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### IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

#### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

ANGELA DECHAMBEAU, et al.,

Plaintiff Case No.: CV12-00571

vs. Dept. No.: 7

STEPHEN C. BALKENBUSH, ESQ., et al.,

Defendants

#### REPLY TO DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE

On November 15, 2016, Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike was filed. On November 30, 2016, Defendants filed their Opposition. Plaintiffs hereby reply. Plaintiffs' Reply is brought pursuant to the following Points and Authorities along with the record herein.

#### **POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

On April 30, 2012, this Court entered its Pretrial Order where it specifically stated that a "continuance of trial does not extend the deadline for completing discovery" and any extension for such must be made by Motion.

Subsequently, trial was set for October 14, 2013.

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On August 17, 2012, the parties filed their Case Conference Report where they "agreed" that the final date for "expert disclosures" would be 120 days prior to trial or June 17, 2013 and that discovery would close 90 days prior to trial or July 16, 2013.

In a paper dated June 14, 2013, Defendants disclosed a total of five expert witnesses, Fred Marady, M.D., David Smith, M.D., Edward Lemons, Esq., Michael Navratil, Esq. and Peter Durney, Esq. (See Motion to Strike at Exhibit 1).

On August 14, 2013, Defendants filed their Motion for Summary Judgment.

In a letter to Defendants' counsel dated September 4, 2013, Plaintiffs' counsel confirmed: "We will object to any experts being called in the trial on behalf of Mr. Stephen Balkenbush or Dr. Smith, other than those designated in your expert witness designation filed June 17, 2013... The discovery cut off has long passed for any discovery depositions of any other medical experts." (See Motion to Strike at Exhibit 2).

On September 3, 2013, Plaintiffs filed their Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment and on September 6, 2013, Defendants filed their Reply. Following oral argument and on September 24, 2013, this Court granted Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment. The Court's Order came 20 days before the date set for trial.

Subsequently, Plaintiffs appealed. On November 24, 2015, the Nevada Supreme Court entered its Order of Reversal and Remand. Nowhere in the Order did it state that discovery was re-opened. A Supreme Court's decision and remand does not alter discovery deadlines.

Discovery deadlines "remain in place absent a party's motion to extend deadlines and a subsequent order by the trial court." <u>Douglas v. Burley</u> 134 So.3d 692, 697 (Miss 2012).

Although no such Motion was made by the Balkenbush Defendants, this Court would enter a Scheduling Order on February 2, 2016 that "initial expert disclosures" be made "on or

 before September 3, 2016" and that all discovery be completed by "December 2, 2016". The Court's Scheduling Order clearly contradicts its Pretrial Order. Furthermore, "initial expert disclosures" were made by Defendants on June 14, 2013, thirty-two months prior to the Scheduling Order.

Attempting to capitalize on the Court's inadvertence, Defendants submitted a Disclosure on September 2, 2016 identifying six experts, Fred Morady, M.D., David Smith, M.D., Edward Lemons, Esq., Michael Navratil, Esq., Peter Durney, Esq. and, for the first time, Hugh Calkins, M.D. (See Motion to Strike at Exhibit 3).

Once Calkins was disclosed as an expert in CV12-00571, Plaintiffs' counsel objected in writing and gave his reasons why to Defendant. When Defendants' counsel refused to withdraw her designation of Calkins as an expert, Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike was filed. Defendants' Opposition followed.

Notably, in opposing the Motion, Defendants have cited no case law of their own but instead offer their analogy of the cases cited by Plaintiffs.

Contrary to this analogy, Douglas is indeed directly on point. Following the completion of discovery, Summary Judgment was entered against Burley and he appealed. The Supreme Court reversed and remanded the case to the trial court. Upon remand, Burley designated Rosenhan as an expert. A Motion to Strike was filed where it was argued that the designation of Rosenhan was untimely and in violation of Rule 26. After hearing the Motion, the trial court refused to strike Rosenhan and directed the parties to enter into a new agreed scheduling Order. An Interlocutory Appeal was then filed.

On Appeal, the Supreme Court found the trial court abused its discretion in refusing to strike the designation of Rosenhan. In rendering its Opinion, the Supreme Court stated "the

plaintiffs are incorrect that, when this Court remands a case, it completely starts over as with a 'clean slate." "Thus, upon remand, prior orders governing discovery remain in place absent a party's motion to extend deadlines and a subsequent order by the trial court." Since there was no such Motion, the Supreme "Court's decision and remand did not alter discovery deadlines". Id at 697.

