. Payments were made to Ikon Financial Services and Printsmart.
- f. Repairs/Maintenance Between January 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011, ENA paid \$1,537.09 towards repairs and maintenance of the Lindell office building.
- g. Security During 2009, ENA paid \$545.85 towards security for the Lindell office building. Said payments were to PJ Security and/or Protection One.
- h. Shipping & Postage During 2009 and 2010, ENA paid Fedex Kinko's \$890.97 for shipping.
- i. Supplies Between January 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011, ENA made payments totaling \$3,941.91 towards expenses commonly associated with the operations of an office. Said payments included: Paper, bathroom necessities, computer software, coffee, plates, and paper towels.
- j. Telecommunications Between January 1, 2009 and May 31, 2011, ENA made payments totaling \$20,284.51 towards telecommunications related expenses. Said payments were to the following companies: End to End Networks, Embarq, Mpower Communications, Rackspace and Summit Communications.
- k. Website In 2009, ENA paid Raster Media, LLC a total of 35,010.00 for the creation and operation of the company's website.

c) <u>Travel Expenses</u> – In 2009, ENA made the following payments relating to travel:

Date	Amount	Name	Description
01/12/09	303.00	Bank of America	SWA- LAS-PHX
01/12/09	294.50	Bank of America	JET BLUE JFK-LAS
01/12/09	193.00	Bank of America	SWA-LAS-ISP
04/04/09	125.25	Bank of America	ALAMO RENT A CAR
04/04/09	971.73	Bank of America	GRAND AMERICA
04/08/09	219.20	Bank of America	SWA-SLC
04/08/09	20.00	Bank of America	SWA-TKT CHG
07/07/09	171.20	Bank of America	SWA 5/22
08/03/09	341.65	Tracy Cavenaugh	Travel reimbursements
10/05/09	2,437.36	Bank of America	Marriott Hotel
12/15/09	287.80	Bank of America	SWA - Eric -Las-PDX-Grizzly Sale
12/15/09	287.80	Bank of America	SWA-Karen Ross-Grizzly Sale
	5,652.49	.	

O. Other Individuals – The following is a list of individuals who received payments from ENA that are not relatives to Eric and/or Lynita Nelson:

Name	Amount	
Amy Arbeli	4,287.88	(a)
Ashley Konold	2,102.83	(b)
Audie Verbrugge	1,250.00	(c)
Bobby DeBorde	1,830.00	(d)
David Anderson	3,500.00	(e)
James Lindell	8,840.71	(f)
Joseph Chad Lawson	141.14	(g)
Keith Little	46,535.91	(h)
Lana Martin	3,000.00	(i)
Lisa Klein	33,690.58	(j)
Stewart Larsen	15,000.00	(k)
Terel Coomes	1,121.00	(1)
Tracy Cavenaugh	10,000.00	(m)
	131,300.05	_
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OPERATING AGREEMENT OF DYNASTY DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC

THIS OPERATING AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is entered into as of the 25th day of April 2011, by THE ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST u/a/d 5/30/01 (the "Initial Sole Member").

NOW, THEREFORE, the Initial Sole Member agrees as follows:

- 1. Formation and Name. The Initial Sole Member has caused to be formed a limited-liability company (the "Company") pursuant to Chapter 86 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (the "Act"). The name of the Company is "Dynasty Development Management, LLC."
- 2. Business. The business of the Company shall be to engage in any lawful activity, including owning any real property or other assets.
- 3. Principal Place of Business and Maintenance of Records. The address in the State of Nevada where records will be maintained and the principal office and place of business of the Company shall be at 3611 S. Lindell Road, Ste 201, Las Vegas, NV 89103, or such other place as the Initial Sole Member shall from time to time determine.
- 4. Resident Agent. The name of the resident agent for service of process is Rochelle McGowan, 3611 S Lindell Road, Ste 201, Las Vegas, NV 89103
- 5. Term. The term of existence of the Company shall be perpetual or until the Manager as the Initial Sole Member elects to dissolve the Company.
- 6. Ownership. The Company is owned entirely by the Initial Sole Member and shall be treated as a sole proprietorship of the Initial Sole Member for federal income tax purposes. The initial capital contribution to the Company of the Initial Sole Member is \$1,000.
- 7. Management. All of the affairs and activities of the Company shall be managed by its Manager, who shall be elected and/or removed from time to time by the Initial Sole Member. The initial Manager of the Company is Eric L. Nelson. The Manager shall not receive any compensation for his service in such capacity but shall be reimbursed by the Company for his actual out-of-pocket expenditures on behalf of the Company.
- 8. Miscellaneous. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and may only be amended by a written amendment hereto executed and delivered by the Initial Sole Member. This Agreement is made in the State of Nevada pursuant to the provisions of the Act and shall be governed, construed, and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada, without regard to its principles of conflict of laws; the exclusive forum for adjudication of any disputes hereunder is the federal and state courts located in Clark County, Nevada.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this agreement, as of the date first above written.

ERIC L. NELSON

"Manager"

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17 18	ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, and LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001,)))
19	Necessary Parties (joined in this) LYNITA SUE NELSON'S:
20	action pursuant to Stipulation and Order entered on August 9, 2011)) (1) FIRST AMENDED ANSWER) TO CLAIMS OF THE ERIC L.) NELSON NEVADA TRUST; AND
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1 LANA MARTIN, as Distribution Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA 2 TRUST dated May 30, 2001, 3 Necessary Party (joined in this action pursuant to Stipulation and 4 Order entered on August 9, 2011)/ Purported Counterclaimant and 5 Crossclaimant, 6 ν. 7 LYNITA SUE NELSON and ERIC NELSON, 8 Purported Cross-Defendant and 9 Counterdefendant, 10 LYNITA SUE NELSON, 11 Counterclaimant, Cross-Claimant, 12 and/or Third Party Plaintiff, 13 V. 14 ERIC L. NELSON, individually, and as the Investment Trustee of the ERIC L. 15 NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; the ERIC L. NELSON 16 NÉVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; LANA MARTIN, individually, and as the 17 current and/or former Distribution Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON 18 NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, and as the former Distribution Trustee of 19 the LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; NOLA HARBER, individually, 20 and as the current and/or former Distribution Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 21 30, 2001, and as the current and/or 22 former Distribution Trustee of the LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; 23 ROCHELLE McGOWAN, individually; JOAN B. RAMOS, individually; and 24 DOES I through X, 25 Counterdefendants, and/or Cross-Defendants, and/or 26 Third Party Defendants.

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(2) FIRST AMENDED CLAIMS
FOR RELIEF AGAINST ERIC L.
NELSON, ERIC L. NELSON
NEVADA TRUST dated May 30,
2001, LANA MARTIN, NOLA
HARBER, ROCHELLE McGOWAN,
JOAN B. RAMOS, and DOES I
through X (WHETHER
DESIGNATED AS A
COUNTERCLAIM, CROSS-CLAIM,
AND/OR THIRD PARTY
COMPLAINT)

LYNITA SUE NELSON'S FIRST AMENDED ANSWER TO CLAIMS OF THE ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST

COMES NOW LYNITA SUE NELSON ("LYNITA"), by and through her attorneys, ROBERT P. DICKERSON, ESQ., KATHERINE L. PROVOST, ESQ., and JOSEF M. KARACSONYI, ESQ., of THE DICKERSON LAW GROUP, and as and for her First Amended Answer to the Claims for Relief filed against her by LANA MARTIN, as the purported Distribution Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2011 ("ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST"), by way of the pleading filed in this action by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST on or about August 19, 2011, entitled "Answer to Complaint for Divorce and Counterclaim and Cross-Claim" ("the Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST"), admits, denies, alleges, and states as follows:

- 1. LYNITA admits the allegations of paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST. In this regard, LYNITA specifically admits that both she and her husband, Eric L. Nelson, are residents of Clark County, Nevada.
- 2. Answering paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of the Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, LYNITA is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in said paragraphs, and on that basis generally and specifically denies each and every allegation contained therein.
- 3. LYNITA generally and specifically denies the allegations of paragraph 6 of the Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
- 4. Answering paragraph 7 of the Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, LYNITA repeats her above answers to paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST to the same extent as if the same were set forth herein in full.

6. LYNITA generally and specifically denies the allegations of paragraphs 9, 10, 11, and 12 of the Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.

In addition to the above answers, based upon information and belief and pending further investigation and discovery, LYNITA alleges the affirmative defenses set forth below in this FIRST AMENDED ANSWER TO CLAIMS OF THE ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST. LYNITA reserves the right to further amend this FIRST AMENDED ANSWER TO CLAIMS OF THE ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST to identify any and all statutory and/or decisional authorities supporting some or all of

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1	the Affirmative Defenses referenced below. LYNITA does not otherwise waive and
2	specifically reserves the right to assert additional Affirmative Defenses based on
3	statutory and decisional authorities, and equitable doctrines, and further reserves the
4	right to amend, correct, or add to these Affirmative Defenses based upon subsequent
5	investigation and discovery.
6	FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
7	(Failure to State a Cause of Action)
8	The Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST fails to
9	state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against LYNITA.
10	SECOND AFEIRMATIVE DEFENSE
11	SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Wrongful Acts of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST)
12	To the extent that any or all occurrences, happenings, injuries, and/or damages
13	alleged in the Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST were
14	proximately caused and/or contributed to by the wrongful acts and/or omissions of
15	ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST is
16	precluded from obtaining judgment against LYNITA.
17	THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
18	(Authority)
19	Based upon information and belief, and subject to discovery in this action,
20	LYNITA alleges that ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST is barred from any
21	recovery based upon the lack of authority for LANA MARTIN to assert any claims on
22	behalf of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
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2	<u>FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE</u> (Consent)
3	To the extent ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST failed to object to the
4	litigation of this divorce action, and based on the actions of Eric L. Nelson, ERIC
5	NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST has assented, accepted, and acquiesced to the
6	Instant Divorce Action as litigated, and by such consent is precluded from obtaining
7	any relief against LYNITA.
8 9	<u>FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE</u> (Waiver, Estoppel, Laches and Unclean Hands)
10	Based upon information and belief, and subject to discovery in this action,
11	LYNITA alleges that ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST is barred from any
12	recovery on the Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST
13	based upon the doctrines of waiver, estoppel, laches, and unclean hands.
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LYNITA SUE NELSON'S FIRST AMENDED CLAIMS FOR RELIEF AGAINST ERIC L. NELSON, ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, LANA MARTIN, NOLA HARBER.

ROCHELLE McGOWAN, JOAN B. RAMOS,

and DOES I through X (WHETHER DESIGNATED AS A COUNTERCLAIM, CROSS-CLAIM, AND/OR THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT)

COMES NOW LYNITA SUE NELSON ("LYNITA"), by and through her attorneys, ROBERT P. DICKERSON, ESQ., KATHERINE L. PROVOST, ESQ., and JOSEF M. KARACSONYI, ESQ., of THE DICKERSON LAW GROUP, and as and for her claims for relief against ERIC L. NELSON, ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, LANA MARTIN, NOLA HARBER, ROCHELLE McGOWAN, JOAN B. RAMOS, and DOES I through X, and whether designated as a Counterclaim, Cross-claim, and/or Third Party Complaint, respectfully alleges and states as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND NATURE OF THE ACTION BEING FILED BY LYNITA SUE NELSON

- 1. On or about August 9, 2011, the Court in this action, Case No. D-09-411537-D, entitled "ERIC L. NELSON, Plaintiff/Counterdefendant v. LYNITA SUE NELSON, Defendant/Counterclaimant" (the "Instant Divorce Action"), entered an Order pursuant to the Stipulation of ERIC L. NELSON and LYNITA SUE NELSON, joining the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001 ("ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST"), and the LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001 (the "LSN TRUST"), as necessary parties to this action.
- 2. On or about August 19, 2011, a fugitive pleading entitled "Answer to Complaint for Divorce and Counterclaim and Cross-Claim" was filed in this Instant Divorce Action by LANA MARTIN, purporting to be the Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST ("the Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST").
- 3. This Pleading is being filed by LYNITA SUE NELSON pursuant to NRCP 13 and/or NRCP 14. The claims for relief alleged in this Pleading being filed by LYNITA SUE NELSON are being filed, and have become necessary, because of the

current and/or former Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and as the current and/or former Distribution Trustee of the LSN TRUST; ROCHELLE McGOWAN, individually; JOAN B. RAMOS, individually; and DOES I through X, to ensure all claims and controversies are resolved in one action.

- 5. Approximately twenty-seven (27) months after ERIC filed his Complaint for Divorce in the Instant Divorce Action, ERIC has caused ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST to file the Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST in this action denying the existence of ERIC's and LYNITA's community property interest in all the assets held in ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
- 6. ERIC has asserted his management and control over ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST in his sworn testimony before this Court on multiple occasions. ERIC has confirmed the existence of ERIC's and LYNITA's community property and/or separate property interest in both trusts through his sworn testimony before this Court. From May 30, 2001 until at least early 2011, ERIC has influenced, directed, and controlled all aspects of both ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST.
- 7. LYNITA respectfully files this Pleading and asserts the claims for relief in this Pleading to hold ERIC, and those parties aiding and abetting, conspiring with, and/or acting in concert with ERIC accountable for their abusive conduct designed to deprive LYNITA of her rightful access to community assets. ERIC's newly devised effort to attempt to shield community assets from distribution by this Court in the Instant Divorce Action, by now claiming that all such community assets are held in, and belong to, his illusory, sham ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST that he has dominated and controlled at all times, should be recognized for its true nature and wholly disregarded by this Court.
- 8. LYNITA asserts the claims for relief in this Pleading to establish that both ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, are ERIC's alter egos

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and that ERIC has used the trusts to improperly shield community assets from distribution by this Court as part of this Instant Divorce Action.

- 9. As a matter of law and equity, ERIC's abusive conduct compels piercing the veil of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and determining that all of the assets, profits, gains, and interests titled in the name of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, are the community property of ERIC and LYNITA, and that the same are subject to division by this Court in this Instant Divorce Action.
- 10. ERIC did not engage in this attempted, massive abuse of Nevada's trust laws alone. LANA MARTIN, ERIC's employee, close friend, and co-conspirator, served as the Distribution Trustee for ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, for approximately six (6) years. Likewise, NOLA HARBER, ERIC's sister and co-conspirator, served as the Distribution Trustee for ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, for approximately four (4) years. In their capacity as the Distribution Trustee for ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, both LANA and NOLA individually, under ERIC's direction and control, abused the protections afforded by Nevada's trust laws, and their fiduciary duties to ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, the LSN TRUST, and LYNITA, to the benefit of ERIC, and to the detriment of LYNITA and the community. Similarly, ROCHELLE McGOWAN, ERIC's employee and close friend, and JOAN B. RAMOS, ERIC's employee and close friend, conspired with ERIC, LANA, and NOLA to violate Nevada's trust laws to the benefit of ERIC and detriment of LYNITA and the community.
- 11. ERIC controlled and directed LANA's and NOLA's conduct as Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST. For example, and as more fully set forth below, ERIC directed the release of tens of thousands of dollars of trust income and property to ERIC, and other third parties, including, but not necessarily limited to, ERIC's family members (Cal Nelson, Paul Nelson, Chad Ramos, Ryan Nelson and others) during the time period October 1, 2001 through the present, to fund ERIC's and ERIC's family members' personal

expenditures. ERIC further directed the creation of Distribution Authorization forms purporting to distribute trust income from the LSN TRUST to LYNITA, which was never actually received by LYNITA. ERIC's directives were never scrutinized or questioned by either LANA or NOLA; rather, both LANA and NOLA, at all times while acting in the capacity of Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, performed exactly as ERIC directed.

- 12. ERIC directed and controlled all of the co-conspirators' actions with respect to ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, and all the purported assets of such trusts, since the creation of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST. For example, ERIC dictated or handwrote notes of the asset transfers, and loans he desired to be performed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, and would pass his dictation and/or notes of such actions to one or more of the named co-conspirators, who would create the necessary deeds, loan documents, promissory notes, agreements or other documents necessary to effectuate ERIC's directives, create written documents confirming ERIC's directives, and draft and sign all checks required to perform as directed by ERIC. ERIC's directives were never scrutinized or questioned by any of the named co-conspirators; rather all named co-conspirators performed exactly as ERIC directed.
- 13. LANA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, at all times relevant hereto have served as ERIC's "right hand" persons with respect to ERIC's entities, ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST. In their individual capacities, as employees of any one of ERIC's entities, they each handled ERIC's books and records and day to day operations (under ERIC's direction and control), acted as the registered agent for any one of ERIC's entities (under ERIC's direction and control), and/or acted as the notary public for ERIC's entities, including notarizing documents related to ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST.
- 14. Upon information and belief, and following a period of discovery focused on ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, the LSN TRUST, and the actions of ERIC

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not assert any claims other than that all of the assets created or obtained during the parties' marriage were community assets subject to equal division by this Court in this Instant Divorce Action.

- Upon information and belief, and following a period of discovery focused 15. on ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and ERIC's and his co-conspirators' actions related to ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, LYNITA will be able to demonstrate that ERIC designed transfers from ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST to drain ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST of liquidity, and from the LSN TRUST to ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST to deprive LYNITA and the community of income and property in this Instant Divorce Action. ERIC's dissipation of assets in both Trusts so as to hinder distribution by this Court as part of this Instant Divorce Action include ERIC's drain of the Mellon Bank account and Mellon line of credit of approximately 1.4 million dollars to improve the Bella Kathryn property.
- 16. As early as June 2003, ERIC and/or LANA recognized issues existed with ERIC's and LANA's actions with respect to ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and sent an email to Jeffrey Burr, Esq., the attorney who originally drafted ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, addressing some of these issues. Specifically LANA admitted to holding "special meetings" concerning ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and questioned the propriety of these meetings and the appropriateness of her acting as the Distribution Trustee for both ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST.
- In order to prevent manifest injustice, the veil surrounding ERIC 17. NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST and its financial relationships with other entities controlled and directed by ERIC must be lifted. LYNITA brings this action to pierce the veil of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST because ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, as well as the LSN TRUST, are ERIC's alter egos; thus, LYNITA seeks a declaration from this Court that ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the

LSN TRUST, are illusory, sham trusts whose assets belong to ERIC, LYNITA, and the community estate and are subject to division as part of these divorce proceedings. LYNITA also requests that this Court ensure that ERIC's co-conspirators (LANA MARTIN, NOLA HARBER, ROCHELLE McGOWAN, and JOAN B. RAMOS), without whom ERIC could not have instituted and maintained his scheme to attempt to deny LYNITA her lawful share of the parties' community assets, be held liable for their wrongful conduct.

PARTIES

- 18. ERIC L. NELSON and LYNITA SUE NELSON are residents of Clark County, Nevada. ERIC and LYNITA are husband and wife, as alleged in ERIC's Complaint for Divorce, and LYNITA's Answer and Counterclaim filed months ago in this Instant Divorce Action. ERIC is the Investment Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
- 19. LANA MARTIN ("LANA") is a resident of Clark County, Nevada. LANA is an employee of ERIC. Upon information and belief, LANA is the former Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST; however, LANA claims to be the current Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST. LANA is also the former Distribution Trustee of the LSN TRUST. LANA is intricately involved in many of ERIC's entities serving both as bookkeeper, and upon information and belief, the notary public on several documents for ERIC, ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST. LANA assisted ERIC in creating and maintaining his intricate web of entities, including ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST. When being referred to jointly along with the other coconspirators, which shall specifically include LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, LANA is intended to be included in as one of the co-conspirators when the term "coconspirators" is used in this Pleading.
- 20. NOLA HARBER ("NOLA") is a resident of Clark County, Nevada, presently absent from the state while serving a voluntary mission for the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Laie, Hawaii. NOLA is the sister of ERIC. Upon information and belief, NOLA is the current Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST. If NOLA is not the current Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, she is the former Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST. NOLA also is either the current, one of the current, or the former Distribution Trustee of the LSN TRUST. NOLA assisted ERIC in maintaining his intricate web of entities, including ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST. When being referred to jointly along with the other co-conspirators, which shall specifically include LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, NOLA is intended to be included in as one of the co-conspirators when the term "co-conspirators" is used in this Pleading.

- 21. ROCHELLE McGOWAN ("ROCHELLE") is a resident of Clark County, Nevada. ROCHELLE is an employee of ERIC. ROCHELLE is intricately involved in many of ERIC's entities serving as bookkeeper, and upon information and belief, the notary public on several documents for ERIC, ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, and she is the registered agent for several of ERIC's entities. ROCHELLE assisted ERIC in creating and maintaining his intricate web of entities, including ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST. When being referred to jointly along with the other co-conspirators, which shall specifically include LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, ROCHELLE is intended to be included in as one of the co-conspirators when the term "co-conspirators" is used in this Pleading.
- 22. JOAN B. RAMOS ("JOAN") is a resident of Clark County, Nevada. JOAN is an employee of ERIC. JOAN is intricately involved in many of ERIC's entities serving both as bookkeeper, and upon information and belief, the notary public on several documents for ERIC, ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST. JOAN assisted ERIC in creating and maintaining his intricate web of entities, including ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST. When being referred to jointly along with the other co-conspirators, which shall specifically include LANA, NOLA,

ROCHELLE, and JOAN, JOAN is intended to be included in as one of the coconspirators when the term "co-conspirators" is used in this Pleading.

23. The ERIC L. NELSON NEVADATRUST dated May 30, 2001 is referred to in this pleading as "ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST." The LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001 is referred to in this pleading as the "LSN TRUST." When both trusts are being jointly referred to they may be referred to as "the Trusts" or "both Trusts."

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 24. All named parties are subject to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.
- 25. This Court has jurisdiction, and LYNITA has standing, pursuant to Chapters 125, 153, and 166 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- 26. ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, by its entry to this case and failure to assert any jurisdictional challenge, has assented to this Court's entry of final orders in this proceeding.
- 27. This Court may enter a final judgment herein pursuant to NRS 125.130, subject to review by the Nevada Supreme Court. Also, ERIC's wrongful conduct has caused and will cause irreparable injury to LYNITA and the community estate, and given ERIC's continued wrongdoing with respect to ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, LYNITA lacks adequate remedies at law to address ERIC's wrongful conduct. As such, LYNITA seeks the entry of a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction.

ADDITIONAL FACTS

- 28. On or about May 30, 2001, ERIC caused ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST to be formed. At that time, ERIC named himself as the Investment Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and named LANA as the Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
- 29. On or about May 30, 2001, ERIC caused the LSN TRUST to be formed. At that time, ERIC instructed LYNITA to name LYNITA as the Investment Trustee

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of the LSN TRUST, and ERIC named LANA as the Distribution Trustee of the LSN TRUST. Trusting her husband to protect her and the community as he had repeatedly promised to do, LYNITA signed all paperwork presented to her to create the LSN TRUST.

- ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST and the LSN TRUST are 30. purportedly Nevada spendthrift trusts. In reality, at all times, ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, as well as the LSN TRUST, were the alter egos of ERIC. ERIC's unity of interest with ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, is such that their separate personalities ceased to exist. ERIC used ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST's, and the LSN TRUST's assets as his own, and recognizing the separate existence of the ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, or the LSN TRUST would result in a manifest fraud and injustice.
- 31. ERIC has provided sworn testimony before this Court that ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST were created for asset protection purposes. Specifically, in the event something happened to ERIC, ERIC did not have to carry life insurance. ERIC would put safe assets into the LSN TRUST for LYNITA and the parties' children, and the much more volatile assets into ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST. Both Trusts were created by Jeffrey Burr, Esq., and maintained to provide ERIC flexibility in his management of the assets and of tax implications. ERIC admits to managing both Trusts, and further admits that the intent was to level off ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, annually by putting assets in ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, or the LSN TRUST depending on the transaction and to bottom line – protect LYNITA. At no time did ERIC state that the creation of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, or the LSN TRUST were to limit either his or LYNITA's rights to receive at least an equal division of assets upon a dissolution of their marriage, or to remove any asset from the realm of community property created during the parties' marriage. In fact, Jeffrey Burr, Esq. testified in the Instant Divorce Action on November 22, 2010, and by his

testimony confirmed that the sole intent of both ERIC and LYNITA at the time of the creation of the Trusts was to protect their community assets from third-party creditors; the Trusts were not intended to create separate property for either ERIC or LYNITA. Mr. Burr further confirmed that it was the intent of both ERIC and LYNITA for the assets held in both Trusts to continue to be the parties' community property.

- 32. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that all of the acts set forth in this Pleading alleged to have been done by ERIC and/or one or more of the co-conspirators, were, where applicable, authorized, approved, and/or ratified by one another in breach of each individual's fiduciary duties to another and to the detriment of LYNITA.
- 33. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that where applicable, ERIC and/or one or more of the co-conspirators, have been, at all material times, acting with the full knowledge, consent, authority, ratification and/or permission of the other named persons.
- 34. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that where applicable, ERIC, and/or one or more of the co-conspirators, knowingly and substantially assisted, encouraged, conspired with, authorized, requested, commanded, ratified, and/or recklessly tolerated the statements and actions of each other in order to engage in a scheme to defraud LYNITA of her interest in community assets and the community estate.
- 35. Pursuant to the terms of Section 2.1 of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, ERIC and ERIC's five (5) living children are named as beneficiaries of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST. Pursuant to Article IV of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, LYNITA is named as a beneficiary of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
- 36. Pursuant to the terms of Section 2.1 of the LSN TRUST, LYNITA and LYNITA's five (5) living children are named as beneficiaries of the LSN TRUST.

- 37. Both Trusts have identical language concerning the use of trust income, veto rights of the Trustor, powers of the Investment Trustee, and powers of the Distribution Trustee.
- 38. Pursuant to the terms of Section 3.1 of both Trusts, the income of each Trust is to be used as follows:

[T]o manage, invest and reinvest same, to collect the income thereof, and to pay over or apply the net income and/or principal thereof, and in such amounts and proportions, including all to the exclusion of the others, and at such time or times as the Trustees, in their sole and absolute discretion, shall determine, to or for the benefit of such one or more members of the class consisting of the Trustor, the Trustor's issue and other beneficiaries named herein or as described in Section 2.1 above, until the death of Trustor.

- 39. Pursuant to the terms of Section 3.3 of both Trusts, the Trustor, during the Trustor's lifetime, retains a veto right over "any payment or application of income or principal to any beneficiary other than the Trustor . . .," and may direct that the Distribution Trustee "shall not make and/or authorize the intended payment or application to the intended beneficiary."
 - 40. Pursuant to the terms of Section 3.3 of both Trusts,

[A]ny decision to make a distribution to the Trustor may not be made by the Trustor, even though the Trustor may be serving as a Trustee hereunder. Prior to any distribution to the Trustor of either income or principal of Trust estate, a meeting of the majority of the Trustees, which majority must also include the Distribution Trustee, shall be held. At such meeting the Trustees shall discuss the advisability of making a distribution of the Trust estate to the Trustor. Upon vote of the Distribution Trustee and a majority of the other Trustees in attendance at such meeting, which vote must in all events include the affirmative vote of the Distribution Trustee, the Trustee may authorize and carry out the distribution of Trust income and/or principal to the Trustors.

41. Pursuant to the terms of Section 3.4 of both Trusts,

In the event any distribution of any of the Trust estate shall be made to the Trustor, and if such distribution is not previously authorized by the Trustees in the manner as required pursuant to Section 3.3 above, then such distribution made to the Trustor shall be void and the Distribution Trustee shall have a lien against the Trust estate distributed to the Trustor and such lien shall also extend if necessary to make the Trust estate whole, to any and all other assets of the Trustor.

- 42. The powers afforded to the Investment Trustee by the Trusts are as set forth in Section 12.1 of both Trusts. The Investment Trustee has no other powers over the Trusts' assets other than as specifically set forth in Section 12.1 of the Trusts.
- 43. Pursuant to the terms of Section 12.2 of both Trusts, the "Distribution Trustee shall have the power to authorize distribution of principal and/or income to the beneficiaries hereunder at times and in amounts as determined in the sole discretion of the Distribution Trustee, subject only to the veto power vested in the Trustor, according to the standards set forth in Section 3.1 above."
- 44. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that LANA is intertwined with ERIC and ERIC's entities, including being ERIC's employee, an investor in at least one of ERIC's entities, and a close friend and confidant of ERIC. LANA's legal bills incurred in this action are presently being paid by assets held in ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, in violation of the terms of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
- 45. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that LANA, in her capacity as Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, has made repeated distributions of trust assets in violation of the specific terms of the Trust.
- 46. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that ERIC has controlled LANA's actions as Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST since its creation, that LANA has breached her duties as Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and that LANA has had no independent authority to exercise the powers afforded to the Distribution Trustee by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, but has performed exactly as ERIC instructed.

- 47. On February 22, 2007, LANA was replaced by NOLA as the Distribution Trustee for ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST at ERIC's request. NOLA is ERIC's sister and is intertwined with ERIC and ERIC's entities. NOLA is not an independent trustee as defined by Section 672(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as she is related by blood to ERIC.
- 48. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that ERIC has controlled NOLA's actions as Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST since its creation, that NOLA has breached her duties as Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and that NOLA has had no independent authority to exercise the powers afforded to the Distribution Trustee by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, but has performed exactly as ERIC instructed.
- 49. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that NOLA is the current Distribution Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
- 50. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that ERIC has controlled LANA's actions as Distribution Trustee of the LSN TRUST since its creation, that LANA has breached her duties as Distribution Trustee of the LSN TRUST, and that LANA has had no independent authority to exercise the powers afforded to the Distribution Trustee by the LSN TRUST, but has performed exactly as ERIC instructed.
- 51. On February 22, 2007, LANA was replaced by NOLA as the Distribution Trustee for the LSN TRUST at ERIC's request. NOLA is ERIC's sister and is intertwined with ERIC and ERIC's entities. NOLA is not an independent trustee as defined by Section 672(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as she is related by marriage to LYNITA.
- 52. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that ERIC has controlled NOLA's actions as Distribution Trustee of the LSN TRUST since her appointment as Distribution Trustee of the LSN TRUST, that NOLA has breached

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her duties as Distribution Trustee of the LSN TRUST, and that NOLA has had no independent authority to exercise the powers afforded to the Distribution Trustee by the LSN TRUST, but has performed exactly as ERIC instructed.

- 53. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that since the creation of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, without adequate consideration, trust assets have been inappropriately distributed to ERIC and third parties in violation of the terms of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST; without adequate consideration, trust assets have been sold in violation of the terms of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST; and without adequate consideration, trust assets have been transferred to other entities in violation of the terms of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
- 54. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that since the creation of the LSN TRUST, without adequate consideration, trust assets have been inappropriately distributed to ERIC and third parties in violation of the terms of the LSN TRUST; without adequate consideration, trust assets have been sold in violation of the terms of the LSN TRUST; and without adequate consideration, trust assets have been transferred to other entities in violation of the terms of the LSN TRUST.
- 55. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that since the creation of the LSN TRUST, trust assets have been inappropriately distributed to ERIC and third parties in violation of the terms of the LSN TRUST; trust assets have been sold in violation of the terms of the LSN TRUST; and trust assets have been transferred to other entities in violation of the terms of the LSN TRUST.
- 56. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that since the creation of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, trust assets have been inappropriately distributed to ERIC and third parties in violation of the terms of the . . .

- 59. Mr. Bertsch's Report also documents \$90,607.89 in personal expenditures paid for ERIC from ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST for legal services, automobile purchases, charitable contributions, "expenses designated by [ERIC] to be personal," gifts, gym memberships, Las Vegas hotels, music service, restaurants, sporting event tickets, and vacations.
- 60. Mr. Bertsch's Report also indicates that ERIC took \$1,243,623.47 in payments to himself and "distributions" from ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST between January 2009, and May 2011.
- 61. Upon information and belief, there were countless other inappropriate distributions to ERIC and third parties from ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST during the period preceding Mr. Bertsch's Report, including, but not limited to, \$23,675.00 paid to Chad Ramos in June and July 2007, \$12,500.00 paid to Paul Harber in June 2007, and \$4,900.00 in Christmas gifts from ERIC to Briana Ramos, Joseph Lawson, Chad Ramos, ROCHELLE and JOAN in December 2007.
- 62. On May 6, 2009, ERIC filed his Complaint for Divorce against LYNITA. However, ERIC has engaged in "divorce planning" since at least 2003.
- 63. On multiple dates between August 30, 2011 and present, ERIC testified before this Court and repeatedly asserted that all assets held by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, are community assets owned by ERIC and LYNITA, and merely titled in the name of such trusts.
- 64. On multiple dates between August 30, 2011 and present, ERIC testified before this Court and repeatedly asserted he has managed all assets in ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and all assets held in the LSN TRUST.
- 65. Until early 2009, LYNITA has never directed or managed any aspect of the LSN TRUST. Rather, LYNITA relied upon ERIC to direct and manage all assets held by the LSN TRUST.
- 66. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that there exists, and at all times mentioned herein existed, a unity of interest and effective

ownership between ERIC and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and ERIC and the LSN TRUST, such that any individuality or separateness between ERIC and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and ERIC and the LSN TRUST, ceased to exist.

- 67. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that ERIC invested trust assets of both Trusts with third parties that ERIC controlled and directed, or in which ERIC held a direct financial interest, for ERIC's own benefit.
- 68. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that ERIC directed one or more of the co-conspirators to distribute trust assets from both Trusts to individuals and entities who were not beneficiaries of either trust, for ERIC's own benefit.
- 69. ERIC, in his capacity as Investment Trustee of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, has over funded and ignored the formalities of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and with the assistance of one or more of the co-conspirators, has operated both Trusts as his own personal piggy bank.
- 70. ERIC and one or more of ERIC's co-conspirators, have also transferred assets between ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, or ERIC's and LYNITA's community assets to both Trusts, without authority from LYNITA, forging LYNITA's signature at times to accomplish such transfers.
- 71. Adherence to the fiction of a separate existence between ERIC and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST would sanction fraud and permit injustice as it would inhibit LYNITA from receiving her equal share of the community assets created during the parties' lengthy marriage.
- 72. Since the initiation of this divorce litigation, ERIC has continuously asserted that the assets of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST are his personal assets and are subject to division in this Instant Divorce Action.
- 73. Since the initiation of this divorce litigation, ERIC has continuously asserted that the assets of the LSN TRUST are LYNITA's assets and are subject to division in this Instant Divorce Action.

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- 74. ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST are illusory, sham trusts as they are being used by ERIC to secrete community property from LYNITA in an effort to minimize the assets LYNITA will receive upon conclusion of this Instant Divorce Action.
- 75. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that ERIC's actions since the start of this Instant Divorce Action have drained ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST of nearly all liquidity, in an effort to entice LYNITA to settle this action. ERIC's actions further demonstrate his game playing, and establish that proper trust formalities have not been followed with respect to ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, justifying piercing the veil of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
- 76. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that separate ledgers and business records have not been maintained for ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, or have been maintained on the same accounting software used and maintained by ERIC's other entities. ERIC's commingling of the ledgers for ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, and ERIC's personal entities and assets, further support LYNITA's allegations that ERIC has exerted influence and control over the co-conspirators, and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST's, and the LSN TRUST's business affairs, and the lack of a separate identity of both Trusts.
- 77. The above referenced activities all demonstrate that (1) ERIC is directing and controlling the activities of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST; (2) ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST's, and the LSN TRUST's operational formalities are not being followed, and in fact are being directly contravened; (3) ERIC broke the sanctity of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST and the LSN TRUST by withdrawing or directing trust assets for his own benefit; (4) ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST and the LSN TRUST are nothing more than

sham, illusory trusts and ERIC's alter egos used in an attempt to minimize the assets LYNITA will receive upon the conclusion of this Instant Divorce Action.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (VEIL-PIERCING AGAINST ERIC, LANA, NOLA, AND ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST)

- 78. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 77 of this Pleading as if fully set forth herein.
- 79. ERIC's actions demonstrate that ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the former and/or current Distribution Trustees of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, LANA and NOLA, were influenced, directed, controlled and governed by ERIC in all respects as though no trust actually existed.
- 80. There has been such unity of interest and ownership between ERIC and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST that one is inseparable from the other.
- 81. The facts show that adherence to the fiction of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST as a separate trust entity would, under the circumstances, sanction fraud and promote injustice.
- 82. Pursuant to NRS 78.747, and/or NRS 163.418, LYNITA seeks a declaratory judgment piercing the veil of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and declaring that the assets held in ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST are the community assets of ERIC and LYNITA, subject to division in the Instant Divorce Action.
- 83. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

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SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (REVERSE VEIL-PIERCING AGAINST ERIC, LANA, NOLA, AND ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST)

- 84. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 83 of this Pleading as if fully set forth herein.
- 85. ERIC's actions demonstrate that ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the former and/or current Distribution Trustees of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, LANA and NOLA, were influenced, directed, controlled and governed by ERIC in all respects as though no trust actually existed.
- 86. There has been such unity of interest and ownership between ERIC and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST that one is inseparable from the other.
- 87. The facts show that adherence to the fiction of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST as a separate trust entity would, under the circumstances, sanction fraud and promote injustice.
- 88. Pursuant to NRS 78.747, and/or NRS 163.418, LYNITA seeks a declaratory judgment piercing the veil of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and declaring that the assets held in ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST are the community assets of ERIC and LYNITA, subject to division in the Instant Divorce Action.
- 89. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AGAINST ERIC)

90. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 89 of this Pleading as if fully set forth herein.

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- 91. A fiduciary duty arises from the existence of the marital relationship, precipitating a duty to create and sustain community assets and disclose factors which may effect community assets.
- 92. A fiduciary relationship existed between ERIC and LYNITA when ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST was created, and at all time relevant hereto.
- 93. As a result of this fiduciary relationship, ERIC was bound to act in good faith and with due regard to the interests of LYNITA who remained his wife and the mother of his five (5) children. ERIC had an obligation to not act in any manner so as to destroy or injure the parties' community assets, or to injure LYNITA's ability to receive at least her one-half (1/2) share, if not more, of the parties' community property.
- 94. As a direct and proximate result of ERIC's breach of his fiduciary duty to LYNITA, LYNITA has sustained actual damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 95. Moreover, in breaching his fiduciary duties to LYNITA, ERIC acted with oppression, fraud, and malice, and LYNITA is entitled to punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 96. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AGAINST LANA AND NOLA)

- 97. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 96 of this Pleading as if fully set forth herein.
- 98. A fiduciary duty is deemed to exist when one party is bound to act for the benefit of the other party. Such a relationship imposes a duty of utmost good faith and loyalty.

- 99. A fiduciary relationship existed between LYNITA and LANA when LANA assumed the position of Distribution Trustee for the LSN TRUST.
- 100. A fiduciary relationship existed between LYNITA and NOLA when NOLA assumed the position of Distribution Trustee for the LSN TRUST.
- 101. As a result of this fiduciary relationship, LANA and NOLA were individually bound to act in good faith and with due regard to the interests of LYNITA, who was a beneficiary of the LSN TRUST. LANA and NOLA individually had an obligation to not act in any manner adverse to LYNITA, or in any way which would destroy or injure LYNITA, or LYNITA's ability to benefit from the existence of the LSN TRUST.
- 102. LANA and NOLA each individually breached their fiduciary duty to LYNITA by aligning themselves with ERIC, and acting as ERIC directed, even when such actions were to the detriment of LYNITA and the LSN TRUST.
- 103. As a direct and proximate result of LANA's and NOLA's breach of fiduciary duty to LYNITA, LYNITA has sustained actual damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 104. Moreover, in breaching their fiduciary duties to LYNITA, LANA and NOLA acted with oppression, fraud, and malice, and LYNITA is entitled to punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 105. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (FRAUD, DECEIT AND INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION AGAINST ERIC)

106. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 105 of this Pleading as if fully set forth herein.

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- 107. As alleged above, at all times relevant hereto ERIC represented to LYNITA that all assets transferred to, and held in the names of the LSN TRUST, and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, were the parties' community property assets.
- 108. ERIC now contends that the parties have no interest in the assets held by the LSN TRUST, and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
- 109. As further alleged above, while representing to LYNITA that the assets transferred to, and held in the names of the LSN TRUST, and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST were the parties' community property, ERIC engaged in a course of conduct intended to diminish, minimize and destroy such property interests to prevent LYNITA from recovering her community interest in such property in the Instant Divorce Action.
- 110. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned wrongful conduct of ERIC, LYNITA has sustained actual damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 111. In committing the acts alleged above, ERIC acted with oppression, fraud, and malice, and LYNITA is entitled to punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 112. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (CONVERSION AGAINST ERIC, LANA, NOLA, AND ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST)

- 113. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 112 of this Pleading as if fully set forth herein.
- 114. As alleged above, throughout ERIC's and LYNITA's marriage, and the first twenty-seven (27) months of this Instant Divorce Action, ERIC asserted that the

property held by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, were the parties' community property.

- 115. ERIC has suddenly changed positions, causing ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST to wrongfully exert dominion over ERIC's and LYNITA's community property, in denial of, and inconsistent with the parties' community property rights.
- 116. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned conversion of community property assets by ERIC and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, LYNITA has sustained actual damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 117. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (MONEY HAD AND RECEIVED AGAINST ERIC, LANA, NOLA, AND ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST)

- 118. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 117 of this Pleading as if fully set forth herein.
- 119. As alleged above, throughout ERIC's and LYNITA's marriage, and the first twenty-seven (27) months of this Instant Divorce Action, ERIC asserted that the property held by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, were the parties' community property.
- 120. As a result, ERIC and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST received possession of money and property belonging to ERIC and LYNITA as community property, which ERIC and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST ought to, in equity and good conscience, pay over to ERIC and LYNITA.
- 121. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable

attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (FRAUD IN THE INDUCEMENT AGAINST ERIC)

- 122. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 121 of this Pleading as if fully set forth herein.
- 123. On or about May 30, 2001, ERIC caused ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST to be formed.
- 124. From May 30, 2001, to August 2011, ERIC represented to LYNITA that all properties held by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST were the parties' community properties.
- 125. ERIC knew and believed that such representations were made without sufficient basis, if the LSN TRUST and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST were valid, spendthrift trusts.
- 126. Trusting her husband to protect her and the community as he had repeatedly promised to do, LYNITA justifiably relied on ERIC's representations and signed documents presented to her to create the LSN TRUST, and to transfer assets to and from the LSN TRUST, and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
- 127. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned wrongful conduct of ERIC, LYNITA has sustained actual damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 128. In committing the acts alleged above, ERIC acted with oppression, fraud, and malice, and LYNITA is entitled to punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 129. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

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agreed that all properties held by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the

LSN TRUST were the parties' community properties. Trusting her husband to protect

her and the community as he had repeatedly promised to do, LYNITA signed

documents presented to her to create the LSN TRUST, and to transfer assets to and from the LSN TRUST, and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.

- 138. ERIC has attempted to breach, or has in fact breached the oral agreement with LYNITA to maintain the parties' rights to community property assets despite titling same in the name of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, by causing ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST to assert that LYNITA and ERIC have no interest in the assets held by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST in the Instant Divorce Action.
- 139. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned breach, LYNITA has sustained actual damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 140. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (CONSPIRACY AGAINST ERIC, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, AND JOAN)

- 141. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 140 of this Pleading as if fully set forth herein.
- 142. ERIC directed and controlled the distribution of income and assets to and from ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, from May 30, 2001, through at least early 2011. ERIC's actions were committed to the detriment of LYNITA, the LSN TRUST, and the community estate. Such acts include, but are not limited to, the release of tens of thousands of dollars of trust income to ERIC and other third parties, including ERIC's family members, during the time period October 1, 2001 through the present. Further, ERIC directed and controlled the release of trust assets to fund ERIC's personal expenditures; directed and controlled the purchase of assets with community funds only to later direct that title to such assets be held in the

name of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, or an entity wholly controlled by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, rather than in ERIC's personal name, to shield the assets from creditors and from distribution by this Court as part of this Instant Divorce Action, inclusive of the transaction involving the Russell Road property which has been discussed throughout this Instant Divorce Action; and directed and controlled the transfer of assets between ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST without compensation or for less than fair market value compensation.

- 143. ERIC and one or more of ERIC's named co-conspirators, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, conspired with ERIC, knowingly agreed and consented to ERIC's actions, and assisted ERIC to take such actions.
- 144. ERIC and one or more of ERIC's co-conspirators, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, knowingly and substantially assisted ERIC in fraudulently conveying assets out of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST and the LSN TRUST, ignoring the provisions of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST and the LSN TRUST, and provisions of Nevada law, to the detriment of LYNITA, the LSN TRUST, and the community estate. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that while the co-conspirators actions were directed and controlled by ERIC, each co-conspirator was aware of her role in assisting ERIC to the detriment of LYNITA, the LSN TRUST, and the community estate.
- 145. As a direct and proximate result of such actions by ERIC, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, LYNITA has sustained actual damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 146. In committing the acts alleged above, ERIC, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN acted with oppression, fraud, and malice, and LYNITA is entitled to punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 147. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading

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on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (CONCERT OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY, FRAUD, AND CONVERSION AGAINST ERIC, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, AND JOAN)

- 148. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 147 of this Pleading as if fully set forth herein.
- 149. ERIC directed and controlled the distribution of income and assets to and from ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, from May 30, 2001, through at least early 2011. ERIC's actions were committed to the detriment of LYNITA, the LSN TRUST, and the community estate. Such acts include, but are not limited to, the release of tens of thousands of dollars of trust income to ERIC and other third parties, including ERIC's family members, during the time period October 1, 2001 through the present. Further, ERIC directed and controlled the release of trust assets to fund ERIC's personal expenditures; directed and controlled the purchase of assets with community funds only to later direct that title to such assets be held in the name of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, or an entity wholly controlled by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, rather than in ERIC's personal name; and directed and controlled the transfer of assets between ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST without compensation or for less than fair market value compensation.
- 150. ERIC and one or more of ERIC's co-conspirators, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, acted in concert with, knowingly agreed and allowed, and substantially assisted ERIC to take the actions alleged above and throughout this Pleading.
- 151. ERIC and one or more of ERIC's co-conspirators, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, knowingly and substantially assisted ERIC in fraudulently

conveying assets out of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, in breaching fiduciary duties owed to LYNITA, and in converting community assets to ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, to the detriment of LYNITA, the LSN TRUST, and the community estate. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that while the co-conspirators actions were directed and controlled by ERIC, each of the co-conspirators was aware of her role in assisting ERIC to the detriment of LYNITA, the LSN TRUST, and the community estate.

- 152. As a direct and proximate result of such actions by ERIC, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, LYNITA has sustained actual damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 153. In committing the acts alleged above, ERIC, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN acted with oppression, fraud, and malice, and LYNITA is entitled to punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 154. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

THIRTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (AIDING AND ABETTING BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY, FRAUD, AND CONVERSION AGAINST ERIC, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, AND JOAN)

- 155. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 154 of this Pleading as if fully set forth herein.
- 156. ERIC directed and controlled the distribution of income and assets to and from ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, from May 30, 2001, through at least early 2011. ERIC's actions were committed to the detriment of LYNITA, the LSN TRUST, and the community estate. Such acts include, but are not limited to, the release of tens of thousands of dollars of trust income to ERIC and other third parties, including ERIC's family members, during the time period October

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1, 2001 through the present. Further, ERIC directed and controlled the release of trust assets to fund ERIC's personal expenditures; directed and controlled the purchase of assets with community funds only to later direct that title to such assets be held in the name of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, or an entity wholly controlled by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, rather than in ERIC's personal name; and directed and controlled the transfer of assets between ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST without compensation or for less than fair market value compensation.

157. ERIC and one or more of ERIC's co-conspirators, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, aided and abetted ERIC, and knowingly agreed and allowed and substantially assisted ERIC to take the actions alleged above and throughout this Pleading.

158. ERIC and one or more of ERIC's co-conspirators, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, knowingly and substantially assisted ERIC in fraudulently conveying assets out of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and the LSN TRUST, in breaching fiduciary duties owed to LYNITA, and in converting community assets to ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, to the detriment of LYNITA, the LSN TRUST, and the community estate. LYNITA, upon information and belief, and on that basis alleges, that while the co-conspirators actions were directed and controlled by ERIC, each of the co-conspirators was aware of her role in assisting ERIC to the detriment of LYNITA, the LSN TRUST, and the community estate.

159. As a direct and proximate result of such actions by ERIC, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN, LYNITA has sustained actual damage in excess of \$10,000.00.

160. In committing the acts alleged above, ERIC, LANA, NOLA, ROCHELLE, and JOAN acted with oppression, fraud, and malice, and LYNITA is entitled to punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.

161. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

FOURTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST AGAINST ERIC, LANA, NOLA, AND ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST)

- 162. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 161 of this Pleading as if fully set forth herein.
- 163. For the reasons set forth above, the assets, income, profits, rents, and fees received by ERIC, or any of ERIC's intricate web of entities, including ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, belong, in good conscious, to ERIC and LYNITA and are subject to division by this Court in this Instant Divorce Action.
- 164. For the reasons set forth above, all of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST's assets, including its interest in any third-party entity and real property, belong, in good conscious, to ERIC and LYNITA and are subject to division by this Court in this Instant Divorce Action.
- 165. ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST has wrongfully asserted ownership and dominion over ERIC's and LYNITA's assets, and ERIC has retained control of such assets, their revenues, or other proceeds for himself to the detriment of LYNITA and the community estate.
- 166. In equity, a constructive trust in favor of LYNITA and the community estate should be imposed over all assets in the possession or control of ERIC, and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and over all assets in the possession or control of other entities or instrumentalities which are owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by ERIC and/or ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST.
- 167. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading

on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

FIFTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AGAINST ERIC, LANA, NOLA AND ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST)

- 168. LYNITA repeats and re-alleges all matters asserted in paragraphs 1 through 167 of this pleading as if fully set forth herein.
- 169. The above referenced allegations demonstrate that ERIC and the co-conspirators are ready, willing, and able to dissipate the assets of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST for improper expenditures on ERIC's behalf, and for excessive and extravagant personal expenditures on behalf of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST (such as continued funding of improvements to the Bella Kathryn property, and ERIC's personal vendetta through litigation against Paul Alanis, Jess Ravitch, the Manesses and any other third person whom ERIC believes has wronged him) all to the detriment of LYNITA and the community estate.
- 170. LYNITA and the community estate face the prospect of immediate, severe, and irreparable injury should ERIC be allowed to continue his current course of conduct with respect to ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST. By way of example only, the injuries include the threat of complete dissipation of the Mellon bank account and line of credit to fund litigation, assets which rightfully belong to LYNITA and the community estate. Given ERIC's continuing conduct with respect to ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, LYNITA and the community estate lack adequate remedies at law to address ERIC's wrongful conduct. As such, LYNITA seeks the entry of a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction.
- 171. LYNITA has been required to employ the services of her attorneys to protect her interests as set forth in this Pleading, and to file and prosecute this Pleading on her behalf, and LYNITA thus is entitled to and should be awarded the reasonable

attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action.

WHEREFORE, LYNITA SUE NELSON requests judgment as follows:

- 1. That ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST take nothing by way of the Fugitive Pleading filed by ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST;
- 2. That the veil between ERIC and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST be pierced, and that ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST be declared to be ERIC's alter ego;
- 3. Declaring that ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST is an illusory, sham trust and not a valid, self-settled, Nevada spendthrift trust, and that the assets of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST are LYNITA's and ERIC's community property, subject to division by this Court in the Instant Divorce Action;
- 4. Imposing a constructive trust on any property titled in the name of ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, and all other properties which are in the possession or control of ERIC, and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, or in the possession or control of other entities or instrumentalities which are owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by ERIC or ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST;
- 5. Entering a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction barring ERIC and ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST from disposing of any assets held in ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, or the LSN TRUST;
- 6. Awarding judgment against ERIC, ERIC NELSON'S ALTER EGO TRUST, LANA MARTIN, NOLA HARBER, ROCHELLE McGOWAN, and JOAN B. RAMOS, jointly and severally, for all damages sustained by LYNITA and the community estate by the conduct described herein in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00, the exact amount of which to be proven at trial;
- 7. Awarding LYNITA punitive damages in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00, the exact amount of which to be proven at trial;

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- 8. For an award to LYNITA of the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit she has incurred and will continue to incur in this action; and
- 9. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just, equitable and proper in the premises.

DATED this 2011.

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1 LANA MARTIN, as Distribution Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA 2 TRUST dated May 30, 2001, 3 Necessary Party (joined in this action pursuant to Stipulation and 4 Order entered on August 9, 2011)/ Purported Counterclaimant and 5 Crossclaimant, 6 v. 7 LYNITA SUE NELSON and ERIC NELSON. 8 Purported Cross-Defendant and 9 Counterdefendant, 10 LYNITA SUE NELSON, 11 Counterclaimant, Cross-Claimant, 12 and/or Third Party Plaintiff, 13 v. 14 ERIC L. NELSON, individually, and as the Investment Trustee of the ERIC L. 15 NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; the ERIC L. NELSON 16 NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; LANA MARTIN, individually, and as the 17 current and/or former Distribution Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON 18 NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, and as the former Distribution Trustee of 19 the LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; NOLA HARBER, individually, 20 and as the current and/or former Distribution Trustee of the ERIC L. 21 NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, and as the current and/or 22 former Distribution Trustee of the LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; 23 ROCHELLE McGOWAN, individually; JOAN B. RAMOS, individually; and DOES I through X, 24 25 Counterdefendants, and/or Cross-Defendants, and/or 26 Third Party Defendants. 27

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am serving via U.S. Mail, a true and correct copy of the foregoing LYNITA SUE NELSON'S:(1) FIRST AMENDED ANSWER TO CLAIMS OF THE ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST; AND 2) FIRST AMENDED CLAIMS FOR RELIEF AGAINST ERIC L. NELSON, ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, LANA MARTIN, NOLA HARBER, ROCHELLE McGOWAN, JOAN B. RAMOS, and DOES I through X (WHETHER DESIGNATED AS A COUNTERCLAIM, CROSS-CLAIM, AND/OR THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT) to the following at their last known addresses and via facsimile on this day of December, 2011.

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I certify that on the <u>33</u> day of December, 2011, I mailed a copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF FILING CORRECTED ASSET SCHEDULE BY OWNERSHIP** to the following at their last known address, by depositing the same in the United States mail in Las Vegas, Nevada, first class postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

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EXHIBIT A

Rental Expenses

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
03/19/09	2,000.00	Mojave (sic) Engineering Associates,	Engineer for Gateway AZ lots
04/23/09	60.00	Mojave (sic) County Treasurer	combine lots 317-06-203/317-06-200
05/13/09	14.00	Mojave (sic) County Recorder	deed recording
05/18/09	14,662.50	Mojave (sic) Engineering Associates,	Engineer for Gateway AZ lots
05/18/09	5,452.62	Mojave (sic) Engineering Associates,	Engineer for Gateway AZ lots
05/26/09	494.00	ADWR	Gateway Lot Fees
06/04/09	308.00	Mojave County	Environmental Health submittal
06/15/09	139.65	The Sign Shop	For Lease Sign
06/22/09	46.00	Mohave County	additional fees
06/22/09	64.00	Equity Real Estate	Additional fees Provo Condo
07/13/09	3,105.00	Seymour Engineering	S09-10-038 Silver Slipper
08/13/09	1,000.00	Arizona Dept. of Environmental	review fee
12/07/09	1,675.00	Mojave (sic) Engineering Associates,	Engineer for Gateway AZ lots
02/24/10	65.42	Mojave (sic) Engineering Associates,	Engineer for Gateway AZ lots
	29,086.19		

f) <u>Taxes</u> – The following chart indicates the various payments from ELN
 NV to State Agencies relating to taxes.

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
01/14/09	110.20	Hancock Cty Tax Collector	Soris Property Taxes
01/14/09	100.00	NV Dept. of Taxation	WYRodeo Events 010-1001416910
04/27/09	199.97	American Express	Gateway property taxes
10/15/09	33,983.00	Arizona Dept. of Revenue	2008 Taxes
10/21/09	2,263.32	Mohave County	Gateway property taxes
11/05/09	201.99	Arizona Dept. of Revenue	
12/31/09	925.84	Uinta County Treasurer	Wyoming 200 acres taxes
03/26/10	18,299.48	Iron County Treasurer	Cabin Property Taxes and fees
10/30/10	177.16	Mohave County	Gateway Property Taxes
	56,260.96		

The October 15, 2009 and November 5, 2009 are recorded in the Peachtree file as "Personal State Taxes".

T. Operating Expenses – Expenses commonly associated with business operations are listed as Other Expenses and Travel. The following is a description of the transaction associated with both categories

Description	Amount	_
Travel	7,768.67	(a)
Other	3,052.28	(b)
	10,820.95	-

a) <u>Travel</u> – The following chart indicates the various expenses paid for by ELN NV relating to travel:

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
02/06/09	7.00	Bank of America	Metro Card NY
02/06/09	929.39	Bank of America	Marriott NY
02/06/09	20.00	Bank of America	JetBlue
03/09/09	3,255.65	Bank of America	SWA-TPA Trip Larsen Co/Mellon
03/09/09	1,596.00	Bank of America	Royal Yacht Club-Mellon/Larsen
07/03/09	233.23	Bank of America	Hampton Inn 6/6/09 -Billed to SS
07/03/09	203.27	Bank of America	Hampton Inn 6/6/09-Billed to SS
07/03/09	141.80	Bank of America	Hollywood Casino
07/03/09	29.50	Bank of America	Kent & Sue's Quick Stop-Billed to SS
08/04/09	30.00	Bank of America	Gabbie's -Bay St Louis
08/04/09	168.19	Bank of America	Hollywood Casino
09/04/09	178.08	Bank of America	Island View Casino 7-20-09
09/04/09	178.08	Bank of America	Island View Casino-Cavenaugh
09/04/09	132.00	Bank of America	Hollywood Casino
09/04/09	52.00	Bank of America	McCarran Airport Parking
09/04/09	129.71	Bank of America	Hollywood Casino 7-21-09
09/04/09	129.71	Bank of America	Hollywood Casino -Cavenaugh
09/04/09	224.27	Bank of America	Hotel Provincial 7/22/09
09/04/09	130.79	Bank of America	Marriott-Eric
	7,768.67	-	

b) Other – Expenses associated with this description include payments to the following companies: Federal Express, Bank Service Charges, State Business Licenses, and Wire Fees. A schedule of each transaction is not included as a majority of the charges are under \$100.00 a month.

U. Other Individuals – The following is a list of individuals who received payments from ELN NV that are not relatives to Eric and/or Lynita Nelson:

Name	Amount	
David Muir	12,000.00	_ (a
Joseph Chad Lawson	874.80	(b
Keith Little	3,000.00	(c
Lana Martin	5,030.00	(d
Lisa Klein	4,500.00	(e
Ronald Baird	600.00	(f
Cliff McCarlie	3,475.00	(g
	29,479.80	_
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- a) David Muir On January 21, 2009, David Muir received a \$10,000.00 payment from ELN NV as a "loan". On July 29, 2009, David Muir received an additional \$2,000.00 as a "loan". According to Eric Nelson, the loan included an interest rate of 10% APR and the notes were mailed but never returned. As of January 1, 2009, the Peachtree files for ELN NV indicate a previous loan balance of \$10,000.00. As of May 31, 2011, the same account indicates an outstanding loan balance of \$22,000.00. As of the date of this report, loan documents have not been produced evidencing the terms and conditions of said loan.
- b) <u>Joseph Chad Lawson</u> Throughout 2009 and 2010, Joseph Chad Lawson received payments totaling \$874.80 relating to reimbursements of expenses.

- c) <u>Keith Little</u> On February 18, 2009, Keith Little ("Little") received a payment of \$3,000.00 for "Commission-ENA". According to the records produced, Little did not receive a 1099 in 2009 from ELN NV for this payment¹⁸. We have not received employment records or contractor agreements between Keith Little and ELN NV.
- d) <u>Lana Martin</u> During 2010, Lana Martin, an employee of Eric Nelson Auctioneering, Inc., received the following payments:

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
02/11/10	630.00	Lana Martin	Reimbursement / Travel
02/18/10	2,000.00	Lana Martin	Loan Payment
03/26/10	1,000.00	Lana Martin	Loan Payment
04/14/10	400.00	Lana Martin	Reimbursement-Printer Cartridges/Travel
04/30/10	1,000.00	Lana Martin	Loan Payment
	5,030.00	<u>.</u>	

As of January 1, 2009, ELN NV Peachtree records indicate a Note Payable to "L. Martin" of \$374,997.29. As of May 31, 2011, the note has a balance of \$363,997.29. As of the date of this report, loan documents have not been produced evidencing the terms and conditions of said loan.

e) <u>Lisa Klein</u> - On February 18, 2009, Lisa Klein ("Klein") received a payment of \$3,000.00 for "Commission-ENA". On March 6, 2009, Klein received a payment of \$1,500.00 for "Computer Reimbursement-ENA". According to the records produced, Klein did not receive a 1099 in 2009 from ELN NV for this payment¹⁹. We have not received employment records or contractor agreements between Klein and ELN NV.

¹⁸Keith Little received a 1099 from ENA for \$38,500.00. As the transaction is booked as due from ENA, the 1099 for ENA may include this payment.

¹⁹ Lisa Klein received a 1099 from ENA for \$37,500.00. As the transaction is booked as due from ENA, the 1099 for ENA may include this payment.

- f) Ronald Baird On April 21, 2010, ELN NV paid Ronald Baird ("Baird") \$600.00 for "commission". According to the records produced, Baird did not receive a 1099 in 2010 from ELN NV for this payment. We have not received employment records or contractor agreements between Baird and ELN NV.
- g) <u>Cliff McCarlie</u> During 2009, Cliff McCarlie ("McCarlie") received the following payments from ELN NV:

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
07/29/09	1,000.00	Cliff McCarlie	Loan
09/10/09	1,975.00	Cliff McCarlie	Loan
12/07/09	500.00	Cliff McCarlie	Loan
· ·	3,475.00	-	

As of January 1, 2009, ELN NV Peachtree records indicate an outstanding Note Receivable balance for McCarlie of \$95,405.64. As of May 31, 2011, this account had a balance of \$95,430.64. Eric produced a copy of a 2009 IRS form 1099 for McCarlie in the amount of \$3,475.00. As the 1099 is only a copy, we cannot determine if the 1099s were filed with the IRS. As of the date of this report, loan documents have not been produced evidencing the terms and conditions of said loan.

V. Other Companies - The following is a list of companies who received payments from ELN NV:

Name	Amount	
Soris Enterprises	146,700.00	(a)
The Larsen Company	4,000.00	(b)
Wyoming Racing, LLC	1,375.22	_ (c)
	152,075.22	_

a) <u>Soris Enterprises</u> – In 2009, ELN NV made the following payments to Soris Enterprises:

	2009
Jan	16,300.00
Feb	16,300.00
Mar	16,300.00
Apr_{-}	16,300.00
May	16,300.00
June	16,300.00
July	16,300.00
Aug	16,300.00
Sept	16,300.00
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Nov	
Dec	
-	146,700.00

Eric explained that the payments stopped in September 2009 as Frank Soris ("Soris") began to collect his own rents. Prior to September 2009, ELN NV collected rents on Frank Soris' real estate and in turn paid the collections to Soris²⁰. The real estate located in Phoenix was transferred to Soris in February of 2010 as collateral on a loan originating in January of 2002 involving property in Wyoming. According to the records produced, Soris did not receive a 1099 in 2009 from ELN NV for these payments.

b) The Larsen Company – On January 5, 2009, ELN NV paid The Larsen Company \$4,000.00 for "Partial payment –Soris". Eric produced a copy of a 2009 IRS form 1099 for The Larsen Company in the amount of \$4,000.00. As the 1099 is only a copy, we cannot determine if the 1099s were filed with the IRS.

²⁰ Further information on this transaction is in Section H(c) of this report.

- c) Wyoming Racing, LLC On October 27, 2009, ELN NV paid Wyoming Racing, LLC \$1,375.22 for "Reimbursement for property taxes". According to the records produced, Wyoming Racing, LLC did not receive a 1099 in 2009 from ELN NV for this payment.
- W. Ending Cash Balance As of May 31, 2011, according to the Peachtree files, ELN NV had the following bank balances:

Ending Balance	
Ameriprise Stock	-
Ameriprise MMA	-
MMA 4118	
MMA 4215	, - ·
BofA 5829	15,121.26
Checking	
Total Ending Balance	15,121.26

Larry L. Bertsch, CPA & Associates reserves the right to update this report upon the production of documents and/or evidence relating to the transactions continued in this report.

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LANA MARTIN, Distribution Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, 3 Crossclaimant, 4 VS. 5 LYNITA SUE NELSON, 6 Crossdefendant. 7 REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS AND OPPOSITION TO COUNTERMOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS 9 Counterdefendants/Crossdefendants/Third-Party Defendants Lana Martin, Individually, 10 Distribution Trustee of the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2001 ("ELN Trust"), and 11 former Distribution Trustee of the LSN Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2001; Nola Harber, Individually, 12 former Distribution Trustee of the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2001, and former 13 Distribution Trustee of the LSN Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2001; Rochelle McGowan; and Joan 14 B. Ramos (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Third-Party Defendants), by and through their 15 Counsel of Record, Solomon Dwiggins Freer & Morse, Ltd., hereby file their Reply to Opposition 16 to Motion to Dismiss and Opposition to the Countermotion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and 17 Costs.

This Reply and Opposition is based on the Memorandum of Points and Authorities which follows and on all documents and papers filed herein.

DATED this 9th day of December, 2011.

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I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

The Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss requests this Court to exercise jurisdiction over matters that are specifically prohibited under the Nevada Constitution, Nevada Revised Statutes and the Eighth Judicial District Court Rules. The Opposition also seeks to redress the deficiencies contained within the Claims for Relief Against Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2001, Lana Martin, Nola Harber, Rochelle McGowan, Joan B. Ramos and Does I through X (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Third-Party Complaint") by manufacturing allegations that were not plead in the Third-Party Complaint. Further, the Opposition also generally contends that certain claims are not barred by the statute of limitations and/or otherwise state a claim upon which relief can be granted; however, the Opposition fails to cite any portions of the Third-Party Complaint evidencing that the requisite elements were properly plead.