The Opinion goes on to point out "plaintiffs designated Rosenhan approximately six years after filing the Complaint, five and a half years after the expert-designated deadline, and five years after the close of discovery." Moreover, all discovery was completed at the time of the first Appeal. Under Rule of Civil Procedure 26, a party has a duty to timely supplement its responses respecting expert witness disclosures. Burley failed in this regard. As found, "the plaintiffs presented no evidence of an excusable oversight." Id at 698.

With respect to the case at hand, NRCP 26(e) also provides that a party has a duty to timely supplement its expert witness disclosures. The disclosure of Calkin as an expert comes 54 months after the Complaint was filed, 39 months after the agreed upon deadline for expert disclosures, 38 months after the agreed upon deadline for discovery and 10 months after the Supreme Court's Order of Reversal. At no time did Defendants file a Motion to extend the deadline for expert disclosures set forth in the Joint Case Conference Report. When Summary Judgment was granted on September 24, 2013, all discovery was completed, but for the deposition of Dr. Morady, and the case was ready for trial.

In their Opposition, the Balkenbush Defendants have failed to address NRCP 26 or refute Plaintiffs' argument that Calkins could have been disclosed on June 14, 2013 along with Defendants' five other experts. Likewise, Defendants have failed to refute that Calkins' expert

"testimony would be merely cumulative" since they "have timely designated two other medical experts upon which they can rely." (See Plaintiff's Motion to Strike at Exhibit 1, page 1,2).

As cited in Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike, NRCP 37(c)(1) provides: "A party that without substantial justification fails to disclose information required by Rule 16.1, 16.2 or 26 (e)(1), or to amend a prior response to discovery as required by Rule 26(e)(2), is not, unless such failure is harmless, permitted to use as evidence at a trial, at a hearing, or on a motion any witness or information not so disclosed." A failure to timely disclose expert testimony is not substantially justified where "the need for such testimony could reasonably have been anticipated." Plumley v. Mockett 836 F.Supp.2d 1053, 1064 (C.D. Cal. 2010). In their Opposition, the Balkenbush Defendants failed to address Rule 37 or refute that the expert testimony of Calkin could have reasonably been anticipated when they disclosed their experts in a paper dated June 14, 2013.

Defendants' argument that Calkins was designated an expert in CV07-02028 is of no consequence to the disclosure deadline in CV12-00571. Furthermore, Kozak and Lusiani were not counsel for the DeChambeaus during litigation of CV07-02028 where the malpracting attorney Balkenbush appeared for them instead. Calkins could certainly have changed his expert opinions since the 2007 case and Plaintiffs' current counsel have the right to question him in the manner they see fit.

Defendants' argument that Calkins was previously disclosed as a "fact witness" in CV12-00571 is also unavailing. As noted by the court in Wingates, LLC v. Commonwealth

Insurance 21 F.Supp.3d 206 (E.D.Ny. 2014), the fact that plaintiffs previously disclosed Hess as a possible lay witness "does not cure their failure to disclose him as an expert". Id at 215-216.

Defendants argue there will be no prejudice to the DeChambeaus because the deposition of Calkins can be taken upon written questions. Such argument is also unavailing. If a party

has not been diligent in meeting disclosure deadlines, the court, when adjudicating a Motion on the disclosure, generally will not consider any prejudice the dilatory party may experience or the lack of prejudice his opponent may experience with the ruling. Marolf v. Aya Aguirre 2011 WL 6012203 \*4 (D.Neb. Dec. 1, 2011). Nevertheless, Plaintiffs have a right to depose Calkins in person instead of submitting written questions which he could solicit Defendants' counsel for assistance in answering.

Despite the various analogies offered by the Balkenbush Defendants, the case cited by Plaintiffs held that untimely disclosures will not be permitted. Defendants have failed to cite any Rule or case law which supports their position.

As shown, an Order striking Calkins as an expert witness is well warranted. Plaintiff request such Order issue from this honorable Court.

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030, the undersigned certifies that this document does not contain a Social Security number.

Dated this 6th day of December 2016.