The Third-Party Complaint also fails to meet the stringent pleading requirements of NRCP 9(b), which include, but are not limited to, averments to the time, the place, the identity of the parties involved, and the nature of the fraud or mistake. The circumstances constituting the alleged fraud must be specific enough to give defendants notice of the particular misconduct. Despite the fact that the Third-Party Complaint alleges that the Third-Party Defendants engaged in a scheme to "defraud" Ms. Nelson, and fraudulently conveyed assets from the LSN Trust and the ELN Trust, and the remainder of the Third-Party Complaint sounds in fraud, Ms. Nelson contends that she met requirements of NRCP 9(b) because the Third-Party Complaint is thirty-six (36) pages long. However, Ms. Nelson was unable to cite any portions of the Third-Party Complaint that meet the heightened pleading requirements of NRCP 9(b). As a result of the foregoing, this Court should dismiss the Third-Party Complaint, or alternatively, order Ms. Nelson to amend the Third-Party Complaint so as to comply with NRCP 9(b).

See id. at ¶¶ 101, 105 and 110.

See Opp. at p. 29, 11. 20-23.

See Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 34.

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Finally, Ms. Nelson's Countermotion for an Award of Attorneys Fees' and Costs should be denied because the Motion to Dismiss was brought in good faith, and a was a direct result of Ms. Nelson's defective Third-Party Complaint.

II. <u>LEGAL ARGUMENT</u>

A. This Court Should Not Consider New Factual Allegations Raised In The Opposition.

"Generally, a court ruling on a motion to dismiss may rely on only the complaint and its proper attachments." Although the factual averments in complaints are deemed true on a motion to dismiss, courts may not consider new factual allegations made outside the complaint. As indicated *supra*, the Opposition seeks to redress the deficiencies contained within the Third-Party Complaint by manufacturing allegations that were not plead in the Third-Party Complaint. Contrary to what Ms. Nelson asserts in the Opposition, the Third-Party Complaint does not plead allegations, including, but not limited to: (1) several of the acts alleged by Ms. Nelson occurred within the past four years; (2) Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos acted as individuals for their individual benefits; (3) Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos each acted in their individual capacities regardless of their respective affiliations with any common entity; (4) a confidential relationship existed between Ms. Nelson and the ELN Trust; and (5) in regards to her injunctive

Dorsey v. Portfolio Equities, Inc., 540 F.3d 333, 338 (5th Cir. 2008) (plaintiff failed to state a claim under Rule 10b-5); Frederico v. Home Depot, 507 F.3d 188, 201-02 (3rd Cir. 2007) (we do not consider after-the-fact allegations in determining the sufficiency of her complaint under Rules 9(b) and 12(b)(6)); Commw. of Pa. ex. rel Zimmerman v. Pepsi Co., Inc., 836 F.2d 173, 181 (3rd Cir.1988) ("It is axiomatic that the complaint may not be amended by the briefs in opposition to a motion to dismiss.").

⁵ Dorsey, 540 F.3d at 338.

⁶ See Opp. at p. 19, ll. 10-11.

⁷ See id. at p. 21, ll. 22-24.

⁸ See id. at p. 21, ll. 26-28.

⁹ See id. at p. 25, ll. 14-18.

relief, Ms. Nelson "request[s] to confirm what is already in place.¹⁰ Consequently, in ruling upon the Motion to Dismiss, this Court should rely on the Complaint and disregard any new factual allegations raised in the Opposition.

B. This Court Lacks Jurisdiction To Hear The Majority, If Not All, Of The Claims For Relief Asserted In The Third-Party Complaint.

Ms. Nelson's contention that this Court has jurisdiction to hear cases which arise under Title 12 and 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes based upon her interpretation of *Landreth v. Malik*, 251 P.3d 163, 127 Nev. Adv. Op. 16 (Nev. 2011) and *Barelli v. Barelli* 11 Nev. 873, 944 P.2d 246 (Nev. 1997), contravenes the Nevada Revised Statutes, Eighth Judicial District Court Rules and the Nevada Constitution.

The Nevada Constitution grants the Nevada Supreme Court authority to assign district judges to specialized courts such as the Probate Court.¹¹ Similarly, the Nevada Legislature has also granted the Nevada Supreme Court authority to make rules consistent with the Constitution and laws of the State for "the government of the district courts." The Nevada Legislature has also granted districts where more than one judge exists to "make additional rules, not inconsistent with law, which will enable them to transact judicial business in a convenient and lawful manner." Consistent with such authority, the Nevada Supreme Court adopted the Eighth Judicial District Court Rules, including Part IV, entitled "Probate; Guardianships; Conservatorship; Trusts; and the Administration of Estates," which "govern the practice and procedure of *all proceedings* under Title 12 of NRS and all of Title 13 of NRS except chapters 159, 160, and 161." EDCR 4.16(a), provides in part:

See id. at p. 27, 11. 7-8.

See Nevada Constitution, Article 6, Section 19(1) ("The chief justice is the administrative head of the court system. Subject to such rules as the supreme court may adopt, the chief justice may: (b) Assign district judges to assist in other judicial districts or to specialized functions which may be established by law."). (Emphasis added).

¹² NRS 2.120.

¹³ NRS 3.020.

EDCR 4.01.

The probate judge may hear whichever contested matters the judge shall select, and schedule them at the convenience of the judge's calendar. The judge alone may also refer contested matters pertaining to the probate calendar to a master appointed by the judge for hearing and report. All other contested matters pertaining to the probate calendar will be assigned on a random basis to a civil trial judge, other than a trial judge serving in the family division. (Emphasis added).

Further, as recognized by Ms. Nelson in her Opposition, the "Nevada Constitution provides the Nevada Legislature with authority to assign or prescribe classes of cases to a specific division of the district court. . ." Similar to the delineation of jurisdiction in the justice and municipal courts, the Nevada Legislature has delineated the jurisdiction of the Probate Courts in NRS 30.060 and NRS 164.015(1). As set forth in the Motion to Dismiss, under NRS 164.015(1), the "court¹⁶ has exclusive jurisdiction of proceedings initiated by the petition of an interested person concerning the internal affairs of a nontestamentary trust. ." Indeed, proceedings which may be maintained under NRS 164.015(1) concern: "the administration and distribution of trusts, the declaration of rights and the determination of other matters involving trustees and beneficiaries of trusts. .." Further, NRS 30.060 specifically provides that "[a]ny action for declaratory relief under this section [which includes the determination of "any question" arising in the administration of a trust] may only be made in a proceeding commenced pursuant to the provisions of title 12 or 13 of NRS, as appropriate."

Notwithstanding the Nevada Constitution, Nevada Revised Statutes and the Eighth Judicial District Court Rules, Ms. Nelson contends that this Court is the proper venue to hear her claims for declaratory relief pertaining to the internal affairs of a nontestamentary trust because this Court "is a division of the district court" and "district courts are courts of general jurisdiction." As indicated *supra*, Ms. Nelson's claims must be brought pursuant to the provisions of title 12 or 13 or NRS (*i.e.* in Probate Court), at which point the Probate Court, may hear the case or, in its sole discretion, <u>assign</u>

¹⁵ See Opp. at p. 8, 11. 1-3.

Contrary to Ms. Nelson's argument, the word "court" in NRS 164.015(1) does not mean any district court of general jurisdiction, but means "a district court of this State sitting in probate or otherwise adjudicating matters pursuant to this title." *See* NRS 132.116, made applicable to trust proceedings under Title 13 by NRS 164.005.

See Opp. at p. 8, ll. 11-15.

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the case to a civil trial judge, "other than a trial judge serving in the family division."

Ms. Nelson's reliance upon Landreth v. Malik, 251 P.3d 163, 127 Nev. Adv. Op. 16 (Nev. 2011) and Barelli v. Barelli 11 Nev. 873, 944 P.2d 246 (Nev. 1997), is inapposite because the facts of Landreth and Barelli are distinctly different from this matter. Indeed, in Landreth the question addressed by the Nevada Supreme Court was whether the family court had the same constitutional power and authority as other district court judges to adjudicate cases outside of the matters listed in NRS 3.223, 18 specifically whether the family court possessed jurisdiction to hear a case regarding two unmarried persons over the title and ownership of property. After a lengthy analysis, largely repeated in Ms. Nelson's Opposition, the Nevada Supreme Court held that "a district court judge in the family division has the same constitutional power and authority as any district court judge." Unlike Landreth, "any district court" does not have the power or authority to hear the majority of claims contained with the Third-Party Complaint (i.e. alter ego, breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy and/or aided and abetting) unless/until the Probate Court assigns this matter, if at all, to a civil trial judge, other than a trial judge serving in the family division. Since the Probate Court has not assigned this matter to any district court, Landreth supports the Third-Party Defendants' contention that this Court, or any other district court other than the Probate Court, lack jurisdiction to hear matters pertaining to the internal affairs of the ELN Trust or LSN Trust.

Further, in Barelli, a wife sued her former husband to reform a property settlement agreement to incorporate alimony or alternatively to seek damages for breach of an "oral side agreement."²⁰ Because the reformation/rescission claim was dependent upon the existence of the oral contract, the Nevada Supreme Court ultimately concluded that the family court had jurisdiction "to resolve issues that fall outside [its] jurisdiction when necessary for the resolution of those claims over which jurisdiction is property exercised."²¹ Unlike Barelli, the claims asserted in the Third-Party Complaint

See Landreth, 251 P.3d at 166, 127 Nev. Adv. Op. at 19. 18

¹⁹ See id.

See Barelli, 11 Nev. at 877, 944 P.2d at 248. 20

²¹ See id. at 11 Nev. at 878, 944 P.2d at 249.

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(*i.e.* alter ego, breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy and/or aided and abetting) are irrelevant to this Court's determination of whether Ms. Nelson has a community property interest in assets owned by the ELN Trust. Indeed, it is unnecessary for this Court to address whether Ms. Martin or Ms. Harber breached their duties to Ms. Nelson as Distribution Trustees of the LSN Trust to resolve Ms. Nelson's community property claim. Consequently, *Barelli* does not support Ms. Nelson's theory that this Court may hear claims pertaining to the internal affairs of the ELN Trust or LSN Trust.

Ms. Nelson's reliance upon EDCR 5.42 is equally unpersuasive as said rule only applies to the "same parties," which occurs "when the same two persons in any domestic case or sub-type have an action against one another, regardless of their respective party designation," and the ELN Trust, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos were not parties to the Divorce Proceeding prior to the filing of the Third-Party Complaint. Further, EDCR 5.42 contains a number of exceptions to the purported "one judge, one family" rule, including, but not limited to, cases filed pursuant to Chapter 62, Chapter 432B, Chapter 159, Chapter 130 and/or Chapter 425.

If this Court were to adopt Ms. Nelson's contention that EDCR 4.01 and NRS 164.015 "simply provide administrative and procedural rules for matters which proceed before the probate court," the Legislature, Nevada Supreme Court and Eighth Judicial District's purpose in designating a probate judge to hear probate matters will be circumvented, and any party could escape the jurisdiction of the designated court sitting in probate by filing their claims in any district court.²³ This

EDCR 5.42(a).

Ms. Nelson's contention that Petitioners' "interpretation of NRS 164.015" is that "all decisions concerning matters involving trusts would issue from the probate court and the trust (or its trustees) would never be named as a party in a divorce action, or any other type of civil action," see Opp. at p. 10, ll. 24-26, misconstrues the Motion to Dismiss, NRS 30.060, NRS 164.015 and EDCR Part IV. As illustrated by the fact that the ELN Trust stipulated to being named as a Defendant in this matter, Third-Party Defendants acknowledge that trusts may be named parties to litigation outside of probate when the claims do not arise from NRS 30.060 or NRS 164.015, e.g. the claims of Ms. Nelson that she has community property in the ELN Trust. See e.g., Gladys Baker Olsen Family Trust By and Through Olsen v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court, 110 Nev. 548, 553, 874 P.2d 778, 781 (1994) (the failure of a real party in interest to join a trust as a party was fatal error, where the trust owned all the assets at issue and was therefore a necessary party under NRCP 19(a)); Guerin v. Guerin, 114 Nev. 127, 132, 953 P.2d 716, 719 (1998) abrogated on other grounds by Pengilly v. Rancho Santa Fe Homeowners, 116 Nev. 646, 646, 5 P.3d 569, 569 (2000) (Nevada

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clearly was not the intent of the Legislature, Nevada Supreme Court or the Eighth Judicial District. Irrespective of whether Ms. Nelson believes it "makes [] sense at all" for her to bring her claims for declaratory relief and other claims concerning the internal affairs in the Probate Court as required by NRS 30.060 and NRS 164.015, it is what the law requires.

Further, if all of the claims asserted in the Third-Party Complaint proceed in this Court, the Third-Party Defendants will be deprived of their constitutional right to a jury trial under Article 1, Section 3 of the Nevada Constitution.²⁵ As such, this Court should dismiss Ms. Nelson's claims for declaratory relief and other claims concerning the internal affairs of the ELN Trust and the LSN Trust.

C. Ms. Nelson's First, Second And Third Claims For Relief For Alter Ego Should Be Dismissed.

1. NRS 78.747, Which Pertains Solely To Alter Ego Claims Against Corporations, Cannot Be Applied To A Self-Settled Spendthrift Trust.

The Motion to Dismiss seeks to have Ms. Nelson's alter ego claims, made under NRS 78.747, dismissed because said statute does not extend alter ego liability to trusts, specifically a self-settled spendthrift trust.²⁶ Indeed, there is no statutory or judicial authority that supports applying NRS 78.487 to trusts. To the contrary, applying NRS 78.747 to a self-settled spendthrift trust would frustrate NRS Chapter 166 which specifically allows a settlor of a self-settled spendthrift trust to

Supreme Court directed the Clerk of the Court to issue a writ of prohibition precluding the district court from enforcing its April 8, 1996, order because the Hill Family Trust was not a named party to the action at the time the order was entered). However, Ms. Nelson's claims in her Third-Party Complaint must be initiated in Probate Court as they arise under NRS 30.060 or NRS 164.015.

See Opp. at p. 9, 1. 1.

NRS 125.070 ("The judge of the court shall determine all questions of law and fact arising in any divorce proceeding under the provisions of this chapter."

Indeed, it is quite perplexing how Ms. Nelson on one hand relies upon the following language from the Nevada Supreme Court case, *Nevada v. Miller*, 124 Nev. 874, 881, 192 P.3d 1166, 1170-71 (2008), "[u]nless ambiguous, a statute's language is applied in accordance with its plain meaning [and] when the Legislature's intent is clear from the plain language, [the Nevada Supreme Court] will give effect to such intention and construe the statute's language to effectuate rather than nullify its manifested purpose," *see* Opp. at p. 12, ll. 11-20, and on the other hand request this Court to "apply Nevada's corporate alter ego liability statute contained in NRS 78.747" to trusts. *See* Opp. at p. 13, ll. 25-27.

manage, benefit from and control said trust except as to distributions.²⁷ Ms. Nelson's reliance upon *Dean v. United States*, 987 F. Supp. 1160, 1166-67 (W.D. Mo. 1997)²⁸ and *In re Schwarzkopf*, 626 F.3d 1032 (9th Cir. 2010), is inapposite to her contention that NRS 78.747 should be applied to self-settled spendthrift trusts because neither case applied an alter ego statute, which specifically states that it pertains solely to the "[l]iability of stockholder, director or officer for debt or liability of corporation."²⁹ Most importantly, unlike the trusts in *Dean* and *Schwarzkopf*, which were created for the benefit of minor children, and not the settlor, ³⁰ NRS Chapter 166 specifically permits the settlor of a self-settled spendthrift trust to be a beneficiary without limits as to the benefits received and to have any power except "for the power of the settlor to make distributions to himself or herself without the consent of another person."³¹

Assuming *arguendo* that NRS 78.747 applies to self-settled spendthrift trusts, which it does not, the First, Second and Third Claim for Relief should still be dismissed because: (1) said claims are barred by NRS 166.170;³² and (2) a declaratory judgment would not terminate the uncertainty or controversy giving rise to Ms. Nelson's claims. In Nevada, courts may refuse to render or enter a declaratory judgment or decree where such judgment or decree, if rendered or entered, would not

See NRS 166.040(3).

Indeed, in *Dean* the court actually would not permit the alter ego doctrine to apply as it would require an expansion of the alter ego doctrine which the Court was unwilling to do without clearer direction from Congress or the Missouri courts. *Dean*, 987 F. Supp. at 1166-67.

²⁹ See NRS 78.747.

See Dean, 987 F. Supp. at 1162 (settlors "decided to transfer their assets into an irrevocable trust for the sole benefit of their children."), and Schwarzkopf, 626 F.3d at 1036 (trust was created for the benefit of a minor child).

Specifically, NRS 166.040(3) provides: "[e]xcept for the power of the settlor to make distributions to himself or herself without the consent of another person, the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the settlor of a spendthrift trust from holding other powers under the trust, whether or not the settlor is a cotrustee, including, without limitation, the power to remove and replace a trustee, direct trust investments and execute other management powers."

As indicated *infra*, pursuant to NRS 166.170, Ms. Nelson's claims are barred because she failed to file bring suit within two (2) years after the transfers were made to the ELN Trust.

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terminate the uncertainty or controversy giving rise to the proceeding."³³ Ms. Nelson seeks a declaratory judgment stating that the ELN Trust is an illusory sham trust and Mr. Nelson's alter ego pursuant to NRS 78.747;³⁴ however, such a declaration "would not terminate the uncertainty or controversy giving rise" to Ms. Nelson's claims. Indeed, even if this Court were to find Ms. Nelson's allegations are true, the controversy would not be terminated because the question of whether her claims are time-barred would still remain.

2. <u>The Third-Party Complaint Is Riddled With Allegations That Cannot Not Be Considered In An Alter Ego Claims.</u>

No Nevada statute specifies what makes a trust the alter ego of its settlor, but NRS 163.418 requires that any such claim must be proven by clear and convincing evidence. Indeed, NRS 163.418 provides that the following factors, alone or in combination, are insufficient for a finding of alter ego:

- 1. The settlor has signed checks, made disbursements or executed other documents related to the trust as the trustee and the settlor is not a trustee, if the settlor has done so in isolated incidents.
- 2. The settlor has made requests for distributions on behalf of a beneficiary.
- 3. The settlor has made requests for the trustee to hold, purchase or sell any trust property.
- 4. The settlor has engaged in any one of the activities, alone or in combination, listed in NRS 163.4177.

Further, under NRS 163.4177, factors which must not be considered exercising improper dominion or control over a trust are:

- 1. A beneficiary is serving as a trustee.
- 2. The settlor or beneficiary holds unrestricted power to remove or replace a trustee.
- 3. The settlor or beneficiary is a trust administrator, general partner of a partnership, manager of a limited-liability company, officer of a corporation or any other manager of any other type of entity and all or part of the trust property consists of an interest in the entity.
- 4. The trustee is a person related by blood, adoption or marriage

NRS 30.080. See, Aetna Cas. & Sur. Co. v. Rasa Management Co., Inc., 621 F. Supp. 892, 893 (D. Nev. 1985) ("a declaratory judgment should not be entered unless it disposes of a controversy and serves a useful purpose."); see also, El Capitan Club v. Fireman's Fund Ins. Co., 89 Nev. 65, 68, 506 P.2d 426, 428 (1973) ("It is true that a court may refuse to enter a declaratory judgment where to do so would not terminate the controversy giving rise to the action.").

See Third-Party Complaint, at ¶¶ 83-85.

to the settlor or beneficiary.

5. The trustee is the settlor or beneficiary's agent, accountant, attorney, financial adviser or friend.

6. The trustee is a business associate of the settlor or beneficiary.

Notwithstanding the foregoing statutes, the majority, if not all, of Ms. Nelson's self-serving allegations pertaining to the ELN Trust must not be considered in alter ego claims. Indeed, the Third-Party Complaint alleges: (1) "Eric has asserted his management and control over [ELN Trust]; 35 "Eric has influenced, directed, and controlled all aspects of both [ELN Trust] and the LSN Trust; 36 (3) Ms. Martin, "Eric's employee, close friend . . . served as the Distribution Trustee for [ELN Trust] and the LSN Trust; 40 Ms. Harber, "Eric's sister . . . served as the Distribution Trustee for [ELN Trust] and the LSN Trust for approximately four years; 50 "Eric directed the release of thousand of dollars of trust income to Eric and other third parties, including Eric's family members (Cal Nelson, Paul Nelson, Chad Ramos, Ryan Nelson and others) . . . to fund Eric's and Eric's family members' personal expenditures; 60 Eric dictated the asset transfers and loans he desired to be performed; 70 "Eric's actions demonstrate that [ELN Trust] was influenced, directed, controlled and governed by Eric; 41 (8) "[t]here has been such unity of interest and ownership between Eric and [ELN Trust] and the assets held in the Trust, including the distribution of assets of [ELN Trust] for his own

Cf. Third-Party Complaint at \P 6 with NRS 163.4177(3).

Cf. Third-Party Complaint at \P 6 with NRS 163.418(2).

Cf. Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 10 with NRS 163.4177(5) & (6).

Cf. Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 10 with NRS 163.4177(4).

³⁹ Cf. Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 11 with NRS 163.418(2) & (3) and NRS 163.4177(3).

⁴⁰ Cf. Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 12 with NRS 163.418(3) and NRS 163.4177(3).

 $^{^{41}}$ Cf. Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 73 and 78 with NRS 163.418(2) & (3) and NRS 163.4177(1)-(6).

 $^{^{42}}$ Cf. Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 74 & 79 with NRS 163.418(2) & (3) and NRS 163.4177(1)-(6).

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27 28 personal benefit; 43 and (10) "Eric's direct or indirect control and direction of [ELN Trust] investments and disbursements invalidate any spendthrift aspect of the Trust."44 For these reasons, Ms. Nelson's First, Second and Third Claim for Relief for alter ego should be dismissed.

Settlement Statements Made By Mr. Nelson Do Not Demonstrate A High 3. Likelihood Of Success On Ms. Nelson's Alter Ego Claims.

In addition to erroneously contending that NRS 78.747 is the requisite standard for an alter ego claim against a self-settled spendthrift trust, Ms. Nelson contends that she has otherwise "demonstrate[d] a high likelihood of success on her alter ego claims." Attached as an Exhibit to the Opposition, is what Ms. Nelson deems to be an admission of "the validity [her] claims" in the form of certain statements purportedly made by Mr. Nelson during the course of trial.⁴⁶ Contrary to Ms. Nelson's mistaken belief, Mr. Nelson's statements are not controlling because under Nevada law, personal opinion of either spouse as to separate or community character of property is of no moment whatsoever in determining legal status of that property.⁴⁷ On the effect of the opinion of a spouse as evidence of the separate or community character of property, the court in Re Pepper's Estate, 158 Cal. 619, 625-26, 112 P. 62 (Cal. 1910)⁴⁸ stated:

Cf. Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 74 with NRS 163.418(2) & (3) and 163.4177(1)-(6).

⁴⁴ Cf. Third-Party Complaint at ¶84 with NRS 163.418(2) & (3) and NRS 163.4177(1)-(6).

See Opp. at p. 14, 11. 24-27.

Upon information and belief there are just as many excerpts made by Mr. Nelson during the course of this litigation, which support the ELN Trust's position that it is a valid selfsettled spendthrift trust duly established pursuant to NRS 166, and that neither Mr. Nelson nor Ms. Nelson have a community property and/or separate property interest therein.

See Hardy v. United States, 918 F. Supp. 312, 317 (D. Nev. 1996) ("The personal opinion of either spouse as to the character of the property is of no moment whatsoever."); see also, Peters v. Peters, 92 Nev. 687, 692, 557 P.2d 713, 716 (1976) ("The opinion of either spouse as to whether property is separate or community is of no weight whatever."); see also, In re Wilson's Estate, 56 Nev. 353, 53 P.2d 339, 344 (1936) (court disregarded affidavit, even through it raises some doubt regarding correctness of findings of the district court, because "it has been decided by this court, as well as by appellate courts of other states, that the opinion of either spouse as to whether property is separate or community is of no weight.").

⁴⁸ Overruled on other grounds by *In re Neilson's Estate*, 371 P.2d 745 (Cal. 1962).

Whether the property was community or separate, was a question of law, depending on the manner and time of its acquisition. The opinion of Pepper [the husband] on this legal question was entitled to no weight.

Ms. Nelson's logic is similarly flawed because settlement proposals are inadmissible to prove the validity/invalidity of Ms. Nelson's claims. ⁴⁹ Further, Ms. Nelson's contention that "if the Court had accepted one of Eric's proposed distribution . . . Eric could have, and would have, directed such distributions from the ELN and LSN Trusts to effectuate said distributions," ⁵⁰ presupposes that the settlement proposal would withstand the muster of the Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust. ⁵¹ In light of the foregoing, this Court should summarily disregard the self-serving excerpts referenced by Ms. Nelson.

D. Ms. Nelson's Tort Claims Are Barred Under NRS 166.170(8), NRS 11.190(3)(d) And NRS 11.220.

Ms. Nelson's contention that "NRS 166.170, by its express terms, only applies to the time period for "creditors" to bring actions "with respect to a transfer of property to a spendthrift Trust" is erroneous as NRS 166.170(8) contains no such limitation.⁵² To the contrary, NRS 166.170(8) strictly prohibits any action against the trustee of a self-settled spendthrift trust, including, but not limited to an action for breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy, aiding and abetting and concert of action (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Tort Claims"), as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no action of any kind, including, without limitation, an action to enforce a judgment entered by a court or other body having adjudicative authority, may be brought at law or in equity against the trustee of a spendthrift trust if, as of the date the action is brought, an action by a creditor with respect to a transfer to the spendthrift trust would be barred pursuant to this section. (Emphasis added).

Ms. Nelson's claims against the Trustees are time-barred pursuant to NRS 166.170. Indeed, as set forth in the Third-Party Complaint, Ms. Nelson admits that the ELN Trust and the LSN Trust

See generally, NRS 48.105.

See Opp. at p. 15, ll. 20-23.

⁵¹ See ELN Trust, Art. III, Section 3.3.

⁵² Cf. Opp. at p. 16, l. 28 - p. 17, l. 2 with NRS 166.170(8).

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were created and funded in May 2001.⁵³ If Ms. Nelson contends that the ELN Trust and the LSN Trusts were invalid upon creation (*i.e.* due to fraud, sham alter ego), Ms. Nelson is deemed an existing creditor, which is defined as "a person who has a claim,"⁵⁴ and pursuant to NRS 166.170, had two years to challenge the creation of the ELN Trust and the LSN Trust and/or any claims against the Trustees. Similarly, if Ms. Nelson contends that her community property was transferred to the ELN Trust in or around May 2001, she had the later of two years after the transfer was made, or six months after she discovered or reasonably should have discovered the transfer, whichever is later, to file suit.⁵⁵ If Ms. Nelson contends that her community property was transferred to the ELN Trust within two years of the Divorce Proceeding, Ms. Nelson's claims would not be barred. Further, if Ms. Nelson contends that the Trustees committed some tort within the last two years, said claims would not be barred.

Irrespective of NRS 166.170, Ms. Nelson's Tort Claims are further barred under NRS 11.190(3)(d) and NRS 11.220. Indeed, Ms. Nelson knew, or should have known, of the facts constituting the elements of her causes of action when Mr. Nelson executed the ELN Trust, and she executed the LSN Trust in or around May 30, 2001, as neither trust provides that the assets titled in the name of the ELN Trust or the LSN Trust "were held, owned and controlled by the parties as community property." At the very least, Ms. Nelson's claims against Ms. Harber in her capacity as Distribution Trustee of the LSN Trust must be dismissed because Ms. Harber was admittedly "replaced as Distribution Trustee for the LSN Trust on February 22, 2007," which was over 4.5 years ago, and "breach of fiduciary duty is fraud and, therefore, [subject to] the three-year statute of

See Third-Party Complaint, at ¶¶ 28-29.

⁵⁴ See NRS 112.150(4).

⁵⁵ NRS 166.170.

See Opp. at p. 18, ll. 2-3.

⁵⁷ See Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 53.

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27 28 limitation set forth in NRS 11.190(3)(d).".58

In a brazen attempt to excuse her unjustified delay in bringing claims against the Third-Party Defendants, Ms. Nelson contends in the Opposition, for the first time, that her delay was justified because none of her "causes of action could have accrued until June, 2011."59 Notwithstanding said contention, the Third-Party Complaint, which is the operative document for purposes of the Motion to Dismiss, fails to state when: (1) the tortious conduct occurred; 60 and (2) she discovered the same. 61 Ms. Nelson's failure to please the requisite elements of her Tort Claims warrants the relief sought in the Motion to Dismiss.

Ms. Nelson's reliance upon the "continuous tort doctrine" also fails as said doctrine typically 'applies in various cases invoking several federal statutes,"62 and does not appear to have been adopted in Nevada.63 "[A] continuing tort is a tortious act that occurs so repeatedly that it can be

Nevada State Bank v. Jamison Family P'ship, 106 Nev. 792, 799, 801 P.2d 1377, 58 1382 (1990).

See Opp. at p. 19, 11. 5-9.

See NRCP 9(f) ("For the purpose of testing the sufficiency of a pleading, averments of time and place are material and shall be considered like all other averments of material matter."); Brown v. Kellar, 97 Nev. 582, 583, 636 P.2d 874, 874 (1981) (pleading for tort claim must averments to time).

See Prescott v. United States, 523 F.Supp. 918, 940-941 (D. Nev.1981), aff'd, 731 F.2d 1388 (9th Cir. 1984) ("Plaintiff who relies upon this delayed discovery rule must plead facts justifying delayed accrual of his action. The complaint must allege: (1) the time and manner of discovery, and (2) the circumstances excusing delayed discovery.") cited with approval by the Nevada Supreme Court in Petersen v. Bruen, 106 Nev. 271, 274, 792 P.2d 18, 20 (1990).

See Page v. United States, 729 F.2d 818, 822 (D.C. Cir. 1984) disapproved of by Beard v. Edmondson & Gallagher, 790 A.2d 541 (D.C. 2002) (claim that the VA wrongfully prescribed addictive drugs without proper monitoring under the Tort Claims Act did not accrue for purposes of the statutory limitations on suit-filing until treatment was terminated.).

Indeed, the cases relied upon by Ms. Nelson had specifically already adopted the continuous tort doctrine. See, Coulon v. Witco Corp., 848 So. 2d 135, 138 (La. App. 2003) (continuous-tort doctrine adopted.).

termed "continuous," such that one may say that the tortious conduct has not yet ceased."⁶⁴ The doctrine only applies where there is "no single incident" that can "fairly or realistically be identified as the cause of significant harm"⁶⁵ such as exposure to chemicals over a period of time. ⁶⁶ "[O]nce the plaintiff has been placed on notice of an injury and the role of the defendants' wrongful conduct in causing it, the policy disfavoring stale claims makes application of the "continuous tort" doctrine inappropriate."⁶⁷

Although Ms. Nelson contends in the Opposition that the continuous tort doctrine should be applied, the Third-Party Complaint references certain transactions that purportedly caused her significant harm, including, but not limited to, "the transaction involving the Russell Road property" and "the release of thousands of dollars of trust income to Eric and other third parties." Since there are a number of "single incidents," which Ms. Nelson contends is the cause of "significant harm," the continuous tort doctrine does not apply. In any case, even if this Court finds that the continuous tort doctrine applies, the alleged tortious conduct of Ms. Harber and Ms. Martin cannot be deemed continuous as Ms. Nelson removed them as the Distribution Trustee of the LSN Trust long ago."

E. Ms. Nelson's Sixth Claim For Relief For Conspiracy And Eighth Claim For Relief For Aiding And Abetting Should Also Be Dismissed Because She Has Not Plead The Requisite Elements.

Anderson v. State, 965 P.2d 783, 790 (Haw. App. 1998) ("The Hawaii Supreme Court adopted the continuing-tort exception to a statute of limitations in 1935").

Flowers v. Carville, 310 F.3d 1118, 1126 (9th Cir. 2002). See also 54 C.J.S. Limitations of Actions § 223 ("The common-law continuing tort doctrine may be applied, for statute of limitations purposes, when no single incident in a chain of tortious activity can fairly or realistically be identified as the cause of significant harm").

See Coulon, 848 So. 2d at 138 (continuous-tort doctrine applied when employee suffered permanent neurological injuries as result of exposure to significant amounts of neurotoxins and several carcinogens during employment).

Beard v. Edmondson & Gallagher, 790 A.2d 541, 548 (D.C. 2002)

⁶⁸ See Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 14, 99, 103 and 108.

See *id.* at ¶ 11.

See id. at \P 53.

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CHEYENDE AVENI S. NEVADA 89129 5483 (TELEPHONE 5485 (FACSIMILE) IMOGÉNIZAM TORRESON Ms. Nelson has not plead the requisite elements to support her claims for conspiracy and aiding and abetting. The Opposition attempts to distinguish the facts in this matter from one of the cases cited in the Motion to Dismiss, *Collins v. Union Federal Savings & Loan Association*, 662 P.2d 610, 99 Nev. 284 (1983), by erroneously contending that the elements of conspiracy have been met because Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber and Ms. McGowan: (1) are not agents of a single corporate entity;⁷¹ and (2) acted "as individuals for their individuals benefits."⁷²

Although in *Collins* the agents and employees were agents and employees of a single corporation, that case certainly does not require that Mr. Nelson, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos be agents and employees of a single corporation, and Ms. Nelson has failed to cite any case law holding otherwise. Here, the Third-Party Complaint refers to Ms. Martin, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos as an "employee of any one of Eric's entities" who are "intricately involved in many of Eric's entities." Further, the Third-Party Complaint alleges that "Eric directed and controlled the distributions of income and assets to and from" the ELN Trust and the LSN Trust and Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos "knowingly and substantially assisted Eric." Since Ms. Nelson concedes an agent/employee relationship existed, her claim for conspiracy must be dismissed.