/s/ R. Craig Lusiani, Esq.
R. CRAIG LUSIANI, ESQ.
Kozak Lusiani Law Firm

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP Rule 5(b), I hereby certify I am an employee of Kozak Lusiani Law, LLC and that on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, I electronically filed the Reply to Defendants'

Opposition to Motion to Strike with the Clerk of the Court by using the electronic filing

system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

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/s/ Dedra Sonne

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ORDER

Currently before the Court is Plaintiff ANGELA DECHAMBEAU's (hereinafter "Plaintiff') Motion to Strike, filed on November 15, 2016. On November 30, 2016, Defendants STEPHEN C. BALKENBUSH ET AL. (hereinafter "Defendants") filed Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Strike. On December 6, 2016, Plaintiff filed Reply to Defendants' Opposition to Motion to Strike and submitted this matter to the Court for decision. On October 17, 2013, this Court issued an Order granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment. Plaintiff appealed to the Nevada Supreme Court, whereby the Court issued an Order of Reversal and Remand on November 24, 2015. This matter was subsequently remanded back to this Court.

On February 1, 2016, the Court issued a Scheduling Order requiring the parties to make initial expert disclosures pursuant to NRCP 16.1(a)(2) on or before September 3, 2016 and rebuttal experts on or before October 3, 2016. On September 2, 2016, Defendants submitted a Disclosure identifying six experts, Fred Morady,

M.D., David Smith, M.D., Edward Lemons, Esq., Michael Navratil, Esq., Peter Durney, Esq. and, Hugh Calkin, M.D. Plaintiff has filed the instant *Motion* requesting the Court strike Defendants' expert disclosure, Hugh Calkin, M.D., as untimely.

Plaintiff asserts that Defendants' expert disclosures are bound by the August 17, 2012, Joint Case Conference Report, requiring the disclosure of expert witness be 120 days prior to June 17, 2013. Therefore, Plaintiff argues that Defendants' expert disclosure of Hugh Calkin, M.D., on September 2, 2016 is untimely and should be stricken. The Court does not agree. As it stands, by entering its Order granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgement, this Court dismissed Plaintiff's claims set forth in their Complaint. Thus, the Court does not find that the parties should be bound by the August 17, 2012 Joint Case Conference Report discovery deadline. Therefore, the Court finds that the February 1, 2016, Scheduling Order is appropriate and properly sets forth the discovery deadlines in this matter.

Accordingly, and good cause appearing, Plaintiff's Motion to Stike is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 2/ day of December, 2016.

PATRICK FLANAGAN District Judge

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Charles R. Kozak, Esq., attorney for Plaintiff; and Dominique A. Pollara, Esq., attorney for Defendants.

Judicial Assistant

Defendants DAVID SMITH, M.D. and BERNDT, 回kotkorically Filed DAVEE, GANCHAN, ICHINO, JUNEAU, NOBLE, SEF Dec 28 2016 08 58 alm. SWACKHAMER, THOMPSON, WILLIAMSON and ZECHEACR, SHIP, THE COURT through their counsel, EDWARD J. LEMONS, ESQ. and LEMONS, GRUNDY & EISENBERG, hereby offers the following designation of expert witnesses:

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Hugh G. Calkins M.D. 1. The Johns Hopkins Hospital Carnegie Building, Room 530 600 N. Wolfe Street

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Baltimore, Maryland 21287-0409

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Hugh G. Calkins, M.D. is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease with a subspecialty in Electrophysiology. He is

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licensed to practice medicine in the states of Michigan and Maryland and is the Director of the Arrhythmia Service, Clinical Electrophysiology Laboratory, and

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the Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia Program at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. It is expected that Dr. Calkins may be

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requested to testify regarding standard of care, causation and damages issues

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in this case. His testimony will be based upon the medical records produced in this case, depositions he may review, and his training and practice experience.

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Dr. Calkins' report, curriculum vitae and fee schedule are attached hereto as

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Exhibits 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

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Anil K. Bhandari, M.D. Los Angeles Cardiology Associates 1245 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 703

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Los Angeles, California 90017

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Anil Bhandari, M.D. is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease with a subspecialty in Clinical Cardiac

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Electrophysiology. He is the Director of the Electrophysiology Laboratory at good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, California and at San Antonio

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Community Hospital in Upland, California. It is expected that Dr. Bhandari may be requested to testify regarding standard of care, causation and damages

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DS 00000053 issues in this case. His testimony will be based upon the medical records produced in this case, depositions he may review, and his training and practice experience. Dr. Bhandari's report, curriculum vitae and fee schedule are attached hereto as Exhibits 4, 5 and 6, respectively.

- Such other expert witnesses as may become necessary to address any opinions expressed by expert witnesses called on behalf of Plaintiff on the issue of alleged negligence of the Defendant herein. If the need for such additional expert testimony arises, this designation will be supplemented in 4.
- Such treating physicians as may be listed in the medical records; although, at present, it is anticipated that such physicians would likely be called only to testify regarding the medical care provided by them.

PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030 THE UNDERSIGNED DOES HEREBY AFFIRM THAT THE PRECEDING DOCUMENT DOES NOT CONTAIN THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF ANY PERSON.

DATED this 23 day of March, 2010.

LEMONS, GRUNDY & EISENBERG Attorney for Defendants DAVID SMITH, M.D. and BERNDT, CHANEY-ROBERTS, DAVEE, GANCHAN, ICHINO, JUNEAU, NOBLE, SEHER, SMITH, SWACKHAMER, THOMPSON, WILLIAMSON and ZEBRACK, LTD.

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of LEMONS, GRUNDY & EISENBERG and that on this date I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the document described herein by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

Document Served:

Defendants David Smith, M.D. and Berndt, Chaney-Roberts, Davee, Ganchan, Ichino, Juneau, Noble, Seher, Smith, Swackhamer, Thompson, Williamson And Zebrack's Designation Of Expert Witnesses

## Person(s) Served:

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7	4	Report of Anil Bhandari, M.D.	1
8	5	Curriculum Vitae of Anil Bhandari, M.D.	5
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# DECLARATION OF HUGH G. CALKINS, M.D.

HUGH G. CALKINS, M.D. does hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that the assertions of this Declaration are true.

# Qualifications and Experience

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I am the Director of the Arrhythmia Service and Clinical Electrophysiology Laboratory at Johns Hopkins Hospital. I am also Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. I received my medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1983. I trained in Internal Medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital. I completed my training in cardiology and electrophysiology at Johns Hopkins. I am board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiology, and Electrophysiology. I am a fellow of the Heart Rhythm Society, the American College of Cardiology, and the American Heart Association. My attached curriculum vitae include publications of over 350 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 50 book chapters. I spend approximately 75% of my time involved in the care and treatment of patients with cardiac arrhythmias with a much of this time involved in the care and treatment of patients with atrial fibrillation. I have performed over 1000 catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation procedures. I have 20 years of experience as a practicing cardiologist and electrophysiologist. 111

#### Materials Reviewed:

Records of David Smith, M.D.

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Records of Patricia Levan, M.D.

Records of Washoe Medical Center

## Summary and Conclusions

I was asked to review the available medical records and testimony and render an opinion in the care which Dr. David Smith provided to Mr.

DeChambeau. After reviewing the patient's medical records that were provided to me it is my opinion to a reasonable degree of medical certainty that the Mr.

DeChambeau's death in September 2007 following a catheter ablation procedure was not a result of medical negligence. All opinions herein are to a reasonable, or higher, degree of medical or scientific certainty or probability based on my review of the medical records and documentation that was provided to me.

# Medical Summary of Mr. Neil DeChambeau's Medical Care

Mr. Neil DeChambeau was a 56 year old man with a long history of atrial fibrillation, hypertension, and obesity. His atrial fibrillation was highly symptomatic and did not respond to medical therapy with atenolol, digoxin, and flecainide. He also had a history of SVT Dr. Smith discussed the option of catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation with the patient in July 2006. He informed the patient of the efficacy and complications associated with the procedure at a clinic appointment

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in July 2006. After considering these risks the patient elected to proceed with the procedure. Mr. Smith underwent catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation on September 7, 2006. Near the end of the procedure the patient experienced cardiac tamponade resulting in a cardiac arrest. The cardiac tamponade was diagnosed, appropriate measures were undertaken, including an immediate Code, and pericardiocentesis was successfully performed. During the cardiac arrest the patient experienced a significant anoxic injury to his brain which ultimately resulted in his death.

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## Comments on this Case

Based on my review of this case and my medical experience and training that I can make the following conclusions:

- Mr. DeChambeau was an appropriate candidate for catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation. In particular, he had highly symptomatic atrial fibrillation refractory to medical management.
- Informed consent was appropriately obtained. The patient decided to proceed with catheter ablation after carefully considering he risks and benefits of the procedure.
- 3) Dr. Smith performed the AF ablation procedure appropriately.
- 4) Cardiac tamponade is a well established complication of all EP procedures and also of catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation. The diagnosis and treatment of the patient's cardiac arrest resulting from cardiac tamponade was appropriate.

DATED this 22day of March, 2010.