⁷¹ See Opp. at p. 21, 11. 4-6.

See id. at p. 21, 11. 20-22.

See Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 13.

See id. at \P 13.

See id. at ¶¶ 19-22, 44 and 53.

See id. at ¶¶ 99 and 108.

See id. at ¶¶ 100-101 and 109-110.

Although Ms. Harber and Ms. Martin have been sued in their capacity as former Distribution Trustees of the LSN Trust, the Third-Party Complaint fails to delineate what capacity Ms. Harber and Ms. Martin purportedly conspired and/or aided Mr. Nelson. *See* Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 98-101, and 107-111. For this reason, Third-Party Defendants are not estopped from asserting that they cannot be con-conspirators/aiders and abetters with Mr. Nelson in their

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Contrary to Ms. Nelson's contention, the Third-Party Complaint does not allege that Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan or Ms. Ramos acted "as individuals for their individuals benefits" and/or "conspired with Eric for their own respective, individual interests and gain." Had Ms. Nelson made that allegation in the Third-Party Complaint she would have undoubtedly cited to the same in her Opposition. To the contrary, Ms. Nelson contends that Ms. Martin and Ms. Harber are the former Distribution Trustees of the LSN Trust and the ELN Trust and/or employees of companies owned by the ELN Trust and/or the LSN Trust. Further, Ms. Nelson contends that Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos are employees of entities owned by the ELN Trust and/or the LSN Trust, serving both as bookkeeper, and upon information and belief, the notary public on several documents for Mr. Nelson; however, it is unclear what Ms. Nelson contends they did wrong. Since they have not acted for their own benefit, Ms. Nelson's conspiracy claim fails.

F. Ms. Nelson's Seventh Claim For Relief For Concert Of Action Fails To State A Claim Upon Which Relief Can Be Granted.

Ms. Nelson opposes dismissal of her concert in action claim, contending she is only alleging intentional torts, not negligence, and that concert of action claims involving intentional torts do not

individual capacities. See Opp. at p. 21, ll. 11-19.

⁷⁹ See Opp. at p. 21, 11. 20-22.

See id. at p. 21, 11. 25-26.

Ms. Nelson's allegation that Third-Party Defendants are estopped from asserting that Mr. Nelson, Ms. Harber, Ms Martin, Ms. McGowen and Ms. Ramos "were all agents for a common principal, acting in a representative capacity, while at the same time asserting that the ELN Trust conforms for the requirements of NRS Chapter 166" because as beneficiary of the ELN Trust Mr. Nelson cannot direct distributions from the ELN Trust, *see* Opp. at p. 21, ll. 11-14, contravenes NRS 166.040(3), which provides that a "settlor [cannot] make distributions to himself or herself without the consent of another person."

See Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 19.

See *id.* at ¶ 20.

See *id.* at $\P 21$.

See id. at \P 22.

CHROFESSIONAL CEI CHEYENNE AVENUE CHEYENNE AVENUE S483 (TELEPHONE) 5485 (FACSIMILE) If@sdfintlaw.com need to involve inherently dangerous activities. In fact, Ms. Nelson's assertion in her Opposition that the "inherently dangerous activity" prong of concert of action only applies to claims sounding in "negligence" rather than intentional torts is based upon an incorrect and disjointed reading of the Nevada Supreme Court's opinions in *Dow Chemical Co. v. Mahlum* and *GES, Inc. v. Corbitt*, and the Restatement (Second) of Torts section 876 ("Restatement section 876"). However, in applying Restatement section 876 to tortious acts constituting both intentional torts and negligence, the Nevada Supreme Court in both *Dow Chemical* and *Ges* expressed that concert of action "is meant to deter antisocial or dangerous behavior." Indeed, each of the illustrations in the comments on Restatement section 876, which demonstrate proper application of concert of action to inherently dangerous activities, include the commission of intentional torts, specifically burglary, illegal coercion (battery) by police officers, and arson. Moreover, courts in other jurisdictions have specifically held that imposition of concert of action over defendants engaging in intentional torts likewise required that the tortious conduct be inherently dangerous or pose a substantial risk of harm to others.

In Dow Chemical, the plaintiff sought to impose concert of action liability over the defendants

Dow Chemical Co. v. Mahlum, 114 Nev. 1468, 1488, 970 P.2d 98, 111 (1998); citing Juhl v. Airington, 936 S.W.2d 640, 644-45 (Tex.1996) (holding that "instances where concert of action liability has been imposed have almost always involved conduct posing a high degree of risk to others.").

GES, Inc. v. Corbitt, 117 Nev. 265, 271, 21 P.3d 11, 15 (2001) at footnote 18.

See Restatement § 876, illustrations 1-16 involving joint commission of burglary, drag racing, participation in a riot, illegal methods of coercion by police officers (amounting to battery), discharging firearms across a public road, sale of a firearm known to be dangerously defective, arson, intentional explosion of dynamite, and possession of wild animals.

See III Forks Real Estate, L.P. v. Cohen, 228 S.W.3d 810, 816 (Tex. App. 2007) (declining to impose concert of action where defendant's intentional misrepresentation was "not the type of activity addressed in concert of action cases" because it "was simply not the type of highly dangerous, deviant, or anti-social group activity which was likely to cause injury or death to a person or certain harm to a large number of people."); see also, Mein v. Cook, 193 P.3d 790 (Ariz. App. 2008) (Holding that concert of action in Arizona requires the commission of an intentional tort and substantial certainty of serious injury or death); see also, Ryan v. Eli Lilly & Co., 514 F.Supp. 1004 (D. S.C. 1981) (concert of action "involves an extremely narrow fact pattern" and has been found in such conduct as group assault and battery.").

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for the commission of intentional torts. The Nevada Supreme Court specifically noted that "[u]nder the Restatement [section 876], liability attaches for concert of action if two persons commit a tort while acting in concert with one another or pursuant to a common design." (Emphasis added). 90 The Court, therefore, correctly noted that concert of action could potentially apply to the joint commission of any tort, whether intentional or negligent. Moreover, the Court expressly stated that "concert of action has traditionally been quite narrow in the scope of its application," and that "[t]he classic application of concert of action is drag racing, where one driver is the cause-in-fact of plaintiff's injury and the fellow racer is also held liable for the injury."91 However in discussing whether a theory of concerted action could be imposed over the defendants in Dow Chemical, our Supreme Court found that the plaintiff had not shown the requisite agreement or encouragement in the commission of the tortious conduct, specifically fraudulent misrepresentation of the safety of liquid silicone breast implants, and, thus, failed to reach a determination of whether the commission of the intentional tort was inherently dangerous.92

In Corbitt, the Nevada Supreme Court announced its disfavor with the Dow Chemical opinion because the decision might be read, as Ms. Nelson concludes in her Opposition, that "concert of action requires no more than an agreement along with tortious conduct."93 Although, the Court in Corbitt dealt specifically with the negligence case before it, its decision is much broader, as the Court sought to determine and clarify the meaning of "concerted acts." In reviewing its definition of

⁹⁰ Dow Chemical, 114 Nev. at 1488, 970 P.2d at 15.

⁹¹ *Id*.

Id. at 114 Nev. at 1489, 970 P.2d at 112. Had it reached the issue, it is certainly reasonable to conclude that the Court would have found that Dow Chemical's fraudulent misrepresentation was inherently dangerous given the broad consumer market for silicone breast implants.

Corbitt, 117 Nev. 265, 271, 21 P.3d 11, 15 (2001).

Corbitt, 117 Nev. at 270, 21 P.3d at 14-15. NRS 41.141(5)(d) simply extends joint and several liability to "concerted acts of the defendants." In finding that "the district court incorrectly interpreted the phrase 'concerted acts'," the court looked to its previous holding in *Dow* Chemical, and suggested that its opinion did not go far enough to define "concert of action." Therefore the Court in Corbitt broadened the definition of "concert of action" in general, including

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"concert of action" in its Dow Chemical opinion, the Court in Corbitt stated "to the extent our holding in [Dow Chemical] suggests that concert of action requires no more than an agreement along with tortious conduct, it is disfavored."95 Rather, it specifically requires that tortious conduct be "inherently dangerous or pose[] a substantial risk of harm to others." Therefore, the Court's express disfavor of its opinion in Dow Chemical can only reasonably be read to conclude that concert of action applies in the context of intentional torts (Dow Chemical) as well as negligence (Ges), and in either case requires that "the defendants must have agreed to engage in conduct that is inherently dangerous or pose[] a substantial risk of harm to others."97

Accordingly, Ms. Nelson's argument that the Corbitt case is limited only to negligent actions under NRS 41.141(5)(d) is disingenous because the Court in Corbitt defined the phrase "concert of action" as applied to "tortious conduct," i.e. both intentional torts and negligence, and expressly required inherently dangerous activity or conduct that poses a substantial risk of harm to others.98 Notwithstanding, Ms. Nelson's citation to Reynolds v. Schrock, 107 P.3d 52 (Or. App. 2005), in support of her assertion that "[j]oint liability for concert of action has in fact been found in cases not involving inherently dangerous activity,"99 is disingenuous and inapposite for two reasons: (1) Reynolds is unpersuasive because there is no discussion of whether concert of action required the commission of inherently dangerous activities, suggesting counsel failed to litigate the issue; and (2) Reynolds was overruled by the Oregon Supreme Court in Reynolds v. Schrock, 142 P.3d 1062 (Or. 2006), which expressly rejected the application of concert of action over an attorney as a matter of public policy, where application of the same would make the attorney liable for his client's breach

the commission of both intentional torts, as in Dow Chemical, and negligence, as in the case before it, to require "conduct that is inherently dangerous or pose a substantial risk of harm to others."

Id. at 117 Nev. at 271, 21 P.3d at 15.

⁹⁶ Id.

⁹⁷ *Id*.

⁹⁸ Id.

⁹⁹ See Opp. at p. 24, ll. 3-10.

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of a fiduciary duty owed to a third party. 100

Ms. Nelson's seventh claim for relief seeking to impose joint and several liability over the defendants for their purported agreement or encouragement along with tortious conduct should be dismissed because it fails to allege that the defendants engaged in an inherently dangerous activity which posed a substantial risk of harm to others, a requirement in Nevada under Dow Chemical and Corbitt. Moreover, in light of the traditional, and limited, application of concert of action to deter "antisocial or dangerous behavior," such as drag racing and participation in gang related activity, this Court should dismiss claims alleging concert of action where the underlying tortious conduct falls far short of such longstanding policy considerations requiring participation in inherently dangerous activities, as Ms. Nelson's counterclaim does here.

Ms. Nelson's Ninth Claim For Relief For Constructive Trust Should Be G. Dismissed Because The Elements To Establish A Constructive Trust Have Not Been Met As Pled And A Constructive Trust Is A Remedy.

A constructive trust exists when: "(1) a confidential relationship exists between the parties; (2) retention of legal title by the holder thereof against another would be inequitable; and (3) the existence of such a trust is essential to the effectuation of justice." As stated in the Motion to Dismiss, the Third-Party Complaint is devoid of any allegations that a confidential relationship existed between the ELN Trust, who actually owns the assets, and Ms. Nelson. 102 Although Ms. Nelson contends in her Opposition that a confidential relationship exists with Mr. Nelson, the Third-Party Complaint fails to plead that a confidential relationship existed between Ms. Nelson and the ELN Trust. For this reason alone (i.e. Ms. Nelson's failure to plead the requisite elements of constructive trust), Ms. Nelson's Ninth Claim for Relief should be dismissed.

Ms. Nelson's Tenth Claim For Relief For Injunctive Relief Is Improper. H.

Ms. Nelson's Tenth Claim for Relief for Injunctive Relief "seeks the entry of a temporary

¹⁰⁰ Reynolds v. Schrock, 142 P.3d 1062, 1071-72 (Or. 2006).

¹⁰¹ *Id*.

¹⁰² Although Ms. Nelson contends in her Opposition that this argument has no merit, she failed to cite to any portion of the Third-Party Complaint wherein she asserted a "confidential relationship" existed between her and the ELN Trust.

restraining order, preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction¹⁰³ on the grounds that the "community estate face the prospect of immediate, severe, and irreparable injury should Eric be allowed to continue his current course of conduct with respect to the ELN Trust."¹⁰⁴ In response to the Motion to Dismiss, Ms. Nelson now contends that she is merely seeking to "confirm what is already in place [*i.e.* the Joint Preliminary Injunction], and what she is legally entitled to."¹⁰⁵ Said contention is a misnomer as neither Ms. Nelson nor Mr. Nelson are entitled to any assets of the ELN Trust unless so provided by the terms of the ELN Trust. ¹⁰⁶ Further, if Ms. Nelson believed the ELN Trust was bound by the Joint Preliminary Injunction, there would have been no reason for her to request another injunction in open court at the April 4, 2011, hearing.

Ms. Nelson's contention that the ELN Trust should be enjoined from operating in the usual course of business, by among other things to purchase assets in Wyoming, contravenes the terms of the ELN Trust and EDCR 5.85 upon which she relies. Indeed, even if it were applicable to the ELN Trust, EDCR 5.85 specifically provides that the Joint Preliminary Injunction does not impede parties from engaging in "the usual course of businesses or for the necessities of life," which would include making investments and paying for the attorneys' fees and costs associated with defending the interest of the ELN Trust in this litigation. ¹⁰⁷ Further, pursuant to the terms of the ELN Trust, the Trustees are allowed to use trust assets to: (1) defend against Mr. Nelson and Ms. Nelson's claims of

See Opp. at p. 27, 11. 8-9.

See Opp. at p. 34, 11. 20-22.

See Opp. at p. 34, ll. 12-14.

See NRS 166.130 ("A beneficiary of a spendthrift trust has no legal estate in the capital, principal or corpus of the trust estate . . .").

Estate of Harvey, 1958, 330 P.2d 478, 164 Cal. App.2d 330 (Cal. App. 1958) (a testamentary trustee has a power and duty to resist a claim by the widow of the testator that the trust property was community property); Bank of Am. Nat. Trust & Sav. Ass'n v. Long Beach Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 141 Cal. App. 2d 618, 624, 297 P.2d 443, 447 (Cal. App. 1956) ("The law governing the administration of trusts is that a trustee not only has the right, but it is his duty, whenever necessary to the proper administration, preservation and execution of the trust or to its defense"); In re Estate of Duffill, 206 P. 42, 188 Cal. 536 (Cal. 1922) (duty to resist attack on validity of trust by beneficiary).

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community and separate property, which is specifically allowed under Article XII, Section 12.1(m), 12.1(z), 12.5(a), 12.6 and 12.9;108 and (2) invest and reinvest trust assets in the Trustees' sole discretion under Article XII, Section 12.1(f).¹⁰⁹

Further, this Court lacks jurisdiction to enter an injunction against the ELN Trust under NRS 125.050 as such a ruling would pertain to "the internal affairs of a nontestamentary trust. . .," and be therefore subject to the Probate Court's exclusive jurisdiction under Title 12 and Title 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. Notwithstanding, to the extent that Ms. Nelson seeks an injunction under NRS 125.050, she should be forced to comply with the stringent requirements of EDCR 5.20, including, but not limited to, providing notice to the ELN Trust. Consequently, Ms. Nelson's request for an injunction must be dismissed.

All Causes Of Action Against The Trust Should Be Brought Against The Trustee I. Who Is The Real Party In Interest.

Pursuant to the August 9, 2011, Stipulation and Order, the ELN Trust was joined as a necessary party, intervening in this action.¹¹¹ On August 19, 2011, Ms. Martin, acting as the "real party in interest" (i.e. the "trustee of an express trust") pursuant to NRCP 17(a), 112 filed an Answer to Complaint for Divorce and Counterclaim and Cross-Claim. On September 30, 2011, Ms. Nelson filed claims against the ELN Trust and Ms. Martin as Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust. Since Ms. Martin in her capacity as Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust is the real party in interest, Ms. Nelson's claims against the ELN Trust should be dismissed and said claims, if any survive the Motion to Dismiss, should be made by and through the Ms. Martin as Distribution Trustee of the ELN

Upon information and belief, Ms. Nelson is paying her attorneys' fees and costs from 108 the LSN Trust.

Upon information and belief, Ms. Nelson is investing and reinvesting the assets of the LSN Trust.

¹¹⁰ NRS 164.015.

See Stipulation and Order, previously filed 8/8/11. 111

NRCP 17(a) provides in part that "[e]very action shall be prosecuted in the name of 112 the real party in interest."

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This Court Should Also Dismiss The Third-Party Complaint Because It Sounds J. In Fraud And Fails To Meet The Pleading Requirement Under NRCP 9(b).

Ms. Nelson generally contends that she does not need to meet the heightened pleading requirements of NRCP 9(b) because she "has not specifically pled a cause of action for fraud in her Third-Party Complaint."¹¹⁴ In so doing, Ms. Nelson ignores the case law that specifically provides that a plaintiff may nonetheless be subject to the particularity requirement set forth in NRCP 9(b) if a complaint "sounds in fraud." For example, where a plaintiff alleges a unified course of fraudulent conduct and relies entirely on that course of conduct as the basis of its complaint, the complaint is said to sound in fraud and the complaint as a whole must satisfy the particularity requirements of Rule Indeed, "fraud can be averred by specifically alleging fraud, or by alleging facts that necessarily constitute fraud (even if the word "fraud" is not used.)"117

Here, the Third-Party Complaint alleges that the Third-Party Defendants engaged in a scheme to "defraud" Ms. Nelson, 118 and fraudulently conveyed assets from the LSN Trust and the ELN Trust. 119 "Further, "[a] breach of fiduciary duty is fraud," 120 and Rule 9(b) applies to claims of

¹¹³ Ms. Nelson's reliance upon NRCP 19(a), Robinson v. Kind, 23 Nev. 330, 47 P. 977 (1897) and Schwob v. Hemsath, 98 Nev. 293, 646 P.2d 1212 (1982) is inapposite because said cases, although dealing with joinder of proper parties, do not analyze whether it is proper to file a directly against a trust or by and through its trustee. The remaining cases support Third-Party Defendants contention that Ms. Nelson's claims should be made against Ms. Martin as Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust.

¹¹⁴ See Opp. at p. 29, 11. 20-21.

¹¹⁵ See Rubke v. Capitol Bancorp Ltd., 460 F. Supp. 2d 1124, 1134 (D. Cal. 2006) (holding that if a complaint sounds in fraud it must comply with Rule 9(b)).

¹¹⁶ See Vess v. Ciba-Geigy Corp. USA, 317 F.3d 1097, 1103 (9th Cir. 2003).

¹¹⁷ See Vess, 317 F.3d 1097 at 1105.

¹¹⁸ See Third-Party Complaint at ¶ 34.

¹¹⁹ See Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 101, 105 and 110.

¹²⁰ See Shupe v. Ham, 98 Nev. 61, 64, 639 P.2d 540, 542 (1982).

conspiracy.¹²¹ The remainder of the Third-Party Complaint sounds in fraud as it is based on Ms. Nelson's unfounded allegations that Mr. Nelson made numerous misrepresentations and omissions in the creation and funding of the ELN Trust, ¹²² and has undertaken numerous other acts to defraud Ms. Nelson in her purported community property interest in assets owned by the ELN Trust. ¹²³ The Third-Party Complaint alleges a unified course of allegedly fraudulent conduct, without differentiating her allegations against the Third-Party Defendants, ¹²⁴ and relies on said course of conduct as the basis for each and every claim for relief against Mr. Nelson, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos. Notwithstanding, the Third-Party Complaint fails to state with particularity what statements, if any, Mr. Nelson made to Ms. Nelson regarding the creation of the ELN Trust and LSN Trust, ¹²⁵ the assets that Ms. Nelson contends were inappropriately distributed, ¹²⁶ and/or the actions/inactions of Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Harber.

As a result of the foregoing, this Court should dismiss the Third-Party Complaint, or alternatively, order Ms. Nelson to amend the Third-Party Complaint so as to comply with NRCP 9(b).

K. Ms. Nelson's Countermotion For Attorneys' Fees And Costs Should Be Denied.

Although unclear, Ms. Nelson seems to contend that she is entitled to her "fees and costs incurred in defending against the Motions to Dismiss" because the "Movants bear an extremely high burden in prevailing on a request to dismiss." Unsurprisingly, Ms. Nelson has failed to cite to any

See Arroyo v. Wheat, 591 F. Supp. 141, 144 (D. Nev. 1984) (holding Rule 9(b), which requires that in averments of fraud the circumstances constituting fraud shall be stated with particularity, must be plead in claim for conspiracy).

See Third-Party Complaint, at ¶¶ 29, 31 and 63.

See id., at ¶¶ 72-108.

Swartz v. KPMG LLP, 476 F.3d 756, 764-765 (9th Cir. 2007) (in the context of a fraud suit involving multiple defendants, a plaintiff must, at a minimum, identify the role of each defendant in the alleged fraudulent scheme).

See Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 29, 31 and 63.

See Third-Party Complaint at ¶¶ 55-56.

See Opposition at p. 30, ll. 26-28.

cases that support such a proposition. The Motion to Dismiss was necessitated by the spurious allegations and claims made in the Third-Party Complaint that fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted and/or request that this Court to address issues over which it has no jurisdiction. In light of the foregoing, this Court must deny Ms. Nelson's Countermotion for attorneys' fees and costs.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, this Court should grant the Motion to Dismiss and deny the Countermotion.

DATED this 9th day of December, 2011.

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REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISSOLVE INJUNCTION AND OPPOSITION TO COUNTERMOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS

Counterdefendant/Crossdefendant/Third-Party Defendant Lana Martin, Distribution Trustee of the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2001 ("ELN Trust"), by and through her Counsel of Record, Solomon Dwiggins Freer & Morse, Ltd., hereby files her Reply to Opposition to Motion to Dissolve Injunction and Countermotion for an Award of Attorneys Fees and Costs ("Opposition").

This Reply and Opposition is based on the Memorandum of Points and Authorities which follows and on all documents and papers filed herein.

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INTRODUCTION

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

The June 9, 2011, Injunction ("Injunction") was issued without notice to the ELN Trust in violation of its Constitutional rights, and its issuance was otherwise inconsistent with and/or violated the Eighth Judicial District Court Rules, Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure and Nevada Revised Statutes. The Motion to Dissolve Injunction should be granted and the Injunction should be declared void ab initio because this Court lacks jurisdiction to enjoin the ELN Trust. Further, Ms. Nelson failed to comply with the applicable rules and statutes, and cannot rely upon rules and statutes that only apply to a husband and wife in a divorce proceeding. Finally, Ms. Nelson generally contends in the Opposition that this Court was justified in issuing the Injunction; however, she is unable to articulate what evidence was presented to this Court at the April 4, 2011, hearing or what standard this Court applied in issuing the Injunction. For these reasons, and those set forth below, the Motion to Dissolve Injunction should be granted.

LEGAL ARGUMENT II.

This Court Lacks Jurisdiction To Enjoin The ELN Trust. Α.

This Court lacked jurisdiction to enter the Injunction against the ELN Trust at the April 4, 2011, hearing because the Injunction pertains to "the internal affairs of a nontestamentary trust...," and is therefore subject to the Probate Court's exclusive jurisdiction under Title 12 and Title 13 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.² Consequently, the Injunction must be dissolved, and Ms. Nelson's request to have another injunction issued against the ELN Trust must be denied.

В. NRS 125.05, NRCP 65(f), EDCR 5.20 and EDCR 5.85 Do Not Govern The ELN Trust.

EDCR 5.20, EDCR 5.85, NRS 125.050 and NRCP 65(f) do not apply to the ELN Trust because the parties to which said rules and/or statutes apply are Mr. Nelson and Ms. Nelson, the husband and wife in the divorce proceeding. Indeed, a joint preliminary injunction issued under

See generally, Reply to Opposition to Motion to Dismiss, filed contemporaneously with this Reply.

² See id.

EDCR 5.85 applies to "both parties to the action," while preliminary injunctions issued under NRS 125.050 merely apply to "either party" to the divorce proceeding.³ Further, contrary to Ms. Nelson's contention, the standard set forth in NRCP65(f) is inapplicable to the ELN Trust because Ms. Nelson's claims against the ELN Trust do not constitute a "suit[] for divorce" as described in the Rule.

The ELN Trust is neither a husband nor a wife, and was not a party to the litigation when the Injunction was entered by the Court on June 9, 2011, in violation of EDCR 5.20 which limits injunctions and/or restraining orders to "parties to the action." If this Court were to accept Ms. Nelson's interpretation of the aforementioned rules and/or statutes, any husband or wife in a divorce proceeding would be able to obtain a preliminary injunction against a third party without providing notice and/or meeting the preliminary injunction standard set forth in NRCP 65(a) - (d) and or NRS 33.010. This interpretation is preposterous and should be summarily disregarded by this Court. Consequently, this Court should find that EDCR 5.20, EDCR 5.85, NRS 125.050 and NRCP 65(f) do not govern the issuance of an injunction against the ELN Trust, and require Ms. Nelson to comply with NRS 33.010 and NRCP 65(a) - (d).

C. The Injunction Must Be Dissolved Because Ms. Nelson Failed To Comply With EDCR 2.10 and EDCR 5.20, Even Assuming Its Applicability.

The Injunction should also be dissolved due to Ms. Nelson's failure to comply with EDCR 2.10 and EDCR 5.20 (assuming, *arguendo*, its applicability). As conceded by Ms. Nelson in the Opposition, EDCR 2.10 governs all requests for preliminary injunctions and temporary restraining orders in family division matters in the Eighth Judicial District Court. Ms. Nelson's contention that EDCR 5.20 does not apply to divorce cases is misguided as the rule contains no such limitation.⁵

Indeed, "[u]nless ambiguous, a statute's language is applied in accordance with its plain meaning [and] when the Legislature's intent is clear from the plain language, [the Nevada Supreme Court] will give effect to such intention and construe the statute's language to effectuate rather than nullify its manifested purpose." *Nevada v. Miller*, 124 Nev. 874, 881, 192 P.3d 1166, 1170-71 (Nev. 2008),

⁴ See Opp. at p. 7, 11. 22-27.

⁵ See id. at p. 7, ll. 18-27

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Indeed, although EDCR 5.20(1) provides that Rule 2.10 "governs all requests for temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions except for orders or injunctions issued under . . . Rule 5.85 (joint preliminary injunctions)." The ELN Trust is not subject to the joint preliminary injunction for the reasons stated above. Further, the very fact that Ms. Nelson requested that this Court enjoin the proceeds from the Silver Slipper Transaction at the April 4, 2011, hearing illustrates that even she does not believe that the ELN Trust was bound by the Joint Preliminary Injunction previously issued by this Court.

Since EDCR 5.85 does not govern the ELN Trust, Ms. Nelson must comply with EDCR 2.10 and EDCR 5.20.6 Despite this fact, Ms. Nelson failed meet the requisite notice requirements as set forth in EDCR 2.10. Pursuant to EDCR 2.10(a) "[a] motion for a preliminary injunction must be made upon the notice required by Rule 2.20(b), unless an order fixes a shorter notice," and EDCR 2.20(b) requires motions to contain "a notice of motion setting the same for hearing on a day when the district judge to whom the case is assigned is hearing civil motions in the ordinary course." The oral motion made by Ms. Nelson's Counsel at the April 4, 2011, hearing certainly does not meet the stringent requirements of EDCR 2.10 even if the ELN Trust had then been a party.

Ms. Nelson also failed to comply with the most rudimentary requirements of EDCR 5.20, which include, but are not limited to, notifying the ELN Trust of her intention to seek an injunction by requesting the proceeds from the Silver Slipper Transaction be enjoined at the April 4, 2011, hearing, and submitting an "affidavit upon personal knowledge setting forth in detail the facts in justification of such relief." Further, the Injunction is indefinite in duration and fails to set forth the reasons for issuance in contravention of EDCR 5.20(i)(1). Ms. Nelson should not be rewarded for her willful violation of EDCR 2.10 and EDCR 5.20. As such, the Motion to Dissolve Injunction should be granted.

D. The Injunction Violates EDCR 5.85 Assuming It Applies Because It Impedes The ELN Trust's Ability To Transfer, Encumber, Conceal, Sell Or Otherwise

Indeed, even NRS 125.050 upon which Ms. Nelson replies, does not alleviate the notice requirements set forth in EDCR 2.10 or EDCR 5.20 and required under the Constitution.

⁷ See EDCR 5.20(c).

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Dispose Of Any Property In The Usual Course Of Business Or The Necessities Of Life.

EDCR 5.85 does not govern the ELN Trust and/or the Injunction for the reasons set forth above. However, even if it did, the Motion to Dissolve Injunction should still be granted because the Injunction violates EDCR 5.85(1), which allows the ELN Trust to "[t]ransfer[], encumber[], conceal[], sell[] or otherwise dispos[e]" of its property in "the usual course of businesses or for the necessities of life," as it impedes the ELN Trust's ability to: (1) pay its legal expenses in the aforementioned matter; and (2) invest and reinvest trust assets as the Trustee deems necessary.

> The Injunction Impedes The ELN Trust's Ability To Defend Itself Against Ms. 1. Nelson's Unfounded Allegations.

EDCR 5.85 does not prohibit the ELN Trust from using its assets to defend itself, and any contention to the contrary is disingenuous and grossly inequitable as the ELN Trust is informed and believes that Ms. Nelson is using assets from the LSN Trust to pay her attorneys' fees and costs in this matter. Further, pursuant to Article XII, Sections 12.1(m), 12.1(z), 12.5(a), 12.6 and 12.9 of the ELN Trust, Ms. Martin has a duty to defend the ELN Trust in this matter and in the United States District Court case entitled Paul R. Alanis, et al. v. Eric Nelson, et al., Case No. CV11-02583.8 In addition to EDCR 5.85 and the terms of the ELN Trust, general case law,9 Nevada statutes10 and

Although the ELN Trust is not a named party in the California litigation, a LLC of which it owns a 100% interest (Dynasty Development Group, LLC), is. Contrary, to Ms. Nelson's contention, the ELN Trust, not Mr. Nelson, is the Sole Member of Dynasty Development Management, LLC. See Declaration of Eric L. Nelson, Investment Trustee of the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2011, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Anselmo v. Guasto, 13 S.W.3d 650, 653 (Mo. Ct. App. 1999) ("As a general rule a trustee is entitled to be allowed against the trust estate all the trustee's proper expenses, including all expenses reasonably necessary for the security, protection, and preservation of the trust property, or for the prevention of a failure of the trust."); Estate of Harvey, 1958, 330 P.2d 478, 164 Cal.App.2d 330 (Ca. 1958) (a testamentary trustee has a power and duty to resist a claim by the widow of the testator that the trust property was community property); Bank of Am. Nat. Trust & Sav. Ass'n v. Long Beach Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 141 Cal. App. 2d 618, 624, 297 P.2d 443, 447 (Ca. 1956) ("The law governing the administration of trusts is that a trustee not only has the right, but it is his duty, whenever necessary to the proper administration, preservation and execution of the trust or to its defense"); Republic Nat. Bank & Trust Co. v. Bruce, 130 Tex. 136, 141, 105 S.W.2d 882, 885 (Comm'n App. 1937) ("The absolute and positive duty is imposed upon him [the trustee] to defend the life of the trust whenever it is assailed, if the means of defense are known to him, or can

treatises¹¹ mandate Ms. Martin to defend the ELN Trust against Ms. Nelson's unfounded attack. In light of the foregoing, this Court should dissolve the Injunction and allow the ELN Trust to pay for its attorneys' fees and costs from the funds currently enjoined.

2. <u>The Injunction Also Impedes The ELN Trust's Ability To Conduct The Usual Course of Business</u>.

The Injunction also impedes the Trustee's ability to manage and invest the ELN Trust pursuant to Article III, Section 3.1 and Article XII, Section 12.1(b), Section 12.1(e), Section 12.1 (f), Section 12.1(o), Section 12.1 (t), Section 12.1(v) and Section 12.1(aa) of the ELN Trust. In addition to EDCR 5.85 and the terms of the ELN Trust, Nevada statutes¹² and treatises¹³ impose a duty on trustees to invest trust assets so as to make them productive. However, the Trustees cannot do so with the Injunction in place. It is noteworthy that there is no injunction in place impeding Ms. Nelson's

with diligence be discovered."); *In re Estate of Duffill*, 206 P. 42, 188 Cal. 536 (Ca. 1922) (duty to resist attack on validity of trust by beneficiary).

See NRS 163.375 ("A fiduciary may compromise, adjust, arbitrate, sue on or defend, abandon or otherwise deal with and settle claims in favor of or against the estate or trust a the fiduciary deems advisable. .."); NRS 163.380 ("A fiduciary may employ and compensate, out of income or principal or both and in such proportion as the fiduciary deems advisable, persons deemed by the fiduciary needful to advise or assist in the proper settlement of the estate or administration of the trust, including, but not limited to, agents, accountants, brokers, attorneys at law, attorneys-infact . . .").

See G. Bogert, The law of Trusts and Trustees § 581 (3d ed. 2010) ("Equity imposes upon the trustee the duty of defending the integrity of the trust, if he has reasonable ground for believing that the attack is unjustified or if he is reasonably in doubt on that subject."); Rest.2d Trusts § 178 ("The trustee is under a duty to the beneficiary to defend actions which may result in a loss to the trust estate . . .").

See NRS 164.715 ("A trustee shall invest and manage the trust property solely in the interest of the beneficiaries"); NRS 164.740 (duty to comply with prudent investor rule); NRS 164.750 ("A trustee shall diversify the investments of the trust...").

See 76 Am. Jur. 2d Trusts § 435 ("Under the general law... [a trustee] must exercise his or her independent discretion and judgment in reference to the investment of funds, even where broad discretionary power of investment is given, although provisions enlarging his or her power to invest are strictly construed."); G. Bogert, The law of Trusts and Trustees § 611 (3d ed. 2010) ("The duty to invest and make the trust property productive must be performed within a reasonable time, considering the difficulty or ease of finding an appropriate investment and other circumstances.")

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ability to operate the LSN Trust, of which she is a beneficiary. For this reason, the Injunction should be dissolved.

Ms. Nelson Cannot Meet The Self-Proclaimed Heightened Standard. E.

The Opposition disregards the majority, if not all, of the cases cited in the Motion to Dissolve Injunction, and summarily contends that Ms. Nelson can meet the self-proclaimed "heightened standard."14 Notwithstanding, Ms. Nelson has not and cannot meet the heightened standard (i.e. likelihood of success on the merits and threat of irreparable harm) for the reasons set forth below.

First, Ms. Nelson failed to show a likelihood of success on the merits at the April 4, 2011, hearing. The discussion regarding the Silver Slipper Transaction lasted a couple minutes and was limited to Ms. Nelson's Counsel expressing his "concern" regarding the Silver Slipper Transaction. 15 No evidence and/or testimony regarding said transaction was introduced and/or considered by this Court. In her Opposition Ms. Nelson now contends that she has a likelihood of success on the merits of the case as "evidenced by the allegations in her Third-Party Complaint, and Eric's very own testimony."16

As set forth in detail in the ELN Trust's Motion to Dismiss, 17 Ms. Nelson cannot show a likelihood of success on the merits because her claims against the ELN Trust are, among other things, barred by the statue of limitations under NRS 166.170 and rely upon alleged acts that are specifically authorized by Chapter 166 of NRS. Ms. Nelson's reliance upon Mr. Nelson's purported testimony is also misguided because under Nevada law, personal opinion of either spouse as to separate or community character of property is of no moment whatsoever in determining legal status of that

See Opp. at p. 10, ll. 18-23. Ms. Nelson also fails to meet the following standard set forth in NRS 125.050 that a preliminary order may be entered if "it is made to appear probable to the court that either party is about to do any act that would defeat or render an less effectual any order which the court might ultimately make concerning the property or pecuniary interest. Other than rely upon her self-serving statements that dissolving the Injunction

See April 4, 2011, Video Transcript at 1:52:43.

¹⁶ See Opp. at p. 10, 11. 1-2.

¹⁷ See Motion to Dismiss, pp 7-11, on file herein.

property.¹⁸ On the effect of the opinion of a spouse as evidence of the separate or community character of property, the court in *Re Pepper's Estate*, 158 Cal. 619, 625-26, 112 P. 62 (Cal. 1910)¹⁹ stated:

Whether the property was community or separate, was a question of law, depending on the manner and time of its acquisition. The opinion of Pepper [the husband] on this legal question was entitled to no weight.

Ms. Nelson's logic is similarly flawed because settlement proposals are inadmissible to prove the validity/invalidity of Ms. Nelson's claims,²⁰ and such testimony presupposed that the settlement proposal would withstand the muster and absolute discretion of the Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust.²¹ In light of the foregoing, Ms. Nelson has not shown a likelihood of success on the merits.

Additionally, Ms. Nelson cannot and has not articulated how she would suffer irreparable injury if the Injunction is dissolved. Ms. Nelson contends in her Opposition that there "would be no realistic ability for Eric or the ELN Trust to pay [compensatory] damages to Lynita" if the Injunction is dissolved.²² However, this contention is not only factually incorrect,²³ but more importantly it

See Hardy v. United States, 918 F. Supp. 312, 317 (D. Nev. 1996) ("The personal opinion of either spouse as to the character of the property is of no moment whatsoever."). See also Peters v. Peters, 92 Nev. 687, 692, 557 P.2d 713, 716 (1976) ("The opinion of either spouse as to whether property is separate or community is of no weight whatever."); In re Wilson's Estate, 56 Nev. 353, 53 P.2d 339, 344 (1936) (court disregarded affidavit, even through it raises some doubt regarding correctness of findings of the district court, because "it has been decided by this court, as well as by appellate courts of other states, that the opinion of either spouse as to whether property is separate or community is of no weight.").

Overruled on other grounds by *In re Neilson's Estate*, 371 P.2d 745 (Cal. 1962).

See generally, NRS 48.105.

See ELN Trust, Art. III, Section 3.3.

See Opp. at p. 10, ll. 14-18.

Upon information and belief, the cumulative value of the ELN Trust, LSN Trust and non trust assets after all debts are paid is approximately \$11,000,000.00, of which Mr. Nelson would be entitled to \$5,500,000.00 if Ms. Nelson is successful in the underlying litigation. The\$450,000.00 the ELN Trust seeks is to purchase a valuable asset and is not being wasted. As indicated in the Declaration of Eric L. Nelson, the purchase of Wyoming Downs is clearly worth at least \$450,000.00.

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disregards the general propositions that "[i]rreparable injury is suffered where monetary damages are difficult to ascertain or are inadequate,"24 and injunctions are not upheld where the claimed injury merely constitutes a loss of money.²⁵ Since the value of cash proceeds received by the ELN Trust is known and/or is readily ascertainable, damages in the form of money, or other assets owned by the ELN Trust, will redress Ms. Nelson's claim of entitlement to the proceeds from the Silver Slipper Transaction.

Ms. Nelson's contention that policy of the State of Nevada as codified in NRS 125.050, and the Nevada Supreme Court's and this Court's rules, as stated in EDCR 5.85, is to preserve any assets subject to a community claim during the pendency of a divorce, rather than to allow such assets to be sold, transferred, encumbered during the proceedings"26 is inconsistent with the express provision of said rules. Indeed, EDCR 5.85(1), specifically allows the ELN Trust to transfer, encumber, sell or otherwise dispose of its property in "the usual course of businesses." Ms. Nelson does not contend, nor can she, that the purchase of Wyoming Downs, which will occur in the "usual course of business," is a bad investment.

In light of the foregoing, Nelson's purported injury is not "irreparable," thereby necessitating the dissolution of the Injunction.

Ms. Nelson's Request That This Court Issue Another Injunction Be Issued F. Should Be Denied.

Ms. Nelson requests the issuance of another injunction if the Motion to Dissolve Injunction is granted.²⁷ Ms. Nelson's request should be denied for the same reasons set forth above.

Danielson v. Local 275, Laborers Intern. Union of North America, AFL-CIO, 479 F.2d 1033, 1037 (3rd Cir. 1973). See also A.O. Smith Corp. v. F.T.C., 530 F.2d 515, 525 (3rd Cir. 1976) (defining "irreparable injury" as harm "of a peculiar nature, so that compensation in money cannot atone for it"); In re Arthur Treacher's Franchisee Litig., 689 F.2d 1137, 1145 (3d Cir. 1982) (we have never upheld an injunction where the claimed injury constituted a loss of money, a loss capable of recoupment in a proper action at law).

²⁵ See Danielson, 479 F.2d at 1037.

²⁶ See Opp. at p. 10, ll. 18-23.

²⁷ See id. at p. 10, ll. 15-28.

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Ms. Nelson's Countermotion For Attorneys' Fees And Costs Should Be Denied. G.

Ms. Nelson's request for attorneys fees and costs should be denied because the Motion to Dissolve Injunction was necessitated by Ms. Nelson's failure to abide by the Eight Judicial District Court Rules, Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure and Nevada Revised Statutes. Indeed, it is the ELN Trust, not Ms. Nelson, that are entitled to attorneys fees and costs. For these reasons, this Court must deny Ms. Nelson's Countermotion for attorneys' fees and costs.

CONCLUSION III.

For the reasons set forth above, this Court should grant the Motion to Dissolve Injunction and deny the Countermotion.

DATED this 9th day of December, 2011.

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EXHIBIT 1

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Declaration of Eric L. Nelson, Investment Trustee of the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2011

Eric L. Nelson, under penalty of perjury in the State of Nevada, states:

- 1. I have knowledge of the matters stated herein and would be competent to testify about them if called upon to do so.
- 2. I make this Declaration in support of the Motion to Dissolve Injunction filed by the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2011 ("ELN Trust"), on or around November 19, 2011, and to rebut many of the false statements contained in the Opposition to Motion to Dissolve Injunction.
- 3. I am an expert in the area of non-performing assets, and have been qualified to serve as an expert witness by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the United States Bankruptcy Court and the Clark County District Court regarding a number of different areas, including, but not limited to, valuing non-performing assets and auctioning real estate.
- 4. I have also served as an appraiser for real property for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and numerous commercial lenders through Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 5. As Investment Trustee of the ELN Trust, I am the Manager of Dynasty Development Management, LLC. The ELN Trust is the sole member of Dynasty Development Management, LLC. A true and correct copy of the Operating Agreement of Dynasty Development Management, LLC is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 6. In or around November 16, 2011, in my capacity as Investment Trustee of the ELN Trust, I entered into a Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase a horse racing track and campground in Unita County, Wyoming (commonly known as "Wyoming Downs") for the amount of \$450,000.00.
- 7. I am intimately familiar with Wyoming Downs since it was previously owned and managed by the ELN Trust until it was sold for approximately \$11,500,000.00 in or around 2006.
- 8. Based upon my experience, it is my opinion that it is in the best interests of the ELN Trust to purchase Wyoming Downs for \$450,000.00, as I believe that it will be able to turn

this non-performing asset into a profitable performing asset. I also believe that Wyoming Downs is clearly worth at least the \$450,000.00 purchase price.

- 9. My opinion is based upon my familiarity with Wyoming Downs which I gained from managing Wyoming Downs over the course of several years, during which time I was able to create and foster numerous relationships with the Wyoming Racing Commission and the local and State government.
- 10. Notwithstanding my foregoing opinions, I do not believe the sale will be able to proceed if the Motion to Dissolve Injunction is denied because the ELN Trust has insufficient assets to purchase Wyoming Downs with the June 9, 2011, Injunction in place. Consequently, it is my opinion that the ELN Trust will suffer irreparable harm if the sale cannot proceed as scheduled.
- 11. The ELN Trust would not pursue the purchase of Wyoming Downs if I believed that the terms were unreasonable or not in the best interests of the ELN Trust.
- 12. It is also imperative that the June 9, 2011, Injunction be vacated so that said funds can be used to pay the ELN Trust's attorneys' fees and costs in this matter and in the United States District Court case entitled *Paul R. Alanis, et al. v. Eric Nelson, et al.*, Case No. CV11-02583 and debts owed to third-party creditors.

DATED this 9th day of December, 2011.

Eric II. Nelson, Investment Trustee of the Eric I.. Nelson Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2011

EXHIBIT "A"

- O. And you're the one that also put title in the name of – all the remaining lots in the name of the LSN Nevada Trust. Is that true?
- Yes, sir. A.

Page 691, line 21 (discussing MS land)

- No,no. But I'm just saying we could have the this lawsuit's been pending for a while, sir. We did these deeds mistake - if you can - if you reference back to it, it shows - shows Dynas - it's my -
- Exhibit the Exhibit for the -Q.
- -company. It shows Eric Nelson. That's my company. We put them into A. Lynita's for community protection, and she would not cooperate.
- You put them -Q.
- Yes, sir. A.
- into Lynita's? O.
- Yes, sir. A.
- All right. For -Q.
- for community wealth. A.

Page 697, line 21 (discussing Thelma's house on Pebble Beach)

- Okay. And title then was put in the name of Lynita's trust at your -Q.
- A. Yes, sir.
- at your behest, correct? О.
- Α. Yes, sir.

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I paid off the mortgage. I didn't buy the house from her. I paid off the A. mortgage, put it in Lynita's name for - to they would be comfortable and her sister wouldn't think there was anything - any foul play going on.

Page 704, line 22 (discussing Banone property division)

But it gave us more flexibility to level off the trusses [sic] or level off at A. divorce agreement.

OCTOBER 19, 2010 TRIAL TESTIMONY - NELSON v. NELSON

(CROSS EXAMINATION OF ERIC NELSON - QUESTIONING BY MR. DICKERSON)

Page 40, line 18

- Now you talk, sir, about you're initiating a lawsuit against the Silver Slipper? Q.
- Yes, sir. I believe I'm going to. Α.
- Now who is who is you personally, you as an individual? Q.
- Me personally, yes. . . A.

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- Q. Well, but who's been damaged?
- A. I believe myself and my partners and Lynita.
- Q. Well, the stock the stock is held in the name of Dynasty; is that correct?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And there is some stock or no, all the stock is held in the name of Dynasty; is that true?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. It is owned by you?
- A. Yes, sir.

OCTOBER 20, 2010 TRIAL TESTIMONY - NELSON v. NELSON

Page 223, line 9

Jimmerson: Here you go, Judge. We're going to call this Option C.

Eric: I worked off the same worksheets that we've got Bob, or the same thing we've been — we kind of duplicated it. But I couldn't pull your stuff up to do it and mine was on my computer. So I went this direction. It was okay. And so we had court option A revised is what I'm looking at.

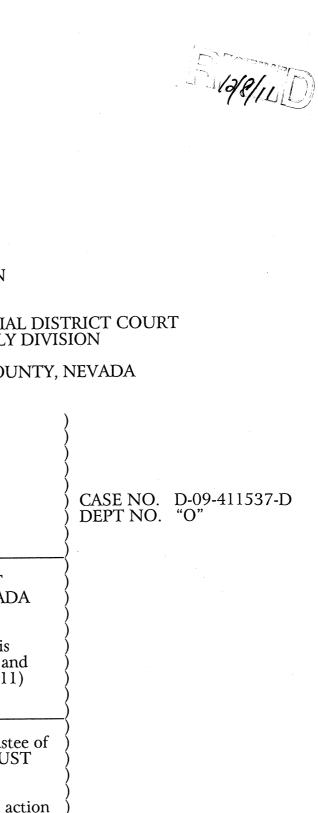
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Eric: Well, I-I understand the judge's position. Even though we had irrevocable trusts we wanted to put everything out there on top of everything. It was outweighed in my favor. And -

Jimmerson: All right. So then -

Eric: — one thing we do is split everything. However, this would be a fair scenario where we both conceding in some areas in all litigation, use my expertise to fight off claims that I think I need to fight off on behalf of her and me.

And so this is what I came up with. I think under — this is subject to conditions that everybody was agreeing. It was additional conditions and things change.



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ERIC L. NELSON,

Plaintiff/Counterdefendant, v. CASE NO. D-09-411537-D LYNITA SUE NELSON, 14 DEPT NO. Defendant/Counterclaimant.

ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, and LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001,

> Necessary Parties (joined in this action pursuant to Stipulation and Order entered on August 9, 2011)

LANA MARTIN, as Distribution Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001,

> Necessary Party (joined in this action pursuant to Stipulation and Order entered on August 9, 2011)/ Purported Counterclaimant and Crossclaimant,

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4	LYNITA SUE NELSON,
5	Counterclaimant, Cross-Claimant,
6	and/or Third Party Plaintiff,
7	v.
8	ERIC L. NELSON, individually and as the Investment Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON
9	NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated
10	May 30, 2001; LANA MARTIN, individually and as the current and/or former Distribution
1	Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, and as the
2	former Distribution Trustee of the LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001);
13	NOLA HARBER, individually, and as the current and/or former Distribution Trustee
14	of the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, and as the current
١5	and/or former Distribution Trustee of the LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001:
16	ROCHELLE McGOWAN, individually; JOAN B. RAMOS, individually; and DOES I
17	through X,
18	Counterdefendant, and/or Cross-Defendants, and/or
19	Third Party Defendants.

OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISSOLVE INJUNCTION AND COUNTERMOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS

COMES NOW Defendant, LYNITA NELSON ("Lynita"), by and through her attorneys, ROBERT P. DICKERSON, ESQ., and KATHERINE L. PROVOST, ESQ., of THE DICKERSON LAW GROUP, and responds to and opposes the Motion to Dissolve Injunction filed by Counterdefendant/Crossdefendant/Third-Party Defendant Lana Martin, as Distribution Trustee of the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2001 ("ELN Trust").

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This Opposition is made and based upon the pleadings and papers on file herein, the following Points and Authorities attached hereto, the attached Affidavit, and upon any oral argument as this Court may entertain at the hearing on this matter.

DATED this 1 day of December, 2011.

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POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. PERTINENT FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Lynita and Eric were married on September 17, 1983. They have been married for 28 years and are the parents of five (5) children born the issue of their marriage. Three of the parties' children are now adults. Custody of the remaining two (2) minor children was resolved by the parties' Stipulated Parenting Agreement signed October 15, 2008, and entered as an Order of this Court on February 8, 2010. Trial of the financial issues in this action began in August 2010, but remains unresolved.

From August, 2010, until August 9, 2011, Eric and Lynita were the only parties involved in this litigation. From the time of the parties' 2007 separation until June 2011, Eric and Lynita were in agreement that all property accumulated during their marriage, regardless of how titled or held, was community property subject to division by this Court. In fact, Eric provided counsel and this Court with multiple written options for how to divide the parties' estate in this divorce action. Certainly Eric did not propose division of the assets of the ELN Trust between himself and Lynita if he thought he had no legal title to such assets (or had not been acting like he had legal

title to such assets prior to testifying), or if he did not believe he had the power to effectuate his unreasonable proposals if same were accepted by the Court, or Lynita.

On February 14, 2011, months before Eric changed his position in this litigation, Lynita filed a Motion for Order to Show Cause, et al. ("Motion for Order to Show Cause") concerning Eric's violations of the April 16, 2010 Behavior Order. On April 4, 2011 this Court conducted a scheduled status check and hearing on Lynita's Motion for Order to Show Cause. During this hearing Eric, who was competently represented by David Stephens, Esq., chose to speak directly to the Court, addressing his control over all of the assets at issue in this divorce action, including the assets held in the name of the ELN Trust/Dynasty Development.

By the time of the April 4, 2011 hearing this Court was well informed of the assets at issue in this divorce action. The only questions which remained for this Court were questions of valuation. For this reason the Court appointed Larry Bertsch as its independent expert. Well versed in the issues at hand, this Court entered its ruling on Lynita's request to secure the anticipated proceeds from the sale of the parties' interest in the Silver Slipper, requiring the following:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any monies received by Plaintiff, ERIC L. NELSON or any entity owned or controlled by Mr. Nelson, related to his ownership interest in the Silver Slipper Casino/Dynasty Development Group, LLC, shall be immediately turned over to his counsel, David Stephens, Esq., to be placed into and held by Mr. Stephens' in an interest bearing attorney trust account.

The instant motion characterizes this Court's April 4, 2011 verbal order, which was entered as a written order on June 9, 2011, as an improper injunction.

On June 24, 2011, likely because he recognized that this action was not going as he desired, Eric filed his Motion to Join Party, or in the Alternative, Dismiss Claims Against the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust, dated May 1, 2001. The aforementioned motion stated Eric's desire to join the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust, dated May 1, 2001 ("ELN Trust"), as a party to this litigation. Specifically, Eric asserted that complete

relief could not be accorded amongst the parties without the ELN Trust being named as a party to this action; there could be no disposition of the action as any orders entered by this Court could later be subject to challenge by the ELN Trust. On August 9, 2011, the parties, through counsel, stipulated to join the ELN Trust and LSN Nevada Trust, dated May 1, 2001 (the "LSN Trust"), as necessary parties to this action.

On August 19, 2011, Attorney Mark Solomon, on behalf of Lana Martin ("Ms. Martin"), Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust, filed an initial Notice of Appearance followed by an Answer to Eric's Complaint for Divorce, as well as Counterclaims and Cross-claims against Eric and Lynita, respectively. Ms. Martin, on behalf of the ELN Trust, by way of her Answer, seeks a declaratory judgment that none of the property held in the name of the ELN Trust is community property of Eric and Lynita Nelson, and as such is not subject to distribution by this Court in the pending divorce proceedings. Included in the property at issue is the \$1.568 million dollars recently paid by the Silver Slipper Casino Venture, LLC (the "Silver Slipper") for the parties' interest in the Silver Slipper. Such interest was held in the name of Dynasty Development Group, LLC ("Dynasty"), of which Eric (as Investment Trustee of the ELN Trust) is the managing member.

On September 30, 2011, Lynita filed her Answer to the claims asserted by the ELN Trust and a Third-Party Complaint naming additional parties whose presence is necessary now that Eric and Ms. Martin, on behalf of the ELN Trust, have decided it is appropriate to assert the independent nature of the ELN Trust. Lynita's Third-Party Complaint alleges multiple causes of action against Eric, and the ELN Trust, Ms. Martin, Nola Harber ("Ms. Harber"), Rochelle McGowan ("Ms. McGowan"), and Joan B. Ramos ("Ms. Ramos") as Third-Party Defendants. Lynita seeks for this Court to recognize the ELN Trust as a illusory sham trust and Eric's alter ego, voiding all arguments as to the independent nature of the trust and the applicable protections afforded to a true spendthrift trust properly created and managed under Nevada law.

On October 27, 2011, \$1,568,000.00 was transferred into the blocked trust account opened by Mr. Stephens in compliance with this Court's June 9, 2011 written order. This blocked trust account is the same account utilized in this divorce action to safeguard other assets. This account was *not* created for the benefit of the ELN Trust. Rather, this account was established for the benefit of *Eric and Lynita Nelson*.

Ms. Martin, on behalf of the ELN Trust has brought the instant motion seeking to dissolve the June 9, 2011 injunction and access to the monies held in Mr. Stephens' trust account. She asks for such relief so as to have the ability to dissipate the monies currently held in the trust account to, (1) defend against Mr. Nelson and Ms. Nelson's claims of community and separate property; and (2) to invest and reinvest trust assets in the Trustees sole discretion. Specifically, Ms. Martin states that she requires access to these monies so the ELN Trust (i.e., Eric), "via interest in Dynasty,\(^1\) can purchase Wyoming Racing, LLC,\(^2\) a horse racing track and RV park, for \$440,000.00."

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. THE HEIGHTENED REQUIREMENTS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AS ARGUED BY THE ELN TRUST ARE NOT APPLICABLE IN DIVORCE ACTIONS

NRS 33.010 defines the cases in which an injunction may be granted. An injunction may be granted:

(1) When it shall appear by the complaint that the plaintiff is entitled to the relief demanded, and such relief or any part thereof consists in restraining the commission or continuance of the act

¹ It is worthwhile to Note that the Dynasty being referred to with respect to the purchase of the non-performing Wyoming racetrack is <u>not</u> the same Dynasty which held the parties' interest in the Silver Slipper Casino. Rather, in violation of the Joint Preliminary Injunction, on April 26, 2011, Eric opened yet another business entity, *Dynasty Development Management*, *LLC*, of which he is the sole officer/member. The Dynasty which held the parties' interest in the Silver Slipper is *Dynasty Development Group*, *LLC*. Both companies are Nevada corporations.

² The asset Eric seeks to purchase is the real estate parcel more commonly known as the Wyoming Downs" racetrack and adjoining RV park, inclusive of all furniture and furnishings, equipment, inventory, trademarks, trade names, copyrights, etc.. Eric has already paid \$75,000 (source of funds is unknown as Eric has repeatedly asserted that he has no income) in earnest money deposits toward this purchase. Eric previously owned this same racetrack, which he sold in 2006.

complained of, either for a limited period or perpetually;

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- (2) When it shall appear by the complaint or affidavit that the commission or continuance of some act, during the litigation, would produce great or irreparable injury to the plaintiff;
- (3) When it shall appear, during the litigation, that the defendant is doing or threatens, or is about to do, or is procuring or suffering to be done, some act in violation of the plaintiff's rights respecting the subject of the action, and tending to render the judgment ineffectual.

As the ELN Trust correctly points out, the general rule is that requests for injunctions must "be strictly complied with." Commercial Sec. Bank v. walker Bank & Trust Co., 456 F.2d 132, 1356 (10th Cir. 1972). The general standard for injunctive relief is set forth in NRCP 65(a) - (d). However, an exception to the strict requirements for injunctive relief as found in NRCP 65 exists with respect to injunctive relief requested in divorce actions. NRCP 65(f) states that in suits for divorce "the court may make prohibitive or mandatory orders [i.e., injunctions], with or without notice or bond, as may be just." [Emphasis added] By its very language, NRCP 65 confirms that in certain situations, orders for injunctive relief issued in divorce actions may be issued without notice or bond. All of the case law relief upon by the ELN Trust in the instant motion, which address injunctions issued pursuant to NRCP 65, has no application to this litigation. Similarly, the ELN Trust's reliance on violations of EDCR 5.20 in support of its Motion to Dissolve Injunction is misguided. Parties to a divorce action are absolutely entitled to a preliminary injunction preserving any assets which are subject to a community claim and need not meet the high standard for injunctive relef set forth in NRCP 65.

EDCR 5.20 sets forth the general rule with respect to obtaining preliminary orders or injunctive relief in family division matters in the Eighth Judicial District Court. EDCR 5.20(a) confirms that "Rule 2.10 governs all requests for temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions except for orders or injunctions issued under Rule 5.21 (residences), 5.22 (domestic violence) or 5.85 (joint preliminary injunction)." EDCR 5.85 governs the issuance of joint preliminary injunctions in divorce actions. This rule states:

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(a) At any time prior to the entry of a decree of divorce or final judgment and upon the request of either party in a family relations proceeding, a preliminary injunction will be issued by the clerk against both parties to the action enjoining them and their officers, agents, servants, employees or a person in active concert or participation with them from:

(1) Transferring, encumbering, concealing, selling or otherwise disposing of any of the joint, common or community property of the parties or any property which is the subject of a claim of community interest, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life, without the written consent of the parties or the permission of the court.

(c) Once issued, the joint preliminary injunction will remain in effect until a decree of divorce or final judgment is entered or until modified or dissolved by the court.

(Emphasis added).

An initial joint preliminary injunction issued in this action on May 9, 2010. Additional injunctive relief, including the relief set forth in this Court's June 9, 2011 Order, complies with the less stringent requirements of EDCR 5.85 and NRS 125.050, which grants this Court the authority to issue injunctive orders outside of the traditional standard for such relief. In fact, NRS 125.050 requires this Court to make any orders necessary (including, but not limited to, issuance of an injunction) to preserve the status quo and any property which will ultimately be ruled upon in this matter:

NRS 125.050 Preliminary orders concerning property or pecuniary interests.

If, after the filing of the complaint, it is made to appear probable to the court that either party is about to do any act that would defeat or render less effectual any order which the court might ultimately make concerning the property or pecuniary interests, the court het or conduct-and-preserve-the-status-quo-pending-final-determination-of-the-cause.

In divorce actions the policy of the State of Nevada, as codified in NRS 125.050, and the Nevada Supreme Court's and this Court's rules, as stated in EDCR

 5.85, is to preserve any assets subject to a community claim during the pendency of a divorce, rather than to allow such assets to be sold, transferred, or encumbered during the proceedings and award the injured spouse a paper judgment for monetary damages. If allowed to continue his current course of action, Eric's purchase of the non-performing Wyoming Downs racetrack will cause irreparable harm to Lynita. Eric seeks this Court's approval to violate Nevada policy through his plan of action.

As entertained by NRCP 65(f), "the court may make prohibitive or mandatory orders [i.e., injunctions], with or without notice or bond, as may be just" and this Court's June 9, 2011 Order is such an Order. The June 9, 2011 Order should be deemed a "restraining order or other order as appears necessary to prevent the act or conduct and preserve the status quo pending final determination of the cause." NRS 125.050 and upheld as issued.

For the foregoing reasons, the ELN Trust's request to dissolve the injunction is unfounded and should be denied.

B. Lynita is Still Entitled to Injunctive Relief When Applying the Inappropriate Heightened Requirements To This Divorce Action

In her Third Party Complaint, Lynita has requested entry of a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction prohibiting the dissipation of any assets held in the name of the ELN Trust. "For a preliminary injunction to issue the moving party must show that there is a likelihood of success on the merits, and that the nonmoving party's conduct, should it continue, would cause irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law." *Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources v. Foley*, 121 Nev. 77, 80, 109 P.3d 760, 762 (2005). However, as explained above, this rule of law only applies to preliminary injunctions in non-domestic, civil cases.

Even if the Court were to apply the incorrect standard for issuance of a preliminary injunction in a divorce action, Lynita would still be entitled to injunctive

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relief. Lynita has a high likelihood of success on the merits of this case, as evidenced by the allegations in her Third-Party Complaint, and Eric's very own testimony. Throughout this litigation Eric has made definition and valuation of the assets at issue in this case an ever moving target. Now, once again, when it appears that such issues are nearing resolution, Eric seeks to alter the status quo, incorporating yet another business entity, and bidding \$450,000 in cash assets, for the purchase of a nonperforming racetrack. Through Ms. Martin, Eric seeks this Court's tacit consent to his purchase of the Wyoming Downs racetrack for \$450,000, taking cash preserved in Mr. Stephens' trust account and trading cash for a non-performing asset. If Eric and Third-Party Defendants' management, and dissipation of the parties' community assets from the ELN Trust is allowed to continue, there will be no adequate remedy at law. Movants' desire to continue to dissipate community assets to purchase non-performing real estate should be viewed for what it truly is - yet another effort to stymie settlement of this case, and to force Lynita to accept an unfavorable settlement.

The ELN Trust argues that compensatory damages would provide an adequate remedy to Lynita, and an injunction cannot be used simply to maintain cash assets. However, absent the injunctive relief provided by the June 9, 2011 Order, there would be no realistic ability for Eric or the ELN Trust to pay such damages to Lynita. The policy of the State of Nevada as codified in NRS 125.050, and the Nevada Supreme Court's and this Court's rules, as stated in EDCR 5.85, is to preserve any assets subject to a community claim during the pendency of a divorce, rather than to allow such assets to be sold, transferred, or encumbered during the proceedings and award the injured spouse a paper judgment for monetary damages. Accordingly, the June 9, 2011 injunction should be preserved.

Alternatively, if this Court believes the June 9, 2011 Order must be dissolved, nothing prohibits this Court from issuing another injunction in its place, now that the ELN Trust is a party to this action, has notice of the potential for the issuance of such an injunction, and there is valid cause in equity as supported by the attached Affidavit

for such an order to issue. Such substitute injunction should requiring the \$1.568 million dollars to remain held in Mr. Stephens' trust account, until the resolution of this divorce action.

Lynita Should Be Awarded Attorneys Fees and Costs For Having To Defend

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IV. COUNTERMOTION

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NRS 125.040 provides:

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1. In any suit for divorce the court may, in its discretion, upon application by either party and notice to the other party, require each party to pay moneys necessary to assist the other party in accomplishing one or more of the following:

(c) To enable the other party to carry on or defend such suit.

Against The Frivolous Motions to Dissolve Injunction

(Emphasis added). NRS 18.010 permits litigants to recover their attorneys' fees where the Court finds that a claim or defense of an opposing party was brought without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing party. EDCR 7.60(b)(1) permits the Court to sanction a party for presenting to the court a motion "which is obviously frivolous, unnecessary or unwarranted." In addition to denying the ELN Trust's request to dissolve the June 9, 2011 injunction, the Court should enter an Order awarding Lynita her fees and costs incurred in defending against the Motion to Dissolve Injunction.

Pursuant to Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat'l Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969), in awarding reasonable fees and costs to Lynita this Court will need to make specific findings regarding the quality of her advocates, the character of the work done in this motion, the work actually performed, and the result. It is impossible at this time to provide the Court with a total amount of time spent towards this Opposition and Countermotion, as a Reply to Movants' opposition to Lynita's Countermotion, and a Court appearance, will undoubtedly be required. To assist the Court in making the other necessary findings, however, Lynita submits that this motion is only necessary as a result of the behavior of Eric Nelson. Lynita's lead counsel

charges a standard hourly fee of \$550.00 for his services. Associate counsels' hourly fees are \$400.00. Both fees are customary and reasonable in this locality for similarly situated p ersons and cases and the amount of time sp ent by counsel in their representation of Lynita in this action. Mr. Dickerson has been practicing law for 35 years, with the last 20 plus years devoted to the practice of family law. He is a former President of the State Bar of Nevada, and Clark County Bar Associations, and is AV rated both as to skill and ethics. Ms. Provost has been licensed to practice law in Nevada since 2003. She has been appointed by her peers to the State Bar of Nevada, Family Law Executive Council and noted for performance by Super Lawyers. Further, Ms. Provost routinely lectures in the area of family law. Mr. Karacsonyi has been licensed to practice law in Nevada since 2007. He too has been appointed by his peers to the State Bar of Nevada Family Law Executive Council. The Dickerson Law Group is an AV Preeminent rated law firm, the highest level of professional excellence. All attorneys at the firm have extensive experience in the area of family law, and a reputation for competency. The rates charged by Lynita's counsel are reasonable in light of the experience of the law firm, and the character of work involved in the instant proceedings.

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V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Lynita respectfully requests that the Court deny the Motion to Dissolve Injunction in its entirety, and award her the fees and costs she has incurred, or will incur, in the preparation and presentation of this Opposition and Countermotion.

DATED this ______ of December, 2011.

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AFFIDAVIT OF KATHERINE L. PROVOST. ESQ.

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KATHERINE L. PROVOST, ESQ., being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

- I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada, and I am a senior associate attorney with THE DICKERSON LAW GROUP, attorneys of record for the above-named Defendant, LYNITA NELSON ("Lynita").
- 2. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, and to the best of my knowledge, swear that the facts as set forth herein are true and accurate.
- Injunction and Countermotion for an Award of Attorneys Fees and Costs, the ("Opposition") and swear, to the best of my knowledge, that the facts as set forth therein are true and accurate, save and except any fact stated upon information and belief, and as to such facts I believe them to be true. I hereby reaffirm said facts as if set forth fully herein to the extent that they are not recited herein. If called upon by this Court, I will testify as to my personal knowledge of the truth and accuracy of the statements contained therein.
- 4. Lynita and Eric Nelson were married on September 17, 1983. They have been married for 28 years and are the parents of five (5) children born the issue of their marriage. Three of the parties' children are now adults. Custody of the remaining two (2) minor children was resolved by the parties' Stipulated Parenting Agreement signed October 15, 2008, and entered as an Order of this Court on February 8, 2010. Trial of the financial issues in this action began in August 2010, but remains unresolved.
- 5. From August, 2010, until August 9, 2011, Eric and Lynita were the only parties involved in this litigation. From the time of the parties' 2007 separation until June 2011, Eric and Lynita were in agreement that all property accumulated during their marriage, regardless of how titled or held, was community property subject to

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division by this Court. In fact, Eric provided counsel and this Court with multiple written options for how to divide the parties' estate in this divorce action. Certainly Eric did not propose division of the assets of the ELN Trust between himself and Lynita if he thought he had no legal title to such assets (or had not been acting like he had legal title to such assets prior to testifying), or if he did not believe he had the power to effectuate his unreasonable proposals if same were accepted by the Court, or Lynita.

- 6. On February 14, 2011, months before Eric changed his position in this litigation, Lynita filed a Motion for Order to Show Cause, *et al.* ("Motion for Order to Show Cause") concerning Eric's violations of the April 16, 2010 Behavior Order. On April 4, 2011 this Court conducted a scheduled status check and hearing on Lynita's Motion for Order to Show Cause. During this hearing Eric, who was competently represented by David Stephens, Esq., chose to speak directly to the Court, addressing his control over all of the assets at issue in this divorce action, including the assets held in the name of the ELN Trust/Dynasty Development.
- 7. By the time of the April 4, 2011 hearing this Court was well informed of the assets at issue in this divorce action. The only questions which remained for this Court were questions of valuation. For this reason the Court appointed Larry Bertsch as its independent expert. Well versed in the issues at hand, this Court entered its ruling on Lynita's request to secure the anticipated proceeds from the sale of the parties' interest in the Silver Slipper. The Court's April 4, 2011 verbal order, which was entered as a written order on June 9, 2011, has been characterized in the instant motion an improper injunction.
- 8. On June 24, 2011, likely because he recognized that this action was not going as he desired, Eric filed his Motion to Join Party, or in the Alternative, Dismiss Claims Against the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust, dated May 1, 2001. The aforementioned motion stated Eric's desire to join the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust, dated May 1, 2001 ("ELN Trust"), as a party to this litigation. Specifically, Eric

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asserted that complete relief could not be accorded amongst the parties without the ELN Trust being named as a party to this action; there could be no disposition of the action as any orders entered by this Court could later be subject to challenge by the ELN Trust. On August 9, 2011, the parties, through counsel, stipulated to join the ELN Trust and LSN Nevada Trust, dated May 1, 2001 (the "LSN Trust"), as necessary parties to this action.

- 9. On August 19, 2011, Attorney Mark Solomon, on behalf of Lana Martin ("Ms. Martin"), Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust, filed an initial Notice of Appearance followed by an Answer to Eric's Complaint for Divorce, as well as Counterclaims and Cross-claims against Eric and Lynita, respectively. Ms. Martin, on behalf of the ELN Trust, by way of her Answer, seeks a declaratory judgment that none of the property held in the name of the ELN Trust is community property of Eric and Lynita Nelson, and as such is not subject to distribution by this Court in the pending divorce proceedings. Included in the property at issue is the \$1.568 million dollars recently paid by the Silver Slipper Casino Venture, LLC (the "Silver Slipper") for the parties' interest in the Silver Slipper. Such interest was held in the name of Dynasty Development Group, LLC ("Dynasty"), of which Eric (as Investment Trustee of the ELN Trust) is the managing member.
- 10. On September 30, 2011, Lynita filed her Answer to the claims asserted by the ELN Trust and a Third-Party Complaint naming additional parties whose presence is necessary now that Eric and Ms. Martin, on behalf of the ELN Trust, have decided it is appropriate to assert the independent nature of the ELN Trust. Lynita's Third-Party Complaint alleges multiple causes of action against Eric, and the ELN Trust, Ms. Martin, Nola Harber ("Ms. Harber"), Rochelle McGowan ("Ms. McGowan"), and Joan B. Ramos ("Ms. Ramos") as Third-Party Defendants. Lynita seeks for this Court to recognize the ELN Trust as a illusory sham trust and Eric's alter

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ego, voiding all arguments as to the independent nature of the trust and the applicable protections afforded to a true spendthrift trust properly created and managed under Nevada law. These questions of fact and law are yet to be resolved.

- On October 27, 2011, \$1,568,000.00 was transferred into the blocked 11. trust account opened by Mr. Stephens in compliance with this Court's June 9, 2011 written order. This blocked trust account is the same account utilized in this divorce action to safeguard other assets. This account was *not* created for the benefit of the ELN Trust. Rather, this account was established for the benefit of Eric and Lynita Nelson.
- 12. Ms. Martin, on behalf of the ELN Trust has brought the instant motion seeking to dissolve the June 9, 2011 injunction and access to the monies held in Mr. Stephens' trust account. She asks for such relief so as to have the ability to dissipate the monies currently held in the trust account to, (1) defend against Mr. Nelson and Ms. Nelson's claims of community and separate property; and (2) to invest and reinvest trust assets in the Trustees sole discretion. Specifically, Ms. Martin states that she requires access to these monies so the ELN Trust (i.e., Eric), "via interest in Dynasty,³ can purchase Wyoming Racing, LLC,⁴ a horse racing track and RV park, for \$440,000.00."

³ It is worthwhile to Note that the Dynasty being referred to with respect to the purchase of the non-performing Wyoming racetrack is <u>not</u> the same Dynasty which held the parties' interest in the Silver Slipper Casino. Rather, in violation of the Joint Preliminary Injunction, on April 26, 2011, Eric opened yet another business entity, Dynasty Development Management, LLC, of which he is the sole officer/ member. The Dynasty which held the parties' interest in the Silver Slipper is Dynasty Development Group, LLC. Both companies are Nevada corporations.

⁴ The asset Eric seeks to purchase is the real estate parcel more commonly known as the Wyoming Downs" racetrack and adjoining RV park, inclusive of all furniture and furnishings, equipment, inventory, trademarks, trade names, copyrights, etc.. Eric has already paid \$75,000 (source of funds is unknown as Eric has repeatedly asserted that he has no income) in earnest money deposits toward this purchase. Eric previously owned this same racetrack, which he sold in 2006.

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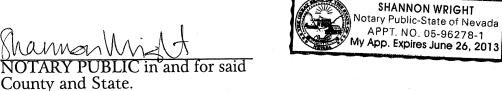
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13. Continued injunctive relief is appropriate at this time as Lynita has a high likelihood of success on the merits of this case, as evidenced by the allegations in her Third-Party Complaint as detailed in the foregoing Opposition to the Motion to Dissolve Injunction.

Further your Affiant sayeth naught.

KATHERINE L. PROVOST

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of December, 2011.



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am serving via U.S. Mail, a true and correct copy of the foregoing OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISSOLVE INJUNCTION AND COUNTERMOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS to the following at their last known addresses and via facsimilie on this That day of December, 2011. RHONDA K. FORSBERG, ESQ . FORSBERG & DOUGLAS 1070 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Ste. 100 Henderson, Nevada 89012 (702) 800-3589 Attorneys for Plaintiff MARK A. SOLOMON, ESQ. SOLOMON, DWIGGINS, FREER & MORSE, LTD. 9060 W. Cheyenne Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89129 (702) 853-5485 An employee of The Dickerson Law Group



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I certify that on the _____ day of December, 2011, I mailed a copy of the foregoing 2 NOTICE OF FILING SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS FOR ERIC L. NELSON 3 NEVADA TRUST to the following at their last known address, by depositing the same in the 4 5 United States mail in Las Vegas, Nevada, first class postage prepaid and addressed as follows: Rhonda K. Forsberg, Esq. Robert P. Dickerson, Esq. 6 IVEY FORSBERG & DOUGLAS THE DICKERSON LAW GROUP

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EXHIBIT A

Source and Application of Funds For

Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust

From January 1, 2009 through May 31, 2011

District Court Family Division Clark County, Nevada

Case Number: D-09-411537-D

Department O

Report Date: December 7, 2011

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Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust ("ELN NV")

From January 1, 2009 through May 31, 2011

Sources of Cash		
Beginning Cash/Equivalents	2,767,381.07	(A)
Affiliated Companies	638,300.00	(B)
Related Individuals	615,121.34	(C)
C.D. Redemption	2,504,535.34	*(D)
Sale of Real Property	216,598.96	(E)
Other Income	1,802,529.11	(F)
Rental Income	159,343.59	(G)
Interest Income	117,809.82	(H)
Refunds	110,597.52	(I)
Line of Credit	2,442,368.17	(J)
Total Sources	11,374,584.92	=
Applications of Cash		
Eric Nelson	1,334,231.36	(K)
Lynita Nelson	42,180.00	(L)
Children Payments	206,848.69	(M)
Related Individuals	1,433,287.00	(N)
Investments	2,386,465.87	(O)
Line of Credit	2,972,731.58	(P)
Professionals	29,186.68	(Q)
Intercompany	2,545,295.35	(R)
Rental Expenses	216,861.16	(S)
Operating Expenses	10,820.95	(T)
Other Individuals	29,479.80	(U)
Other Companies	152,075.22	(V)
Ending Cash Balance	15,121.26	(W)
Total Applications	11,374,584.92	

Footnotes to the Financial Statement

The following report is based upon Peachtree Accounting records produced, written statements from Eric Nelson regarding various transactions and supporting documentation provided.

Sources of Cash

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A. <u>Beginning Cash & Cash Equivalents</u> – As of January 1, 2009, ELN NV began the year with the following beginning balances within the following accounts:

Ameriprise Stock 19,380.62	
19,500.02	
Ameriprise Money Market Account 8,059.91	
Certificate of Deposit 4118 2,600,000.00	
Money Market Account 4215 110,427.13	
Checking 29,513.41	
Total Beginning Cash/Equivalent 2,767,381.07	

B. <u>Affiliated Companies</u> –

- a. In 2009, ELN NV received \$383,000 from Eric Nelson Auctioneering, Inc.
- b. In 2009, ELN NV received \$5,000 from Emerald Bay Mississippi, LLC
- c. In 2010, ELN NV received \$250,000 from Banone LLC.

C. <u>Related Individuals</u> – During 2009 and 2010, the following individuals deposited money into ELN NV:

Name	Amount	Relationship	
Brock Nelson	3,000.00	Eric's Nephew	(a)
Eric T Nelson	35,000.00	Eric's Nephew	(b)
Harber Investments LLC	6,930.06	Eric's Sister	(c)
Eric Nelson	70,191.28	⊁	(d)
	115,121.34	-	

- a) <u>Brock Nelson</u> Brock Nelson deposited \$3,000 in August 2009. According to the Peachtree records of ELN NV¹, the deposit was as a result of a prior 2009 loan to Element Iron & Design, LLC for \$50,000. In 2009, Element Iron & Design borrowed an additional \$6,000.00.
- b) <u>Eric T Nelson</u> Eric T. Nelson deposited \$35,000 as a result of a loan with Eric Nelson Auctioneering.
- c) <u>Harber Investments LLC</u> Harber Investments, LLC deposited the following amounts for 2009 and 2010:

Date	Amount	Explanation	
02/03/09	1,000.00	Lindell Rent	
03/03/09	1,000.00	Lindell Rent	
06/04/09	1,000.00	Lindell Rent	
06/08/09	2,726.31	reimbursement for Gateway fees	
07/13/09	366.25	Lindell R&M Expenses	
01/26/10	837.50	reimbursement for gateway lot fees	
_	6,930.06	_	
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¹ See Section N(b) to this report.

d) Eric Nelson (Personal) - Eric Nelson deposited the following amounts:

Date	Amount	
07/15/09	500,000.00	
11/03/09	10,000.00	
12/02/09	10,000.00	
01/01/10	35,953.29	
03/15/10	- 14,237.99	
	570,191.28	

The 7/15/09 deposit is recorded in Peachtree as "Contributions-Eric Nelson". It appears as though the deposit originated from the Mellon Investment account.

- D. <u>C.D. Redemption</u> In 2009, ELN NV received \$2,504,535.34 from the redemption of Certificate of Deposits (C.D.). The entries were recorded as Eric Nelson Capital Contribution.
- E. <u>Sale of Real Property</u> On June 3, 2009, ELN NV received \$143,867.38 from the sale of property recorded as "Provo Condo". On October 6, 2009, Banone, LLC ("Banone") sold a house located at 11421 W Cocopah in Arizona for \$72,731.58. The proceeds were wired directly to the Mellon Line of Credit².
- F. Other Income On March 13, 2009, ELN NV received a wire for \$1,800,000 which is recorded as "Wire from Mike for FDIC". Eric represented that this wire related to a third party that bought one of the FDIC notes in the Sugar Daddy's transaction. The money was wired into ELN NV and then onto the FDIC for the total amount due³. In addition, on ELN NV received \$2,529.11 from the Silver Slipper Casino and recorded as "Invoice: June-July Travel".

³ Refer to Section O of this report regarding the payment to the FDIC.

² Refer to Section P – Line of Credit of this report for information regarding payment.

G. Rental Income – ELN NV received rental income relating to the house located in Mississippi (Arnold house), and the office building located in Las Vegas (Lindell office building). The following chart shows the monthly rents collected for these two properties:

	Arnold		
	2009	2010	2011
Jan	431.25	432.00	432.00
Feb	450.00	450.00	450.00
Mar	450.00	450.00	375.00
Apr	400.00		437.46
May	450.00		410.00
June	450.00	-	
July	450.00		
Aug	303.25		
Sept			
Oct	310.20	430.88	
Nov	450.00	450.00	
Dec	450.00	450.00	
•	4,594.70	2,662.88	2,104.46

	Lindell		
_	2009	2010	2011
Jan	16,940.00	10,280.00	
Feb	4,130.00	2,930.00	
Mar	6,860.00	9,030.00	
Apr	8,060.00	4,645.55	
May	10,060.00	8,000.00	
June*	10,530.00		
July	8,930.00		
Aug	10,173.00		
Sept	8,173.00		
Oct	12,530.00		
Nov	5,130.00		
Dec	13,580.00		
	115,096.00	34,885.55	_

^{*}Starting in June of 2010, monthly rental payments for Lindell were deposited into Banone, LLC.

H. <u>Interest Income</u> – During 2009 through 2011, ELN NV received the following amounts interest:

Name	Amount	
Bank Interest	12,859.72	(a)
Dominick Cvitanovich	42,500.00	(b)
Frank Sorris Note	62,450.10	(c)
.	117,809.82	_

- a) <u>Bank Interest</u> This interest was as a result of the Certificate of Deposits and Money Market accounts of ELN NV.
- b) <u>Dominick Cvitanovich</u> These payments are as a result of \$200,000 note prior to January 1, 2009 with ELN NV. Eric has stated that this individual is an employee of the Silver Slipper Casino.
- c) <u>Frank Soris Note</u> ELN NV received the following payments from US Loan Servicing relating to the note with Frank Soris⁴:

	2009	2010
Jan	6,245.01	
Feb	6,245.01	
Mar	6,245.01	6,245.01
Apr	6,245.01	
May	6,245.01	
June	6,245.01	
July	6,245.01	
Aug	6,245.01	
Sept	6,245.01	
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Nov	•	
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	56,205.09	6,245.01

⁴ Further explanation of the transaction is in Section V(c) of this report.

- I. <u>Refunds</u> From January 2009 through May 2011, ELN NV received refunds amounting to \$110,597.52. Of this amount, \$106,184.02 relates to an IRS tax refund while the other \$4,413.50 relate to various refunds for past overpayments of expenses.
- J. <u>Line of Credit</u> On Average, ELN NV received \$20,000 a month from the Line of credit with Mellon Bank. However, in January 2009, ELN NV received an additional \$100,000 withdrawal and in April 2009, ELN NV received an additional \$500,000 which was paid back to the Line of Credit the same month. On January 29, 2010, \$1,882,368.17 was drawn against the Line of Credit for the following: \$620,000.00 to Banone⁵, \$742,368.17 to "Chicago Title for Cal Nelson" and \$520,000.00 to "City National Bank for Cal Nelson". The following is a chart explaining the monthly amounts deposited from the Line of Credit.

	2009	2010	2011
Jan	120,000.00	1,282,368.17	20,000.00
Feb	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Mar	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Apr	520,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
May	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
June	20,000.00	20,000.00	
July	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Aug	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Sept	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Oct	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Nov	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Dec	20,000.00	20,000.00	
	840,000.00	1,502,368.17	100,000.00

⁵ The payment of \$620.000 to Banone is accounted for on Banone's report as a deposit from the Line of credit therefore the transaction has been removed from this report.

Applications of Cash

Eric Nelson	1,334,231.36	(K)
Lynita Nelson	42,180.00	(L)
Children Payments	206,848.69	(M)
Related Individuals	1,433,287.00	(N)
Investments	2,386,465.87	(O)
Line of Credit	2,972,731.58	(P)
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K. <u>Eric Nelson</u> – Between January 2009 and May 2011, Eric Nelson received \$1,243,623.47 in payments to himself as well as an additional \$90,607.89 in expenses.
 The following chart details the payments made directly to Eric:

Direct Payments			
_	2009	2010	2011
Jan	100,000.00		16,000.00
Feb ⁶	500,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Mar	-	46,123.47	8,000.00
Apr	100,000.00	16,000.00	8,000.00
May	7,500.00	8,000.00	9,000.00
June	353,000.00		
July	÷		
Aug			
Sept		27,000.00	
Oct	•	13,000.00	
Nov		8,000.00	
Dec		8,000.00	
	1,060,500.00	134,123.47	49,000.00

⁶ The February 2009 transaction of \$500,000 was recorded in Peachtree as Eric Nelson Draw. As such, the amount has been recorded as a distribution to Eric Nelson Personally.

The following chart details the payments for Eric's expenses:

	Б	expenses	
	2009	2010	2011
Jan	1,000.00	1,850.00	
Feb	1,770.89	274.30	
Mar	6,913.57	1,000.00	
Apr	4,808.85		
May	186.29	100.00	68.36
June	4,500.93		
July	48,714.32		
Aug	2,664.32	3,000.00	
Sept	9,790.98	1,012.80	
Oct			
Nov		581.58	
Dec	2,359.51	11.19	
_	82,709.66	7,829.87	68.36

The types of transactions listed in the Eric's expenses include payments for the following:

- Automobile Purchase (\$47,351.94 on July 8, 2009)
- Charitable contributions
- Expenses designated by Eric Nelson to be personal
- Gifts to Individuals for Wedding, Graduation, and/or Birthday
- Gym Memberships
- Las Vegas Hotels
- Music Service
- Restaurants
- Sports Tickets
- Vacation

L. <u>Lynita Nelson</u> - Between January 2009 and May 2011, Lynita Nelson received \$41,400 in direct payments, and \$780.00 in expenses paid by ELN NV. The following chart explains the various payments:

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
01/05/09	6,000.00	Lynita Nelson	
02/05/09	6,400.00	Lynita Nelson	
03/06/09	6,000.00	Lynita Nelson	
04/14/09	5,000.00	Lynita Nelson	
05/05/09	10,000.00	Lynita Nelson	
06/25/09	8,000.00	Lynita Nelson	
08/17/09	780.00	_ Elder Air	a/c repair-Lynita Nelson
	42,180.00	=	
			

M. <u>Children's Payments</u> – Between January 2009 and May 2011, ELN NV made payments to children directly and/or toward children related expenses. The following is a description of the direct payments and expenses paid on behalf of ELN NV:

Amount	Reference
36,684.84	(a)
94,559.14	(b)
22,392.00	(c)
19,755.91	(d)
33,456.80	_ (e)
206,848.69	_
	36,684.84 94,559.14 22,392.00 19,755.91 33,456.80

 a) <u>Amanda Stromberg</u> – Amanda is the adult daughter of Eric and Lynita Nelson. Amanda is married to Chris Stromberg. Amanda received the following distributions and/or expenses:

Direct Payments	2,752.84
Education	33,622.00
	36,374.84

b) <u>Aubrey Nelson</u> – Aubrey is the adult daughter of Eric and Lynita Nelson. Aubrey received the following distributions and/or expenses:

Direct Payments		64,250.00
Personal Expenses		16,571.14
Medical		3,750.00
Housing	9,988.00	
	۶	94,559.14

c) <u>Carli Nelson</u> – Carli is the minor daughter to Eric and Lynita. Carli received the following distributions and/or expenses:

Education	8,035.00
Personal Expenses	14,332.00
Medical	25.00
	22,392.00

d) <u>Erica Nelson</u> – Erica is the adult daughter to Eric and Lynita Nelson. Erica received the following distributions and/or expenses:

Direct Payments	5,500.00
Education	13,853.41
Personal Expenses	402.50
	19,755.91

e) <u>Garett Nelson</u> – Garett is the minor son to Eric and Lynita Nelson. Garett received the following distributions and/or expenses:

Automobile	28,186.06
Personal Expenses	5,270.74
	33,456.80

N. Related Individuals - Between January 2009 and May 2011, ELN NV made payments to related individuals directly and/or toward these related individuals expenses. The following is a description of the direct payments and expenses paid on behalf of ELN NV:

Name	Amount	Relationship	Reference
Aleda Nelson	23,600.00	Eric's Sister	(a)
Brock Nelson	6,000.00	Eric's Nephew (Cal's son)	(b)
Cal Nelson	1,304,368.17	Eric's Brother	(c)
Carlene Gutierrez	30,000.00	Eric's Sister	(d)
Chad Ramos	3,000.00	Eric's Nephew (Nola's son)	(e)
Eric T. Nelson	5,000.00	Eric's Nephew (Paul's son)	(f)
Jesse Harber	25,025.00	Eric's Nephew (Nola's son)	(g)
Paul Harber	13,318.83	Eric's Brother-in-law (Nola's husband)	(h)
Paul Nelson	19,975.00	Eric's Brother	(i)
Ryan Nelson	3,000.00	Eric's Nephew (Paul's son)	(j)
	1,433,287.00	· •	

a) Aleda Nelson (Eric's Sister) – In 2009, Nelson Auctioneering, a company owned and operated by Aleda Nelson ("Aleda"), received payments amounting to \$23,600.00. Eric produced a copy of a 2009 IRS form 1099 for Aleda Nelson in the amount of \$23,600.00. As the 1099 is only a copy, we cannot determine if the 1099s were filed with the IRS.

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
02/26/09	21,200.00	Nelson Auctioneering	Co-Broker commission
02/26/09	2,400.00	Nelson Auctioneering	
_	23,600.00	_	
_		-	

The 2/26/09 transaction results from a transaction with Hudson and Marshall of Texas Inc. The provided backup includes a copy of check # 20278, dated 2/18/09 from Hudson and Marshall to Eric Nelson Auctioneering for \$22,000.00. The check includes the words "License Use – 0493 CO/NV". An additional check stub dated 1/21/09 was produced with an amount of \$1,200.00. The Payee is Eric Nelson Auctioneering, Inc., and the payor is listed as Williams & Williams.

- b) Brock Nelson (Eric's Nephew (Cal's son)) On 6/30/09, Element Iron & Design, LLC received a check for \$6,000.00. The payment is described as a "loan". According to the Peachtree records of ELN NV, the deposit was as a result of a prior 2009 loan to Element Iron & Design, LLC for \$50,000. According to the records produced, neither Brock Nelson nor Element Iron & Design, LLC received a 1099 in 2009 or 2010. In addition, loan documents have not been produced evidencing the terms and conditions of said note.
- c) <u>Cal Nelson (Eric's Brother)</u> In 2009, Clarence Nelson ("Cal") personally, or Cal's Blue Water Marine, a company owned by Cal Nelson, received or benefited from the following payments:

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
07/27/09	32,000.00	Cal's Blue Water Marine	Rent
08/17/09	10,000.00	Clarence Nelson	Loan
01/29/10	520,000.00	Chicago Title	Chicago Title for Cal
01/29/10	742,368.17	City National Bank	City National for Cal
•	1,304,368.17		

⁷ See Section C of this report under Brock Nelson

Eric produced a copy of a 2009 IRS form 1099 for Cal's Blue Water Marine in the amount of \$32,000.00. As the 1099 is only a copy, we cannot determine if the 1099s were filed with the IRS. In addition, Eric stated that the 7/27/09 transaction resulted from "part of calculations in Russel (*sic*) Rd transaction".

Additionally, loan documents have not been produced evidencing the terms and conditions of said loan made on 8/17/09. According to the Peachtree records of ELN NV, Cal Nelson had a loan balance due of \$1,119,423.03 as of 1/1/09. On 1/29/10, Eric's Line of Credit indicates a payment to City National Bank for \$742,368.17 with a description of "loc advance wired to City National for Cal" and a wire to Chicago Title for \$520,000.00 with a description of "loc advance wired to Chicago Title for Cal". Eric represented that both of these payments relate to the purchase of two-thirds interest (2/3) in the Russell Road building. As of May 31, 2011, the Peachtree files for ELN NV indicate a loan balance of \$1,871,791.20.

In addition to the above mentioned disbursements, Cal Nelson received additional payments for reimbursed expenses associated with the Lindell Office Complex. These expenses are included in Section S of this report. We have not received employment records or contractor agreements between Cal and ELN NV.

d) <u>Carlene Gutierrez (Eric's Sister)</u> – During 2009 and 2010, Carlene Gutierrez ("Carlene") and/or The Grotta Group, LLC, a company for which Carlene is a member, received the following payments:

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
11/02/09	1,500.00	Carlene Gutierrez	Loan
11/02/09	3,500.00	Grotta Group, LLC	Loan
12/01/09	1,500.00	Carlene Gutierrez	Loan
12/01/09	3,500.00	Grotta Group, LLC	Loan
01/04/10	1,500.00	Carlene Gutierrez	Loan
01/04/10	3,500.00	Grotta Group, LLC	Loan
02/01/10	1,500.00	Carlene Gutierrez	Loan
02/01/10	3,500.00	Grotta Group, LLC	Loan
03/01/10	3,000.00	Carlene Gutierrez	Loan
03/01/10	7,000.00	Grotta Group, LLC	Loan
	30,000.00		

According to Eric, this money was for a loan with his sister Carlene. According to the Peachtree file produced by Eric, as of 5/31/11, Carlene had an outstanding loan balance of \$20,000.00. In addition, the two payments made to Carlene on 3/1/10 were booked as Eric Nelson draws and not recorded as a loan receivable from Carlene. Loan documents have not been produced evidencing the terms and conditions of said note.

e) Chad Ramos (Eric's Nephew (Nola's son)) – On March 3, 2009 Chad Ramos ("Chad") received \$3,000 for "ENA COMMISSION TO BE REIMBURSED". According to the records produced, Chad did not receive a 1099 in 2009 from ELN NV for this payment. We have not received employment records or contractor agreements between Chad and ELN NV⁸.

⁸ Chad Ramos received a 1099 from Eric Nelson Auctioneering ("ENA") for \$25,725.00. As the transaction is booked as due from ENA, the 1099 for ENA may include this payment.

- f) Eric T. Nelson (Eric's Nephew (Paul's son)) On February 5, 2009, Eric T. Nelson received \$2,000.00 for "Reimbursement for Svcs by Ron Baird". On March 5, 2009, Eric T. Nelson received \$3,000.00 for "Commission ENA". According to the records produced, Eric T. Nelson did not receive a 1099 in 2009 from ELN NV for this payment. We have not received employment records or contractor agreements between Eric T. Nelson and ELN NV.
- g) Jesse Harber (Eric's Nephew (Nola's son)) On February 24, 2009, On the House, LLC received a \$25,025.00 payment from ELN NV for "Loan". ELN NV Peachtree files indicate that this entity is owned by Jesse Harber. As of May 31, 2011, the balance of the account "due from Jesse Harber" was \$25,025.00. As of the date of this report, loan documents have not been produced evidencing the terms and conditions of said note.
- h) Paul Harber (Eric's Brother-in-law (Nola's husband)) On March 18, 2009, Paul Harber received a payment of \$13,318.83 for "1/2 POND REIMBURSEMENT". The original payment was for \$16,818.83 less \$2,000.00 for "2 MONTHS RENT" and \$1,500.00 for "LESS FOR LIFT". Eric produced a schedule of costs ¹⁰ relating to the Cabin Pond in Utah showing a total cost of \$63,402.94. We have not received an agreement relating to the reimbursement of costs for the construction of the pond.

¹⁰ Transaction is further detailed in Banone, LLC report.

⁹ Eric T. Nelson received a 1099 from ENA for \$9,000.00. As the transaction is booked as due from ENA, the 1099 for ENA may include this payment.

i) <u>Paul Nelson (Eric's Brother)</u> – In 2009, Paul Nelson ("Paul") received the following payments:

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
01/08/09	10,000.00	Paul Nelson	Loan
06/01/09	9,975.00	Paul Nelson	Loan
	19,975.00	- -	

According to the Peachtree files produced, Paul repaid \$10,000.00 on July 28, 2009 which was booked as "loan payment to Eric's personal acct". This transaction does not appear in the ELN NV bank accounts and is booked as Eric Nelson Draws. As of the date of this report, loan documents have not been produced evidencing the terms and conditions of said note.

- j) Ryan Nelson (Eric's Nephew (Paul's son)) On March 5, 2009, Ryan Nelson ("Ryan") received \$3,000.00 for "COMMISSION ENA". According to the records produced, Ryan did not receive a 1099 in 2009 from ELN NV for this payment 11. We have not received employment records or contractor agreements between Ryan Nelson and ELN NV.
- O. <u>Investments</u> In 2009 ELN NV made the following payments towards FDIC notes:

Date	Amount	Payee	Description
02/26/09	100,000.00	FDIC	Wire for Notes
03/16/09	2,286,465.87	FDIC	note purchase for ENA

¹¹Ryan received a 1099 from ENA for \$9,000.00. As the transaction is booked as due from ENA, the 1099 for ENA may include this payment.

P. <u>Line of Credit</u> – The following transactions were booked as payments on the Mellon Bank Line of Credit.

Date	Amount	Payee
01/20/09	800,000.00	Mellon Bank N.A.
01/20/09	750,000.00	Mellon Bank N.A.
04/21/09	500,000.00	Mellon Bank N.A.
06/23/09	100,000.00	Mellon Bank N.A.
07/15/09	500,000.00	Mellon Bank N.A.
10/06/09	72,731.58	Mellon Bank N.A.
01/20/10	250,000.00	Mellon Bank N.A.
<u>.</u>	2,972,731.58	=
-		-

The October 6, 2009 payment resulted from the sale of real property located at 11421 W Cocopah in Arizona.

Q. <u>Professionals</u> – The following transactions involved payments by ELN NV to professionals in the accounting and legal fields.

Professional Name	Amount
Freudenthal & Bobnds, P.C.	595.00
Jeffrey Burr, LTD.	2,500.00
Stephens, Gourley & Bywater	5,323.68
Gaston Resolution	10,000.00
Gerety & Associates (Accountant)	10,768.00
	29,186.68

R. Intercompany - The following chart explains the various transfers between related companies:

Date	Banone ¹²	Banone-Az ¹³	Dynasty ¹⁴	ENA ¹⁵	EBM^{16}
01/12/09	50,000.00			• .	
01/20/09				50,000.00	
01/22/09	200,000.00		-		
01/28/09	650,000.00	<i></i>			
02/02/09					1,500.00
02/04/09					1,000.00
02/09/09	500,000.00				
02/26/09	400,000.00				
03/06/09			505.66		
03/16/09	250,000.00				
03/16/09			15,000.00		
04/07/09			10,000.00		
04/22/09	100,000.00				
04/22/09		100,000.00			
05/04/09		ŕ			10,000.00
06/01/09					2,000.00
06/10/09					1,000.00
06/17/09					10,000.00
08/05/09			10,000.00	•	
08/17/09				20,000.00	
08/19/09	•		10,000.00		
08/24/09				10,000.00	
02/01/10				10,000.00	
04/14/10	30,000.00				
05/10/10	50,000.00				
05/20/10	24,289.69				
10/04/10	30,000.00				
	2,284,289.69	100,000.00	45,505.66	90,000.00	25,500.00

¹² Banone, LLC
13 Banone-AZ, LLC
14 Dynasty Development Group, LLC
15 Eric Nelson Auctioneering, Inc.
16 Emerald Bay Mississippi, LLC

S. <u>Rental Expenses</u> – The following chart explains the payments relating to rental real property:

Description	Amount	_
Russell Road	80,813.99	(a)
Lindell Expenses	47,280.02	(b)
HOA Fees	960.00	(c)
Insurance -	2,460.00	(d)
Rental Expenses	29,086.19	(e)
Taxes	56,260.96	_ (f)
	216,861.16	_

- a) Russell Road On May 27, 2011, ELN NV paid Old Republic Title
 \$80,813.99 for "closing costs pd for ENA for Russell Road Closing".
- b) <u>Lindell Expenses</u> During 2009 and 2010, ELN NV made various payments for repairs and maintenance of the real property located at 3611 Lindell Rd in Las Vegas. Located on Page 24 labeled "Repairs & Maintenance 3611 Lindell Rd" of this report, is a list of the expenses paid for repairs and maintenance.

Repairs & Maintenance - 3611 Lindell Rd

		Repairs & Maintenance - 3011	Linuch Ku
Date	Amount	Payee	Description
01/14/09	4,963.75	Clark County Treasurer	Lindell Taxes
03/02/09	4,963.75	Clark County Treasurer	Lindell Taxes
03/16/09	386.14	Clarence Nelson (Eric's Brother)	Lindell Roof repair reimbursements
03/09/09	550.90	Bank of America	Home Depot - Lindell Repairs
03/09/09	156.49	Bank of America	Home Depot - Lindell Repairs
04/01/09	588.47	American Hardware Insurance Co	Lindell Insurance
05/07/09	1,770.53	American Hardware Insurance Co	Lindell Insurance
06/15/09	115.00	Buckley Sterling	Toilet Repairs Suite 101
06/22/09	507.63	Clarence Nelson (Eric's Brother)	Lindell Repairs
07/08/09	632.45	Clarence Nelson (Eric's Brother)	Reimbursement for Lindell Repairs
07/27/09	190.28	Clarence Nelson (Eric's Brother)	Hope (sic)Depot supplies for Lindell
08/13/09	330.38	Clarence Nelson (Eric's Brother)	Lowe's Paint, Home Depot, Star Nursery
08/20/09	5,360.85	Clark County Treasurer	Lindell 163-13-205-001
08/24/09	145.00	Cool Concepts Inc.	suite 102 repairs
10/27/09	5,360.85	Clark County Treasurer	Lindell Property Taxes
10/06/09	1,743.19	Clark County Water Reclamation	Lindell Sewer
11/24/09	540.00	Clarence Nelson (Eric's Brother)	a/c repair - pmts to Jose Rodriguez
11/30/09	2,000.00	Clarence Nelson (Eric's Brother)	reimbursement for carpet suite 101
12/07/09	1,430.00	Francisco Lopez	suite 101
01/04/10	5,360.85	Clark County Treasurer	Lindell property taxes
01/20/10	418.40	Vortex Industries, Inc.	Dr Stock door repair
02/08/10	120.00	State of NV-OSHA	Lindell Elevator
02/11/10	473.14	Clarence Nelson (Eric's Brother)	Lindell Roof repairs
03/22/10	5,360.85	Clark County Treasurer	Lindell Taxes-4th Installment
03/22/10	2,290.00	American Hardware Insurance Co	Lindell Insurance
03/01/10	62.69	Clarence Nelson (Eric's Brother)	Roof repairs-Lindell
03/01/10	900.00	Nevada Elevator Company	Annual elevator inspection
04/07/10	218.43	Clark County Treasurer	Late Fee
04/30/10	300.00	Cool Concepts Inc.	A/C Repair Suite 104 & 106
04/30/10	40.00	Clarence Nelson (Eric's Brother)	Suite 101 Repairs-Jose Rodriguez
	47,280.02		

c) <u>HOA Fees</u> – ELN NV recorded payments to Canyon Meadow as "Dues and Subscriptions". The following is a list of said payments:

Date	Amount
01/02/09	160.00
02/02/09	160.00
03/02/09	160.00
04/02/09	160.00
05/02/09	160.00
06/02/09	160.00
	960.00

- d) Insurance On September 7, 2010, ELN NV made a payment to Thelma Slaughter ("Thelma") for \$2,460.00 for "Pebble beach insurance". According to the Clark County Assessor's website¹⁷, the LSN Nevada Trust is the owner of real property located at 5913 Pebble Beach Blvd. Thelma is the sister of Lynita Nelson and both Eric and Lynita represented that Thelma does reside at this address.
- e) Rental Expenses The chart on Page 26 of this report labeled "Rental Expenses" indicates payments from ELN NV to various companies regarding work on Rental Properties and/or Community Owned Real Property:

 $^{^{17}\} http://sandgate.co.clark.nv.us/assrrealprop/ParcelDetail.aspx?hdnParcel=13825112034\&hdnInstance=pcl7$

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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Appellant/Cross Respondent.

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LYNITA SUE NELSON, Individually and in her capacity as Investment Trustee of the LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; and ERIC L. NELSON, Individually and in his capacity as Investment Trustee of the ELN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001;

Respondents/Cross-Appellants.

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Appellants,

VS.

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LYNITA SUE NELSON and ERIC NELSON,

Purported Cross-Defendant and Counterdefendant,

LYNITA SUE NELSON,

Counterclaimant, Cross-Claimant, and/or Third Party Plaintiff,

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ERIC L. NELSON, individually and as the Investment Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; LANA MARTIN, individually, and as the current and/or former Distribution Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, and as the former Distribution Trustee of the LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001); NOLA HARBER, individually, and as the current and/or former Distribution Trustee of the ERIC L. NELSON NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001, and as the current and/or former Distribution Trustee of the LSN NEVADA TRUST dated May 30, 2001; ROCHELLE McGOWAN, individually; JOAN B. RAMOS, individually; and DOES I through X,

Counterdefendant, and/or

Cross-Defendants, and/or Third Party Defendants.

OPPOSITION TO MOTIONS TO DISMISS AND

COUNTERMOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS

COMES NOW Defendant, LYNITA NELSON ("Lynita"), by and through her attorneys, ROBERT P. DICKERSON, ESQ., and KATHERINE L. PROVOST, ESQ., of THE DICKERSON LAW GROUP, and responds and opposes: (1) the Motion to Dismiss filed by Counterdefendants/Crossdefendants/Third-Party Defendants Lana Martin, Individually, Distribution Trustee of the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2001 ("ELN Trust"), and former Distribution Trustee of the LSN Nevada

Trust dated May 30, 2011; Nola Harber, Individually, former Distribution Trustee of the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2001 ("ELN Trust"), and former Distribution Trustee of the LSN Nevada Trust dated May 30, 2011; Rochelle McGowan; and Joan B. Ramos (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Third-Party Defendants"); and (2) the Motion to Dismiss filed by Plaintiff/Cross-Defendant, Eric L. Nelson ("Eric").

This Opposition is made and based upon the pleadings and papers on file herein,

This Opposition is made and based upon the pleadings and papers on file herein, the following Points and Authorities attached hereto, and upon any oral argument as this Court may entertain at the hearing on this matter.

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POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. PERTINENT FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Lynita and Eric were married on September 17, 1983. They have been married for 28 years and are the parents of five (5) children born the issue of their marriage. Three of the parties' children are now adults. Custody of the remaining two (2) minor children was resolved by the parties' Stipulated Parenting Agreement signed October 15, 2008, and entered as an Order of this Court on February 8, 2010. Trial of the financial issues in this action began in August 2010, but remains unresolved.

 From August, 2010, until June, 2011, Eric and Lynita were in agreement that all property accumulated during their marriage, regardless of how titled or held, was community property subject to division by this Court. On June 24, 2011, likely because he recognized that the trial was not going as he desired, Eric filed his Motion to Join Party, or in the Alternative, Dismiss Claims Against the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust, dated May 1, 2001. The aforementioned motion stated Eric's desire to join the Eric L. Nelson Nevada Trust, dated May 1, 2001 ("ELN Trust" or "Eric's Alter Ego Trust"), as a party to this litigation. Specifically, Eric asserted that complete relief could not be accorded amongst the parties without the ELN Trust being named as a party to this action, there could be no disposition of the action as any orders entered by this Court could later be subject to challenge by the ELN Trust. On August 9, 2011, the parties, through counsel, stipulated to join the ELN Trust and LSN Nevada Trust, dated May 1, 2001 (the "LSN Trust"), as necessary parties to this action.

On August 19, 2011, Attorney Mark Solomon, on behalf of Lana Martin ("Ms Martin"), Distribution Trustee of the ELN Trust, filed an initial Notice of Appearance followed by an Answer to Eric's Complaint for Divorce, as well as Counterclaims and Cross-claims against Eric and Lynita, respectively. On September 30, 2011, Lynita filed her Answer to the claims asserted by the ELN Trust and a Third-Party Complaint naming additional parties whose presence is necessary now that Eric and Ms. Martin, on behalf of the ELN Trust, have decided it is appropriate to assert the independent nature of the ELN Trust.

Lynita's Third-Party Complaint alleges multiple causes of action against Eric, and the ELN Trust, Ms. Martin, Nola Harber ("Ms. Harber"), Rochelle McGowan ("Ms. McGowan"), and Joan B. Ramos ("Ms. Ramos") as Third-Party Defendants. Overall it seeks for this Court to recognize the ELN Trust as a illusory sham trust and Eric's alter ego, voiding all arguments as to the independent nature of the trust and the applicable protections afforded to a true spendthrift trust properly created and managed under Nevada law.

II. LEGAL STANDARD

Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 12(b)(5) (2011), provides that the defense of failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted may be made by motion at the option of the pleader in lieu of a responsive pleading. Mr. Solomon has filed such a motion on behalf of all of the Third-Party Defendants. Attorney Rhonda Forsberg has filed an independent motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted on Eric's behalf. This Opposition is intended to respond to both such Motions to Dismiss.

The Nevada Supreme Court has declared that any order granting a motion to dismiss pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5) "for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted faces a rigorous standard of review on appeal, as this court must construe the pleadings liberally and accept all factual allegations in the complaint as true." Blackjack Bonding v. City of Las Vegas Mun. Court, 116 Nev. 1213, 1217, 14 P.3d 1275, 1278 (2000) (citing Simpson v. Mars, Inc., 113 Nev. 188, 190, 929 P.2d 966, 967 (1997)) (emphasis added). Furthermore, "[o]n a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim for relief, the trial court . . . must construe the pleading liberally and draw every fair intendment in favor" of the claimant. Merluzzi v. Larson, 96 Nev. 409, 411, 610 P.2d 739, 741 (1980) (overruled on other grounds in Smith v. Clough, 106 Nev. 568, 796 P.2d 592 (1990)).

As previously stated, when entertaining a NRCP 12(b)(5) motion to dismiss, "a court must accept the allegations set forth in the [pleading being challenged] as true." Blanchard v. Blanchard, 108 Nev. 908, 910, 839 P.2d 1320, 1323 (1992). A pleading should not be dismissed for failure to state a claim for relief "unless it appears beyond a doubt that the plaintiff could prove no set of facts which, if accepted by the trier of fact, would entitle him to relief." Edgar v. Wagner, 101 Nev. 226, 228, 699 P.2d 110, 112 (1985)(citing Conley v. Gibson, 335 U.S. 41, 45-46, (1957)) (emphasis added).

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As can be seen, the Third-Party-Defendants and Eric (sometimes collectively referred to as "Movants") bear an extremely high burden under NRCP 12(b)(5) in order to prevail on their respective Motions to Dismiss. As will be discussed throughout, Movants have not met this burden. Lynita has alleged sufficient facts to support each and every one of her claims for relief, and dismissal of any of her causes of action is unwarranted. Accordingly, the Motions to Dismiss filed by Third-Party Defendant's and Eric must be denied, Third-Party Defendants and Eric must file responsive pleadings, and discovery should proceed on the parties' respective claims and defenses.

III. ARGUMENT

Eric and the Third-Party Defendants have opted to file their individual Motions to Dismiss utilizing a "throw everything at the wall and see what sticks" approach to this litigation. They assert that this case should be dismissed because (1) this Court lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter, and (2) Lynita has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. In support of the latter, the moving parties argue that Lynita's claims are barred by the statute of limitations; that employees cannot conspire with each other; that Third-Party Defendants did not act in a manner giving rise to a valid "concert of action" claim; that Nevada does not recognize alter ego claims against a self-settled spendthrift trust; that the elements to establish a constructive trust have not been met; that injunctive relief is improper in this case; that the ELN Trust is not a natural person and therefore cannot be subject to a lawsuit; and that Lynita's Third-Party Complaint sounds of fraud and fails to meet the heightened pleading requirement of NRCP 9(b). Each of these arguments is independently addressed below.

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27 28 A. This Court Has Subject Matter Jurisdiction To Decide The Claims Asserted In Lynita's Third-Party Complaint

Movants assert that this Court does not have subject matter jurisdiction to hear the claims for relief asserted in Lynita's Third-Party Complaint. Both Eric, and Third-Party Defendants have cited to Nevada Revised Statutes, Section 164.015 (2011), and Eighth Judicial District Court Rules, Rule 4.01 (2011), for the proposition that only the Probate Court has jurisdiction to hear the majority, if not all, of the claims for relief asserted in Lynita's Third-Party Complaint. While the language of NRS 164.015 contains the wording "the court has exclusive jurisdiction," neither this statute, nor EDCR 4.01 may be read in a vacuum. Movants' interpretation of this statute and court rule are incorrect, as explained below.

Under Article 6, Section 6, of the Nevada Constitution, the family court is a division of the district court. District courts are courts of "general jurisdiction," hearing all cases not otherwise designated as within the jurisdiction of some other court. Nevada Constitution, Article 6, Section 6(1). As a district court judge, a judge sitting in the Family Division in the Eighth Judicial District Court possesses co-extensive and concurrent jurisdiction with all other district court judges, including the district court judge who presides over probate court matters in the Eighth Judicial District Court. Nevada Constitution, Article 6, Section 5. A family court judge has identical power, authority, and jurisdiction to any other sitting district court judge. NRS 3.020 specifies that all district court judges in all districts containing more than one district court judge have "concurrent and coextensive jurisdiction within the district," and are empowered to make their own internal rules to "enable them to transact judicial business in a convenient and lawful manner," for example, transferring or hearing certain cases between divisions. This concept is again repeated in NRS 3.220, which states that district court judges possess equal co-extensive and concurrent jurisdiction and power, and that each "shall exercise and perform the powers, duties and functions of the court and of judges thereof."

municipal courts (Article 6, Section 9).

The Nevada Constitution provides the Nevada Legislature with authority to assign or prescribe classes of cases to a specific division of the district court, but not to abridge the power and authority of district court judges. Article 6, Section 1, of the Nevada Constitution provides that "the judicial power" of Nevada is vested in a court system comprised of "a Supreme Court, district courts, and justices of the peace." Municipal courts may also be established by the legislature "for municipal purposes only." If the jurisdiction of a family court judge was intended to be limited, the Nevada Constitution would have to be amended to so provide, just as it separately provides for the judicial officers of the justices' courts (Article 6, Section 8) and

No Nevada statute restricts the ability of a family court judge, who is a district court judge, to hear any kind of case filed in the district court. Rather, if under the authority granted by the Nevada Constitution, the Legislature intended to establish divisions of district courts as courts of limited jurisdiction -- for example authorizing only a family court judge to have the authority to hear family court cases, or authorizing only a probate court judge to hear cases involving trusts -- it would have clearly stated so. Unlike the limitations to justices' or municipal courts jurisdiction, district courts are court of "general jurisdiction," hearing all cases not otherwise designated as within the jurisdiction of some other court (i.e., justices' or municipal courts). Nevada Constitution, Article 6, Section 6(1).

Further, EDCR 5.42 exists solely to comply with the Legislative mandate that multiple cases between the same parties be assigned to the same judicial department, keeping with the "one judge, one family" policy which exists in Nevada. To require Lynita to bring her claims involving the parties' respective trusts in an independent

It has done so with respect to dictating the subject matter jurisdiction of other courts, for example, Chapters 4 and 5 of the Nevada Revised Statutes detail and define the jurisdiction of justices courts and municipal courts, respectively. Specifically, the statute defining the jurisdiction of the justices courts provides "... justices' courts have jurisdiction of the following civil actions and proceedings and no others except as provided by specific statute . . ." NRS 4.370 (emphasis added).

action, before a different district court judge, makes no sense at all. This is particularly true when considering that the Stipulation joining the parties' trusts as interveners in this action was specifically intended to ensure this Court had the authority to enter all necessary orders to accord complete relief between all of the parties to this action. To avoid absurd results, and the delay of justice, especially in this action, the phrase "exclusive jurisdiction," as stated in NRS 164.014, must be construed as being a matter of case assignment, rather than a limitation of jurisdiction.

The Nevada Supreme Court recently addressed a similar issue to the one raised by Movants (their suggestion that this Court does not have subject matter jurisdiction to hear all of the claims for relief asserted in Lynita's Third-Party Complaint). In Landreth v. Malik, 251 P.3d 163, 127 Nev. Adv. Op. 16 (Nev. 2011), Mr. Malik questioned the subject matter jurisdiction of the family court to hear a case which did not fit within those matters delineated under NRS 3.223. By its holding in Landreth, the Nevada Supreme Court clearly answered the question of whether the Legislature has the constitutional authority to limit the powers of a district court judge in the family court division of a judicial district. In a detailed analysis the Court determined that:

[E]ven though the Legislature has specified cases that must be designated to the family court division, the construct of judicial power derives from the Nevada Constitution and is not diminished by legislatively enacted jurisdictions. Therefore, because a district court judge is empowered with constitutional judicial power, his or her disposition, although outside the scope of the family court's jurisdiction, is authorized by the Constitution.

Id., 251 P.3d at 169. Further, the Nevada Supreme Court explained that "because we hold that a district court judge in the family division has the same constitutional power and authority as any district court judge, a family court judge has the authority to preside over a case improperly filed or assigned to the family court division." Id. "[T]he Legislature, could not revoke the power of a judge sitting in the family court division to hear proceedings that lie outside the family court's jurisdiction, because a judge sitting in the family court has the constitutional powers of a district judge." Id.

 to resolve all matters in controversy in this action. In Barelli v Barelli, 11 Nev. 873, 877, 944 P.2d 246, 248 (1997), the Nevada Supreme Court considered whether the Nevada Legislature's grant of "limited and exclusive jurisdiction" to the family court prohibits the family court from adjudicating matters outside its "exclusive jurisdiction," but related to its jurisdictional authority. In Barelli the Court held that the family court had jurisdiction "to resolve issues that fall outside [its] jurisdiction when necessary for the resolution of those claims over which jurisdiction is properly exercised." Id. In Barelli the Court used the term "jurisdiction" in the sense of case assignment, not "subject matter jurisdiction." That is by far the more reasonable interpretation when the question is which division of the district court should hear a particular case.

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There is additional precedent in Nevada which supports this Court's jurisdiction

"Jurisdiction" as analyzed in *Landreth* and *Barelli*, and "exclusive jurisdiction" as stated in NRS 164.015, is shorthand for "administrative assignment," the place where such actions typically should be filed. However, nothing requires that a case concerning "the internal affairs of a nontestamentary trust [including those proceedings concerning] the administration and distribution of trusts, the declaration of rights and the determination of other matters involving trustees and beneficiaries of trusts" be adjudicated solely by a probate court judge. Rather, any district court judge, including a family court judge, has the necessary subject matter jurisdiction to resolve such claims. EDCR 4.01, and Part IV of the Eighth Judicial District Court Rules, in general, simply provide administrative and procedural rules for matters which proceed before the probate court.

Finally, if Movants' interpretation of NRS 164.015 were to be believed, all decisions concerning matters involving trusts would issue from the probate court and the trust (or its trustees) would never be named as a party in a divorce action, or any

² Plaintiff's Motion at page 21, lines 14 - 17.

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other type of civil action. This clearly is not the case as the Nevada Supreme Court has decided two divorce actions involving trusts, namely: *Gladys Baker Olsen Family Trust v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct.*, 110 Nev. 548, 874 P.2d 778 (1994) and *Guerin v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct.*, 114 Nev. 127, 95 P..2d 716 (1998).

As set forth above, this Court clearly has the necessary subject matter jurisdiction to determine all issues in controversy in this action, and should enter an order denying Eric and Movants' requests to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

B. <u>Lynita Has Stated A Claim For Alter Ego, And Lynita's Claims are Not Barred By the Statute of Limitations</u>

Movants request that the Court dismiss Lynita's claims for relief for (1) veil-piercing against Eric and Eric's Alter Ego Trust, (2) reverse veil-piercing against Eric and Eric's Alter Ego Trust, and (3) declaratory relief declaring the ELN Trust to be Eric's Alter Ego, asserting that Nevada does not extend alter ego liability to trusts. Movants also argue that Lynita's claims are barred by the statute of limitations contained in NRS 166.170. These arguments are properly addressed together herein, because if the Court ultimately concludes that the ELN Trust is Eric's alter ego, and/or finds the ELN Trust is fictional and invalid because of its failure to comply with the requirements of NRS Chapter 166 (the Spendthrift Trust Act of Nevada), the ELN Trust simply cannot be afforded the protections afforded by NRS 166.170 to valid, and properly administered, spendthrift trusts.

Movants' assertion that alter ego claims concerning trusts are not recognized in Nevada is not only without merit, but completely frivolous. The Nevada Legislature has specifically recognized the viability of alter ego claims in actions concerning trusts in NRS 163.418, which provides:

NRS 163.418 Clear and convincing evidence required to find settlor to be <u>alter ego</u> of trustee of irrevocable trust; certain factors insufficient for finding that settlor controls or is <u>alter ego</u> of trustee of irrevocable trust.

Absent clear and convincing evidence, a settlor of an irrevocable trust shall not be deemed to be the <u>alter ego</u> of a trustee of an irrevocable trust. If a party asserts that a settlor of an irrevocable trust is the <u>alter ego</u> of a trustee of the trust, the following factors, alone or in combination, are not sufficient evidence for a court to find that the settlor controls or is the alter ego of a trustee:

- 1. The settlor has signed checks, made disbursements or executed other documents related to the trust as the trustee and the settlor is not a trustee, if the settlor has done so in isolated acts.
- 2. The settlor has made requests for distributions on behalf of a beneficiary.
- 3. The settlor has made requests for the trustee to hold, purchase or sell any trust property.
- 4. The settlor has engaged in any one of the activities, alone or in combination, listed in NRS 163.4177.

(Emphasis added). If alter ego claims concerning trusts were not cognizable in Nevada, there would have been no need to reference such claims by the Nevada Legislature in NRS 163.418. It is a well-established, and basic tenet of statutory interpretation that "[u]nless ambiguous, a statute's language is applied in accordance with its plain meaning [and] when the Legislature's intent is clear from the plain language, [the Nevada Supreme Court] will give effect to such intention and construe the statute's language to effectuate rather than nullify its manifested purpose." Nevada v. Miller, 192 P.3d 1166, 1170-71 (2008). Holding that alter ego claims concerning trusts are not cognizable in Nevada, as Movants request, would nullify the Legislature's language and intention contained in NRS 163.418.

Alter ego claims, and challenges to the validity of a trust are not only recognized in Nevada, as set forth above, but necessary to the administration of justice. If Movants were correct in their assertion that the validity of a trust could not be challenged under any theory, including alter ego theory, then any person could establish what purports to be a spendthrift trust, completely ignore the requirements for the valid maintenance of same, and manage, control and exercise dominion over the assets of the trust as though the trust did not exist, with complete impunity and no recourse to outside parties under the law. Certainly such an absurd and inequitable

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proposition could not exist under Nevada law, and it is surprising that Movants would request the Court to follow such an absurd proposition.

Finally, alter ego claims concerning trusts are not only recognized in Nevada, but have been recognized by other appellate courts presented with the issue. See, e.g., Dean v. U.S., 987 F.Supp. 1160, 1164 (W.D. Mo. 1997) ("Because there is no Missouri law applying the alter ego doctrine to trusts, the court assumes that the same standard applied in the corporate context would be applied to trusts."). For example, in *In re* Schwarzkopf, 626 F.3d 1032 (9th Cir. 2010), the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, applying California law, invalidated two trusts under theories of fraud, and alter ego, respectively. See generally, id. There, a husband and wife created two (2), irrevocable trusts in 1992, known as the Apartment Trust, and Grove Trust, and over time funded said trusts with certain, valuable assets. Id. at 1036. In 2003, the husband and wife (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the debtors") "filed bankruptcy petitions seeking to discharge approximately \$5.4 million in debt." *Id.* The bankruptcy trustee "filed an adversary complaint seeking to recover approximately \$4 million in assets from the [trusts]." Id. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held that the Apartment Trust was invalid because it was created for the fraudulent purpose of avoiding the debtors' creditors. Id. at 1036-37. The Ninth Circuit further held that since the Apartment Trust was invalid, the seven (7) year statute of limitations for bringing a fraudulent transfer claim did not begin to run. Id. at 1037.

The Ninth Circuit also held that the Grove Trust was husband's alter ego based on facts almost identical to those alleged by Lynita, and legal analysis identical to that advanced by Lynita. *Id.* at 1037-40. First, the Ninth Circuit applied California's alter ego liability requirements applicable to corporations to the trustee's claim for alter ego liability against the Grove Trust. *Id.* at 1038-39. This is the same request Lynita has made of this Court: that it apply Nevada's corporate alter ego liability statute contained in NRS 78.747 when determining whether the ELN Trust is Eric's alter ego. The Ninth Circuit applied alter ego liability because "failure to [do so] would sanction

a fraud or promote injustice," as Lynita has argued in the instant case. See, id. at 1040. Second, the Ninth Circuit found that the Grove Trust was husband's alter ego based on husband's payment of personal expenses from the Grove Trust, the purportedly independent third-party trustees lack of action with regards to the Grove Trust, other than to perform the demands made by husband, and husband's "dominat[ion] and contol[] [of] all decisions of the Grove Trust." Id. at 1039-40. These acts are identical to those alleged by Lynita against Eric and the Third-Party Defendants in her Third-Party Complaint.

As has been set forth above, there is no merit to Movants' assertion that the alter ego doctrine cannot be applied to pierce the veil of a trust in Nevada, and Movants' request to dismiss Lynita's first, second, and third causes of action on those ground must be denied.

Movants further argue that even if the ELN Trust is found to be invalid or Eric's alter ego, that the statute of limitations in the Spendthrift Trust Act of Nevada, NRS 166.170, should apply and bar Lynita's claims. This argument defies logic. If the Court finds that the ELN Trust is invalid and Eric's alter ego, then certainly Eric, individually, cannot be afforded the protections afforded to a valid spendthrift trust, including the statute of limitations for bringing actions concerning transfers of property to such trust. Indeed, if the ELN Trust is found to be invalid and Eric's alter ego, the properties purportedly held by such trust would be held by Eric and subject to community property distribution in this divorce action.

Finally, other than asserting that the alter ego doctrine contained in NRS 78.747 does not apply in the instant matter, Movants' do not otherwise challenge the sufficiency of Lynita's alter ego allegations in their Motions to Dismiss. Nonetheless, a discussion of such allegations is warranted to show that Lynita demonstrates a high likelihood of success on her alter ego claims, and is entitled to additional injunctive relief (discussed in further detail below). In the Third-Party Complaint, Lynita alleges, amongst other things, that Eric, in concert with the other Third-Party Defendants,

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caused monies from the ELN Trust to be diverted to his family members and other third-parties not named beneficiaries of said trust, paid personal expenses from the the ELN Trust, has directed distributions from the ELN Trust in contravention of the ELN Trust's express terms, and has exercised complete dominion and control over the assets of the ELN Trust, and LSN Trust, through puppet distribution trustees acting at his sole and absolute direction. In fact, not only has Lynita stated these allegations in her Third-Party Complaint, which again must be taken as true when deciding Movants' Motions to Dismiss, Eric has admitted the validity of such claims throughout these proceedings, in sworn testimony before the Court. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are selected excerpts from Eric's trial testimony wherein he (1) admits that all assets titled in the name of the ELN and LSN Trusts are community property belonging to the parties, (2) admits that he has exclusive control over such assets, and (3) offers the Court several proposed distributions of assets from the ELN Trust, specifically describing which assets from the ELN Trust the Court should award to him, and which of assets should be awarded to Lynita. Certainly Eric did not propose division of the assets of the ELN Trust between himself and Lynita if he thought he had no legal title to such assets (or had not been acting like he had legal title to such assets prior to testifying), or if he did not believe he had the power to effectuate his unreasonable proposals if same were accepted by the Court, or Lynita. In fact, there can be no doubt from Eric's testimony and actions that if the Court had accepted one of Eric's proposed distributions of assets at the time he offered same on the witness stand, Eric could have, and would have, directed such distributions from the ELN and LSN Trusts to effectuate such distributions. Only after Eric realized that his unreasonable proposals may not be accepted by the Court, did he choose to assert that the parties have no title or interest in the assets held by the ELN and LSN Trusts.

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³ These excerpts represent only a fraction of such statements made by Eric during the course of this litigation, and his trial testimony.

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 In conclusion, not only has Lynita asserted legally cognizable claims against Eric and the ELN Trust for (1) veil-piercing, (2) reverse veil-piercing, and (3) declaratory relief, she also has an extremely high likelihood of success on such claims based on Eric's admissions throughout this litigation that the ELN Trust is illusory, and all assets of such trust are held by, managed, invested, distributed, invaded, and disposed of at Eric's sole and absolute discretion.

C. <u>Lynita's Claims For Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Conspiracy, Aiding And Abetting, And Concert Of Action Claims Are Not Time-Barred By The Statutes of Limitation Contained In NRS 166.170, NRS 11.190(3)(d), and NRS 11.220</u>

Movants argue that the NRS 166.170, NRS 11.190(3)(d), and NRS 11.220 statutes of limitation time-bar Lynita's causes of action for breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and concert of action (collectively referred to as "Lynita's tort claims"). As Movants acknowledge, "Dismissal on statute of limitations grounds is appropriate when 'uncontroverted evidence irrefutably demonstrates plaintiff discovered or should have discovered the facts giving rise to the cause of action.'" (Emphasis added). Accordingly, it is extremely difficult for a party to prevail on a statute of limitation defense on a motion to dismiss, where matters contained in the pleadings are taken as true, discovery has not yet been conducted, and evidence outside the pleadings has not been proffered to the Court. Once again, Movants have failed to meet their high burden.

As set forth in the prior subsection, the limitations periods contained in NRS 166.170 cannot be applied in this matter if Lynita prevails on her alter ego claims. It would be impossible for the Court to apply NRS 166.170 at this juncture in the litigation because the Court has not yet rendered a decision on the merits on Lynita's alter ego claims. Therefore, the Court cannot grant Movants request for dismissal based on the statute of limitations provisions contained in NRS 166.170.

Assuming, purely for the sake of argument, that the Court ultimately ruled against Lynita on her alter ego claims, application of NRS 166.170 to Lynita's tort claims would still be inappropriate. NRS 166.170, by its express terms, applies only

to the time period for "creditors" to bring actions "with respect to a transfer of property to a spendthrift trust." Lynita's claim against Eric for breach of fiduciary duty arises out of the parties' relationship as husband and wife, and the fiduciary duties Eric owed to Lynita as a result of that relationship. Lynita's claim for breach of fiduciary duty against Ms. Martin and Ms. Harber arises out of the fiduciary duties Ms. Martin and Ms. Harber, as Trustees of the LSN Trust, owed to Lynita as a beneficiary of the LSN Trust, with regards to management and execution of the LSN Trust and its existing assets. In addition, Lynita's claims for conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and concert of action against Eric and the Third-Party Defendants are centered around each of the aforementioned parties' agreements to, and participation in the breach of fiduciary duties by Eric, Ms. Martin and Ms. Harber, and other injurious actions. Certainly these actions cannot be deemed to involve a creditor bringing a claim with respect to transfers to a spendthrift trust.

Lynita's tort claims are also not time-barred under NRS 11.190(3)(d), or NRS 11.220. NRS 11.220, which Movants argue applies to Lynita's claims for conspiracy, aiding and abetting, and concert of action, provides, "An action for relief, not hereinbefore provided for, must be commenced within 4 years after the cause of action shall have accrued." NRS 11.190(3)(d), which Movants assert applies to Lynita's claims for breach of fiduciary duty, provides that such an action must be commenced within three years.

It is well-settled that the limitations periods contained in NRS 11.190(3)(d), and NRS 11.220 do not begin to run until an injured party knew, or should have known, of the facts constituting the elements of his or her cause of action. See, e.g., Oak Grove Investors v. Bell & Gossett Co., 668 P.2d 1075, 1079, 99 Nev. 616, 623 (1983); G & H Associates v. Ernest W. Hahn, Inc., 934 P.2d 229, 233, 113 Nev. 265 (1997) ("Statutes of limitation are procedural bars to a plaintiff's action, and in a tort action ... the time limits do not commence and the cause of action does not 'accrue' until the aggrieved party knew, or reasonably should have known, of the facts giving rise to the

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damage or injury."). As alluded to previously, prior to June, 2011, Eric had steadfastly maintained that all assets titled in the name of the ELN Trust were held, owned and controlled by the parties as community property. Accordingly, none of Lynita's causes of action could have "accrued" until June, 2011: the first possible date that Lynita could have known of any injury resulting from the creation, management, and abuse of the ELN Trust.

Moreover, the statute of limitations for Lynita's tort claims against Eric, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos have not began to run, or only recently began to run based upon application of the continuous tort doctrine. In cases such as these, where the tortfeasors' actions are continuous over a period of time, the courts have applied the continuous tort doctrine precluding the tortious actor(s) from asserting the statute of limitations. "It is well-settled that 'when a tort involves continuing injury, the cause of action accrues, and the limitation period begins to run, at the time the tortious conduct ceases." Page v. U.S., 729 F.2d 818, 819 (C.A.D.C. 1984); Coulon v. Witco Corp., 848 So.2d 135, 137 (La. App. 2003) ("[The statute of limitations] does not commence to run until the continuing cause of the damage stops").

This continuing tort exception is generally recognized because usually no single incident in a continuous chain of tortious activity can fairly or realistically be identified as the cause of significant harm, and it seems proper to regard the cumulative effect of the conduct as actionable. Moreover, since one should not be allowed to acquire a right to continue the tortious conduct, it follows logically that statutes of limitation should not run prior to its cessation.

Anderson v. State of Hawai'i, 965 P.2d 783, 790 (Haw. 1998); see also, Page, 729 F.2d at 822 ("[S]ince 'one should not be allowed to acquire a right to continue the tortious conduct,' it follows logically that statutes of limitation should not run prior to its cessation ").

The rationale for application of the continuous tort doctrine is on all fours with the instant case. The ELN Trust argues that Lynita's claims are time-barred by the applicable statute of limitations because Lynita alleges that the tortious acts committed

by Eric, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos occurred "during the time period October 1, 2001 through the present." Since Lynita alleges that the first tortious acts causing injury occurred as early as October 1, 2001, the ELN Trust asserts that Lynita's claims had to be brought by October 1, 2005. Under this theory, after October 1, 2005, Eric, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan, and Ms. Ramos could not be held liable for their tortious acts committed on October 1, 2001, nor any tortious acts committed after such date up until the present. The law does not permit for such an injustice, and application of the continuous tort doctrine is necessary in the instant case.

Furthermore, several of the acts alleged by Lynita occurred within the past four (4) years (many during the course of this litigation). Surely such acts are not time-barred by the statute of limitations, despite Movants' request, without any factual support, that the Court rule to the contrary.

Finally, when a plaintiff knew, or should have known, of the facts constituting the elements of his or her cause of action is a question of fact that should in most cases be determined by the trier of fact after discovery and a trial. See, Oak Grove Investors, 668 P.2d at 1079, 99 Nev. at 623 (reversing a district court's granting of summary judgment on statute of limitations grounds where corporate defendant did not meet its burden of showing the absence of a genuine issue of material fact as to when corporate plaintiff discovered, or should have discovered, the facts giving rise to its cause of action). Therefore, a decision at this juncture regarding whether Lynita has met the applicable statutes of limitations periods would be premature.

D. <u>Lynita Has Stated Claims For Conspiracy And Aiding and Abetting</u>

Movants' final argument with regards to Lynita's claims for civil conspiracy, and aiding and abetting (in addition to the statute of limitations), is that Lynita has not plead the necessary existence of two or more parties to support such causes of action because "agents and employees cannot conspire with each other, and/or their principal or employer where they act in their official capacities on behalf of the principal and/or

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employer and not as individuals." While this general proposition of law is correct, its application to the instant case is not.

In Collins v. Union Federal Savings & Loan Association, 662 P.2d 610, 99 Nev. 284 (1983), the case cited and relied upon by the ELN Trust, a landowner borrowed \$1,500.000.00 from First Federal Savings and Loan Association ("First Federal"), to finance the construction of a hotel on his property. Id., 662 P.2d at 613, 99 Nev. at 289. After the landowner defaulted on his payments to First Federal, First Federal foreclosed upon landowner's hotel property, and at the foreclosure sale, acquired the property after submitting the only bid. Id., 662 P.2d at 614, 99 Nev. at 290. Landowner filed suit against First Federal, and several agents and employees of First Federal, alleging that the foreclosure sale was not fair and open, and that First Federal and its employees "conspired with one another, and with each or all of the prospective purchasers of the [hotel property] to induce the prospective purchasers not to purchase or lease the [hotel property] from [landowner]." Id., 662 P.2d at 622, 99 Nev. at 303. The Nevada Supreme Court affirmed the district court's entry of summary judgment against landowner on his civil conspiracy claim, holding that the employees of First Federal could not conspire with their principal, First Federal, when acting in their official capacities:

The respondents, at that time, were First Federal and three of its officers, Dwyer, Wholey and Small. Agents and employees of a corporation cannot conspire with their corporate principal or employer where they act in their official capacities on behalf of the corporation and not as individuals for their individual advantage. [Citations omitted] If Dwyer, Small and Wholey were not acting as individuals for their individual advantage, no unlawful combination of persons would exist, upon which [landowner] could premise his claim of civil conspiracy. Thus, one of the material issues of fact regarding [landowner's] civil conspiracy claim for relief is whether Dwyer, Wholey and Small were acting as individuals for their individual advantage.

[Landowner's] response to the motion for summary judgment did not contain any facts which would suggest that the respondents Wholey, Dwyer and Small were acting as individuals for their individual benefit. In fact, [landowner's] amended complaint alleged that the respondents, at all material times, "acted in their representative, agency or employment capacity." Although an action for civil conspiracy does include a "state of mind" issue which is usually inappropriate for disposition by way of

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summary judgment, [landowner] has failed to show that he could produce the requisite quantum of evidence to enable him to prove that Wholey, Dwyer and Small were acting as individuals in their individual capacities.

Id.

Unlike the plaintiff landowner in *Collins*, Lynita has never alleged, nor have the Movants established, that Eric, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos were agents and employees of a single corporate entity, acting in an official capacity in committing the tortious acts set forth by Lynita. In fact, Ms. Harber and Ms. Martin have been sued in their capacity as former Distribution Trustees to the LSN Trust, which certainly was not one in the same with the ELN Trust, its beneficiaries, and trustees.

Furthermore, Movants are estopped from asserting that Eric, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowen, and Ms. Ramos were all agents for a common principal, acting in a representative capacity, while at the same time asserting that the ELN Trust conforms to the requirements of NRS Chapter 166. This is because Eric, as a beneficiary of the ELN Trust, cannot direct distributions from the ELN Trust, and the "distribution trustees" (currently Ms. Martin, and previously Ms. Harber) must act independently of Eric. See, NRS 166.020 and NRS 166.040. Accordingly, Lynita has sufficiently plead the existence of at least two or more parties necessary to establish the existence of a conspiracy.

Finally, unlike the landowner in *Collins*, Lynita has alleged that Eric, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos acted as individuals for their individual benefits, precluding dismissal of Lynita's causes of action for conspiracy. Specifically, Lynita alleges that Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and/or Ms. Ramos are relatives, employees and/or close friends with Eric. As a result of their respective relationships with Eric, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos conspired with Eric for their own respective, individual interests and gains. Therefore, Eric, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos each acted in their individual capacities, regardless of their respective affiliations with any common entity.

For the foregoing reasons, the ELN Trust's request to dismiss Lynita's causes of action for conspiracy, and aiding and abetting should be denied.

E. Lynita Has Stated A Claim For Concert of Action

NRS 41.141 provides:

- 1. In any action to recover damages for death or injury to persons or for injury to property in which comparative negligence is asserted as a defense, the comparative negligence of the plaintiff or the plaintiff's decedent does not bar recovery if that negligence was not greater than the negligence or gross negligence of the parties to the action against whom recovery is sought.
- 5. This section does not affect the joint and several liability, if any, of the defendants in an action based upon:
 - (b) An intentional tort;
 - (d) The concerted acts of the defendants

(Emphasis added). Movants request dismissal of Lynita's cause of action for concert of action, arguing that "for a concert of action, the tortfeasors must agree to 'engage in conduct that is inherently dangerous or poses a substantial risk of harm to others' as 'the purpose of the concert of action theory is to deter antisocial or dangerous behavior.'" To support this proposition, Movants rely on the Nevada Supreme Court's holding in *GES*, *Inc. v. Corbitt*, 21 P.3d 11, 15, 117 Nev. 265 (2001), wherein the Court stated:

To be jointly and severally liable under NRS 41 141(5)(d)'s concert of action exception, the defendants must have agreed to engage in conduct that is inherently dangerous or poses a substantial risk of harm to others. Thus, this requirement is met when the defendants agree to engage in an inherently dangerous activity, with a known risk of harm, that could lead to the commission of a tort. Mere joint negligence, or an agreement to act jointly, does not suffice; such a construction of NRS 41 141(5)(d) would render meaningless the general rule of several liability.

(Emphasis added).

NRS 41.141, and the decision in GES, are inapplicable to the instant case. By its express terms NRS 41.141 only applies to actions for negligence, and not to

intentional torts or acts. Indeed, in GES the only causes of action asserted by the plaintiffs were for negligence in the erection of a ground truss. Id., 21 P.3d at 12. There, the plaintiffs sought to hold each co-defendant jointly liable for the negligent acts of the other co-defendants, pursuant to the concert of actions exception to NRS 41.141. See generally, id. As the Nevada Supreme Court stated, NRS 41.141(5)(d) was not meant to abrogate the general rule of several liability for defendants who are jointly negligent. Id., 21 P.3d at 15. Instead, for "[m]ere joint negligence," concert of action will only be found where "defendants agree to engage in an inherently dangerous activity, with a known risk of harm, that could lead to the commission of a tort." Id. In other words, where parties cause injury to another from mere negligence in the performance of normal activities, the general rule of several liability should apply, but where parties engage in an inherently dangerous activity, they should be held jointly liable for injury resulting from negligence in the performance of such acts, in order to discourage such acts.

In the instant case, Lynita has not asserted a cause of action for negligence against Eric, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan or Ms. Ramos, nor has Lynita alleged that said parties engaged in an activity 'that could lead to the commission of a tort." Instead, Lynita's causes of action arise out of intentional, tortious acts committed by Eric, Ms. Martin, Ms. Harber, Ms. McGowan and Ms. Ramos which caused harm to Lynita, the LSN Trust, and the community estate in this divorce action. Such intentional acts, when committed in concert, cause each of the several co-conspirators or actors to be jointly liable for the harm resulting therefrom:

For harm resulting to a third person from the tortious conduct of another, one is subject to liability if he

- (a) does a tortious act in concert with the other or pursuant to a common design with him, or
- (b) knows that the other's conduct constitutes a breach of duty and gives substantial assistance or encouragement to the other so to conduct himself, or
- (c) gives substantial assistance to the other in accomplishing a tortious

result and his own conduct, separately considered, constitutes a breach of duty to the third person.

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Restatement (Second) of Torts, § 876 (1979). Joint liability for concert of action has in fact been found in cases not involving "inherently dangerous activity." For example, in Reynolds v. Schrock, 107 P.3d 52, 197 Or. App. 564 (Or. App. 2005), the Oregon Court of Appeals held that an attorney could be jointly liable for his client's breach of fiduciary duty to another party, even though the attorney did not owe the other party a fiduciary duty himself, if the attorney acted in concert with his client in the client's breach of fiduciary duty. See generally, id. For the foregoing reasons, Moyants' request to dismiss Lynita's causes of action for concert of action should be denied.

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on the basis that Lynita cannot establish liability to warrant such a remedy, and Lynita has not alleged a confidential relationship. As will be shown, neither argument has any merit. "[A] constructive trust, unlike a resulting trust, does not require that the parties

Movants request that the Court dismiss Lynita's claim for a constructive trust

specifically intended to create a trust." 76 Am.Jur.2d Trusts § 163 (1992). "The constructive trust is no longer limited to [fraud and] misconduct cases; it redresses unjust enrichment, not wrongdoing." Dan B. Dobbs, Law of Remedies § 4.3(2) (2d ed.1993); see also, DeLee v. Roggen, 111 Nev. 1453, 1457, 907 P.2d 168, 170 (1995); Locken v. Locken, 98 Nev. 369, 372, 650 P.2d 803, 804-05 (1982) (reiterating that "[a] constructive trust is a remedial device by which the holder of legal title to property is held to be a trustee of that property for the benefit of another who in good conscience is entitled to it."); Bemis v. Estate of Bemis, 967 P.2d 437, 114 Nev. 1021 (1998). Constructive trusts are involuntary and are imposed upon the trustee to remedy a wrongdoing. George T. Bogert, Trusts 642 (1987). A constructive trust should be imposed by the Court where "(1) a confidential relationship exists between the parties; (2) the retention of legal title by the holder thereof against another would be

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inequitable; and (3) the existence of such a trust is essential to the effectuation of justice." *Bemis*, 967 P.2d at 442.

It is impossible for Movants to deny the existence of a confidential relationship in this matter. Eric and Lynita have been married for nearly 30 years, and no one would deny that a confidential relationship exists between spouses. If the Court agrees that the ELN Trust is Eric's alter ego, or otherwise finds the ELN Trust to be invalid, then the property currently titled in the name of the ELN Trust will be deemed to be held and owned by Eric. Accordingly, a confidential relationship will be established between Lynita and the holder of the property at issue, Eric, and a constructive trust would be appropriate to preserve the assets currently titled in the name of the ELN Trust for the community, and Lynita.

In addition, assuming purely for the sake of argument that the ELN Trust is valid, and is not Eric's alter ego, the imposition of a constructive trust would still be warranted. As previously stated, a confidential relationship existed between Eric and Lynita, thus a confidential relationship existed between the ELN Trust and Lynita. Lynita further is (or was) named as a contingent beneficiary of the ELN Trust upon Eric's death, further creating a confidential relationship between the ELN Trust and Lynita. The ELN Trust holds multiple assets which are in controversy in this divorce action. The ELN Trust and Eric now allege that the assets held by the trust are not community assets but assets owned solely by the trust to which Lynita has no rightful interest. Lynita asserts her claim for a constructive trust as retention of legal title to the assets currently titled in the name of the ELN Trust, which assets Eric previously repeatedly recognized as community assets and agreed to divide with Lynita in the resolution of this divorce, is inequitable. Judicial recognition of the existence of a constructive trust is essential to the effectuation of justice because it would prevent Eric from benefitting from his own inequitable actions - the transfer of community assets to the ELN trust for the purpose of ensuring an unequal division of community property.

With regards to Movants argument that Lynita cannot establish liability in this matter, Lynita has already demonstrated a high likelihood of success. Moreover, Eric has admitted in sworn testimony that the assets currently titled in the name of the ELN Trust are community assets of the parties' marriage, thereby admitting the liability that he now denies.

Finally, Eric argues in his Motion to Dismiss that Lynita's claim for a constructive trust is barred by the statute of limitations. "When one seeks the imposition of a constructive trust in equity, the statute of limitations accrues when the wronged party knows or should have known about the constructive trustee's wrongful holding." *Id.* at 442. Of course, the Court has yet to impose the remedy of a constructive trust, and therefore, no limitations period has commenced.

G. <u>Lynita Is Entitled To Injunctive Relief As She Has Demonstrated a Likelihood of Success on the Merits And Will Suffer Irreparable Injury Without the Court's Intervention</u>

Lynita has requested entry of a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction prohibiting the dissipation of any assets held in the name of the ELN Trust. As Movants correctly point out, "For a preliminary injunction to issue the moving party must show that there is a likelihood of success on the merits, and that the nonmoving party's conduct, should it continue, would cause irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law." *Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources v. Foley*, 121 Nev. 77, 80, 109 P.3d 760, 762 (2005). However, this rule of law only applies to preliminary injunctions in non-domestic, civil cases. Parties to a divorce action are absolutely entitled to a preliminary injunction preserving any assets which are subject to a community claim:

Rule 5.85. Joint preliminary injunction.

(a) At any time prior to the entry of a decree of divorce or final judgment and upon the request of either party in a family relations proceeding, a preliminary injunction will be issued by the clerk against both parties to the action enjoining them and their officers, agents, servants, employees or a person in active concert or participation with them from:

 (1) Transferring, encumbering, concealing, selling or otherwise disposing of any of the joint, common or community property of the parties or any property which is the subject of a claim of community interest, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life, without the written consent of the parties or the permission of the court.

(c) Once issued, the joint preliminary injunction will remain in effect until a decree of divorce or final judgment is entered or until modified or dissolved by the court.

(Emphasis added). Such an injunction, as well as other injunctions, have already been issued in this case, and Lynita's request is simply a request to confirm what is already in place, and what she is legally entitled to. In addition, NRS 125.050 requires this Court to make any orders necessary (including, but not limited to, issuance of an injunction) to preserve the status quo and any property which will ultimately be ruled upon in this matter:

NRS 125.05 Preliminary orders concerning property or pecuniary interests.

If, after the filing of the complaint, it is made to appear probable to the court that either party is about to do any act that would defeat or render less effectual any order which the court might ultimately make concerning the property or pecuniary interests, the court shall make such restraining order or other order as appears necessary to prevent the act or conduct and preserve the status quo pending final determination of the cause.

For the foregoing reasons, Movants' opposition to Lynita's claim for injunctive relief is unfounded.

Even if the Court were to apply the incorrect standard for issuance of a preliminary injunction in a divorce action advanced by Movants, Lynita would still be entitled to an injunction. As set forth throughout, Lynita has a high likelihood of success on the merits of this case, as evidenced by the allegations in her Third-Party Complaint, and Eric's very own testimony. If Eric and Third-Party Defendants' management, and dissipation of the parties' community assets from the ELN Trust is allowed to continue, there will be no adequate remedy at law. Movants' desire to continue to dissipate community assets is evidenced by the ELN Trust's most recent

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1 filing with this Court, seeking to remove the Court's prior Order requiring the \$1.568 2 million received from the sale of the parties' interest in the Silver Slipper Casino to be 3 held in an interest bearing trust account opened by Eric's former counsel, David Stephens, Esq., so that Eric might utilize these funds to purchase non-performing assets 4 5 in Wyoming. Movants argue that compensatory damages would provide an adequate 6 remedy to Lynita, however, absent injunctive relief there would be no realistic ability 7 for Eric or the ELN Trust to pay such damages to Lynita if the assets currently titled 8 in the ELN Trust were diminished or dissipated. Finally, and was set forth above, in divorce actions the policy of the State of Nevada, as codified in NRS 125.050, and the 9 Nevada Supreme Court's and this Court's rules, as stated in EDCR 5.85, is to preserve 10 11 any assets subject to a community claim during the pendency of a divorce, rather than 12 to allow such assets to be sold, transferred, or encumbered during the proceedings and award the injured spouse a paper judgment for monetary damages. 13

H. While Not A Natural Person, The ELN Trust Is Still A Proper Party To This Action

Lynita has named the ELN Trust as a party to this litigation as the trust has legal title to, and claims absolute ownership of, multiple assets which are the subject matter of this action. Considering the Stipulation joining the parties' trusts as interveners in this action was specifically intended to ensure this court had the authority to enter all necessary orders to accord complete relief between all of the parties to this action, and Eric specifically requested the ELN Trust be named as a party to this litigation, there is no reason to dismiss the ELN Trust as a party to this litigation.

In addition, pursuant to NRCP 19(a) and the Nevada Supreme Court's holdings in Robinson v. Kind, 23 Nev. 330, 47 P. 977 (1897), Lewis v. Smart, 96 Nev. 846, 849, 619 P.2d 1212, 121 (1980), and Schwob v. Hemsath, 98 Nev. 293, 646 P.2d 1212 (1982), the ELN Trust is required to be joined as a party to this action. See also, Gladys Baker Olsen Family Trust v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct., 110 Nev. 548, 874 P.2d 778 (1994).

All persons or entities materially interested in the subject matter of a lawsuit must be made parties so that the court may issue a decree sufficient to bind them all. *Guerin v. Guerin*, 114 Nev. 127, 953 P.2d 716 (1998). Lynita has named the trust as well as all known trustees as parties in her Third-Party Complaint. The ELN Trust has already entered its appearance in this action by way of its filing of an initial Notice of Appearance, and Answer to Eric's Complaint for Divorce and Counterclaim and Crossclaim.

Causey v. Carpenters S. Nevada Vacation Trust, 95 Nev. 609, 610, 600 P.2d 244, 245 (1979), the case cited by Movants in support of their request to dismiss the ELN Trust from this litigation, does not stand for the proposition that a trust cannot be named a party to an action. Rather, Causey states that only a trustee of a trust is entitled to bring suit on behalf of a trust. Accordingly, Causey does not limit Lynita's right to bring suit against the ELN Trust, and joinder of the ELN Trust as a party, in addition to the current trustees to the ELN Trust, is the only way the Court can afford complete relief amongst the parties.

I. <u>Fraud</u>

Movants have requested that the Court dismiss Lynita's Third-Party Complaint, in its entirety, because the Third-Party Complaint "sounds in fraud," and does not meet the heightened pleading requirements of NRCP 9(b). As admitted by Movants, however, Lynita has not specifically pled a cause of action for fraud in her Third-Party Complaint. Moreover, even if Lynita had pled fraud in her Third-Party Complaint, the allegations in the complaint are sufficiently particular to meet the requirements of NRCP 9(b). Lynita's thirty-six (36) page Third-Party Complaint describes in detail the relationship of the parties to one another, and the numerous acts committed by the Movants in support of Lynita's causes of action. Finally, there is no authority for dismissing Lynita's Third-Party Complaint in its entirety where Lynita has filed causes of action for declaratory relief, injunctive relief, and alter ego, along with claims sounding in tort, and no such authority has been offered by Movants in support of this

request.

Should this Court believe that Lynita's Thid-Party Complaint is deficient in any manner, including a failure to provide enough specificity to sustain any of Lynita's claims for relief as plead, Lynita respectfully requests leave of Court to amend her Third-Party Complaint to cure such deficiencies. The granting of leave to amend is within the discretion of the court. See Cohen v. Mirage Resorts, Inc. 119 Nev. 1, 62 P.3d 720, 734 (2003); Nelson v. Sierra Construction Corp., 77 Nev. 334, 364 P.2d 402 (1961). Where justice so requires, leave to amend should be freely granted. Paso Buildres, Inc. v. Hebard, 83 Nev. 164, 426 P.2s 71 (1967).

IV. COUNTERMOTION

A. Movants' Requests For Fees And Costs Should Be Denied, And Lynita Should Be Awarded Attorneys Fees and Costs For Having To Defend Against The Movants' Frivolous Motions to Dismiss

NRS 125.040 provides:

- 1. In any suit for divorce the court may, in its discretion, upon application by either party and notice to the other party, require each party to pay moneys necessary to assist the other party in accomplishing one or more of the following:
- (c) To enable the other party to carry on or defend such suit.

(Emphasis added). NRS 18.010 permits litigants to recover their attorneys' fees where the Court finds that a claim or defense of an opposing party was brought without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing party. EDCR 7.60(b)(1) permits the Court to sanction a party for presenting to the court a motion "which is obviously frivolous, unnecessary or unwarranted." In addition to denying Movants' requests for fees and costs, the Court should enter an Order awarding Lynita her fees and costs incurred in defending against the Motions to Dismiss.

As was set forth above, Movants bear an extremely high burden in prevailing on a request to dismiss for failure to state a cause of action, or under a statute of limitations defense. While acknowledging this rigorous standard, Movants failed to

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meet such burdens as was set forth above. As this Court is well aware, Eric has already caused Lynita to incur tens of thousands of dollars in unnecessary fees and costs during the course of this litigation. Lynita should not be made to continue to incur unnecessary fees and costs in this litigation, while Eric continuously changes positions and causes this litigation to continue longer than should have been necessary.

Pursuant to Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat'l Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969), in awarding reasonable fees and costs to Lynita this Court will need to make specific findings regarding the quality of her advocates, the character of the work done in this motion, the work actually performed, and the result. It is impossible at this time to provide the Court with a total amount of time spent towards this Opposition and Countermotion, as a Reply to Movants' opposition to Lynita's Countermotion, and a Court appearance, will undoubtedly be required. To assist the Court in making the other necessary findings, however, Lynita submits that this motion is only necessary as a result of the behavior of Eric Nelson. Lynita's lead counsel charges a standard hourly fee of \$550.00 for his services. Associate counsels' hourly fees are \$400.00. Both fees are customary and reasonable in this locality for similarly situated persons and cases and the amount of time spent by counsel in their representation of Lynita in this action. Mr. Dickerson has been practicing law for 35 years, with the last 20 plus years devoted to the practice of family law. He is a former President of the State Bar of Nevada, and Clark County Bar Associations, and is AV rated both as to skill and ethics. Ms. Provost has been licensed to practice law in Nevada since 2003. She has been appointed by her peers to the State Bar of Nevada, Family Law Executive Council and noted for performance by Super Lawyers. Further, Ms. Provost routinely lectures in the area of family law. Mr. Karacsonyi has been licensed to practice law in Nevada since 2007. He too has been appointed by his peers to the State Bar of Nevada Family Law Executive Council. The Dickerson Law Group is an AV Preeminent rated law firm, the highest level of professional excellence. All attorneys at the firm have extensive experience in the area of family law, and a

reputation for competency. The rates charged by Lynita's counsel are reasonable in light of the experience of the law firm, and the character of work involved in the instant proceedings.

V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Lynita respectfully requests that the Court deny Movants' Motions to Dismiss in their entirety, and award her the fees and costs she has incurred, or will incur, in the preparation and presentation of this Opposition and Countermotion.

DATED this ______ of December, 2011.

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Exhibit "A"

AUGUST 30, 2010 TRIAL TESTIMONY - NELSON v. NELSON

(OPENING STATEMENT - JAMES J. JIMMERSON, ESQ., Attorney for Eric L. Nelson)

P.14, line 2

You have before you a list of properties which I'll explain to you in just a minute, but to give you an overview, give or take on cost basis, 18, 19 million dollars in assets which would be divided under our proposals nine and nine...

Pg 14, line15

...exaggerate his child support payment or alimony claim it's just going to fall by the wayside when you revognize that each party, on a cost basis, is going to get approximately \$9 million in assets and ona real fair market value basis, something considerably more. And more importantly, we're dividing everything that these parties have, including their businesses, in half plus or minus one or two adjustments. . .

Page 19, line 5

If I could now ask you to briefly turn your attention to Options A and B, I'd like to discuss this with you. The difference between Option A and B is it just turns on two assets, okay? Option A is an equal division of all assets and liabilities, Judge, except for the cash that each of them have on their own, so we didn't divide the cash Lynita has in her six or seven bank accounts and we didn't divide Eric's cash that he has in his four or five bank accounts. They take their own – they take their own cars, you know, the – they take their own personal property, They take their own furniture and furnishings that they have plus or minus some things that could be exchanged. But the two assets that are – that are – that – that create an issue are if you late item number 8 and item number 9

Page 21, line 23

So the difference between A and B s A is everything divided in half except for cash and for cars and B is everything divided in half except for cash and cars except that Mississippi would go to Husband and Russell would go to Wife.

(DIRECT EXAMINATION OF ERIC NELSON - QUESTIONING BY MR. JIMMERSON)

Page 32, line 21

A. . . . so that's my primary focus is managing all my assets and Lynita's assets so we manage our community assets, and that's where our primary revenue is driven.

Page 44, line 21

- Q. I just asked you, please tell the Court about the trusts -
- A. LSN Trust –
- Q. how they came about.
- A. Was designed and set up and my trust, ELN Trust, or Eric Nelson's Trust was for asset protection purposes.

- Q. Okay.
- A. In the event that something happened to me, I didn't have to carry life insurance. I would put safe assets into her property in her assets for her and the kids. My assets were much more volatile, much more—I would daring; casino properties, zoning properties, partners properties, so we maintained this and these—all these trusts were designed and set up by Jeff Burr. Jeff Burr is an excellent attorney and so I felt comfortable. This protected Lynita and her children and it gave me the flexibility because I do a lot of tax scenarios, to protect her and the kids and me and we could level off yearly by putting assets in her trust or my trust depending on the transaction and protect—the basic bottom line is to protect her.

Page 48, line 2 (discussing Exhibit 1A)

— this is basically a way I felt to —to easily explain the assets, to simplify it for... anyone that'd look at our estate, and so I listed the property —you'll see that these properties are designated in somebody's trust; LSN Trust or Eric's Trust. The majority of them if it's a sub-company it's going to flow up to my trust by design...

Page 52, line 3

A Okay, so, Your Honor, so I prepared this document to allow us to anticipate who wanted some of the assets. It is so important that I get divorced that I'm willing to split every asset 50/50. I want you to make that very clear...

Page 70, line 22 (discussing Lindell Plaza Office building)

A. Well, we don't pay rent because we're managing all the assets, so I don't pay myself to pay Lynita because we – it's all community.

Page 115, line 9 (discussing Gateway AZ lots)

- Q. Okay. So the last 10, then, are 10 lots owned 25 percent by the Lynita Trust. It's community property, I understand
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. but its owned by the Lynita Trust and three other guys?
 - A, Yes,
 - Q. Eighty by the community?
 - A. Yes.

Page 156, line 17 (discussing Silver Slipper/Dynasty)

- Q. Okay, so Dynasty Development Company, for the Court's edification. . .
- A. Yes.
- $\mathbf{Q}, -$ is the name of the company that owns Lynita and Eric's interests in Silver Slipper?
 - A. Yes, under my trust.
 - Q. All right,
 - A. Lynita's not a party to that, I mean, with the with side of the the trust side of it.
 - Q. The trust owns it and Eric Nelson -

- A. The community yes.
- Q. Trust, but she has a community interest, and that's the entity -
- A. Right.

Page 165, line 6 (discussing land deals in MS)

A. ...I said, guys – they wanted all the land that we owned down there, Lynita and me, which was in my trust, to go into the operation and the security. I refused. In fact I refused so much I said I'm going to transfer a majority of these properties into Lynita's trust to make sure they're fully aware that these properties aren't going off. I'm going to do a leveling of the trusts.

I recorded the deeds incorrectly. Lana typed them up. There were some verbage problems when we transferred them to Lynita, they clouded the title.

Page 186, line 2

- Q. And what do they pay Dynasty if they pay -who is the owner of the real estate that the RV park's on?
- A. Well the, it's the community. It's under Lynita's trust right now. It came from my trust into her trust. It's clouded title. That's the property the 70 or 60 or 70 acres that's in the Manise lawsuit....

<u>AUGUST 31, 2010 TRIAL TESTIMONY - NELSON v. NELSON</u>

(CROSS EXAMINATION OF ERIC NELSON - QUESTIONING BY ROBERT P. DICKERSON, ESQ., Attorney for Lynita Nelson)

Page 463, line 4 (payments from Trust to Lynita)

- Q. How much were you giving her ,sir?
- A. I was giving her money that I would flow into the Lindell account, even if we didn't collect rent, I'd put additional money it in from Nelson Trust so she would get an additional 6000 periodically.

Page 473, line 16

- Q. Well let me ask this if I may. Other than Lynita's bank accounts which over on the income section you don't represent any income, you're in control of all of these assets, isn't that true?
- A. No.
- Q. Which assets are you -
- A. Well, I manage them but she has an ownership in in -
- O. Well-
- A. whatever
- Q. You're in control of them. You're the one that is receiving all this income that's being generated from these assets; is that true?
- A. And paying the expenses.

Page 547, line 1

- Q. Now sir, don't you agree that you stopped paying any rental income to Lynita since May 2009?
- A. I don't know when the last thing, but Lynita didn't ever receive rental income, let's get that straight. She received a check from me to assist in some areas of whatever she needed assistance in. We never calculated that she got some percentage of any rents or whatever. That's not the way we do out business.

Page 549, line 18 (discussing Russell Road property)

- Q. Now, in February of this year, you used community cash to purchase an interest in this property; is that correct?
- A. Yes, sir.

Page 557, line 15

- Q. Now, what is Mellon Bank Savings?
- A. That is the line of credit where I established three mission cash in bonds. I I liquidated some of the bonds and and flowed over to oh, into Ban wherever it went to, Nelson Trust, and converted it into that –

Page 559, line 3

- Q. So roughly we're looking then at you took \$2,777,861 -
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. of community cash?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And you gave that to your brother?
- A. No, sir.
- Q. What'd you do with it?
- A. I bought two-thirds of his building --

SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 TRIAL TESTIMONY - NELSON v. NELSON

(CROSS EXAMINATION OF ERIC NELSON - QUESTIONING BY MR. DICKERSON)

Page 672, line 9

- Q. What is the -N-1? That's bates stamp number at the bottom is 787.
- A. That would be the number of parcels, all the parcels that are held, I believe, in Mississippi.

Page 673, line 20

- Q. Now you're the one that put title to those parcels that we've talked about in the name of Dynasty, Bal Harbor, Emerald Bay, Bay Harbor Beach Resorts and (indiscernible) Financial Partnerships. Is that correct?
- A. I believe so, yes.