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& JOHN DOES I through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

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### PLAINTIFFS' SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL 16.1 DISCLOSURES

Plaintiffs, ANGELA DeCHAMBEAU, JEAN-PAUL DeCHAMBEAU and THE ESTATE OF NEIL DeCHAMBEAU, by their Attorney of Record, CHARLES R. KOZAK, ESQ., hereby provide the following list of documents as Plaintiffs' Second Supplemental Disclosures in accordance with Rule 16.1:

#### I. DOCUMENTS

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		DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	BATES NUMBER	DATE
	1.	Expert Witness Report of Ronald Pearl, M.D.	DS00428-32	3/18/10
	2.	Declaration of Huge G. Calkins, M.D.	DS00433-35	3/22/10
	3.	Declaration of Anil K. Bhandari, M.D.	DS00127-31	3/23/10
	4.	Expert Witness Report of Rahul N. Doshi, M.D.	DS00197	3/2010
	5.	Affidavit of Fred Morady, M.D.	SB02271	8/29/07
	6.	Affidavit of William Mazzei, M.D.	SB01729	9/1/07

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030 the undersigned certifies this document does not contain a Social Security number.

DATED this 26th day of June, 2013.

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#### PLAINTIFFS' PRETRIAL DISCLOSURES

Plaintiffs, ANGELA DECHAMBEAU and JEAN-PAUL DECHAMBEAU, both individually and as SPECIAL ADMINISTRATORS of the ESTATE OF NEIL DECHAMBEAU, by and through their counsel of record, CHARLES R. KOZAK, ESQ., hereby submits their pretrial disclosure of information in accordance with NRCP Rule 16.1(3).

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# . LIST OF PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES, INCLUDING REBUTTAL WITNESSES

- (a) Angela DeChambeau, c/o Charles R. Kozak, Attorney at Law LLC.
- (b) Jean-Paul DeChambeau, c/o Charles R. Kozak, Attorney at Law LLC.
- (c) Mark J. Seifert, M.D., 4037 Montebello Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85018
- (d) Gerald I. Gillock, Esq.; Gerald I. Gillock & Associates, 428 South Fourth Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
- (e) Richard M. Teichner, CPA; 3500 Lakeside Court, Reno, Nevada 89509
- (f) Michael D. Navratil, Esq. by deposition; c/o Margo Piscevich, Piscevich & Fenner
- (g) Fred Morady, M.D., by deposition on written questions and by oral deposition:
  c/o Margo Piscevich, Piscevich & Fenner

# II. LIST OF PROPOSED EXHIBITS AND DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING REBUTTAL EXHIBITS

- (a) The file of Stephen Balkenbush, Bates stamped SB0001-SB02835, including emails SB2836-SB2930 may be used in both the underlying medical malpractice case as well as in the legal malpractice case. Likewise, medical records from Reno Heart Physicians (SB01071-01230) and Renown Medical Center, f/k/a Washoe Medical Center (SB01329-01501) may be used in the both the medical malpractice and the legal malpractice portions of the case.
- (b) Additionally, the following documents may be used in both the medical malpractice and legal malpractice portions of the case:

	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	BATES NUMBER	DATE
	1. Designation of expert witnesses, Calkins and Bhandari by by Dr. David Smith et al in CV07-02028	DS00051-157	3/23/10
	2. Designation of expert witnesses, Pearl and Doshi by Dr. David Kang et al in CV7-02028	DS00158-207	3/22/10
	3. Dr. Fred Morady's Affidavit	DS00208-211	8/29/07
	4. Partial CV of Dr. Morady	DS00212-216	8/6/07
1	5. Dr. William Mazzei's Affidavit and CV	DS00217-233	9/1/07
1	6. Procedure report of Dr. Smith	DS00234-236	9/12/06
1:	7. Itansesophageal echocardiographic report	DS00237	9/8/06
14	8. History and physical signed by Dr. Smith	DS00238-240	9/12/06
15 16	9. Acknowledgement of receipt of Prucka	DS00241	9/30/11
17	10. Letter - Balkenbush to Kozak re Prucka Dis	sk DS00242-243	9/30/11
18 19	11. Email Atchley (for Balkenbush) to Morady with conformed affidavit attached	DS00244-248	8/30/07
20	12. Email Morady to Atchley re affidavit	DS00249	8/30/07
21	13. Email Atchley to Morady re change to re change to paragraph 1 of affidavit	DS00250-251	8/30/07
23	14. Email Balkenbush to Morady re revised	D500252 256	
24	paragraph 2 of affidavit with affidavit attached	DS00252-256	8/27/07
25 26	15. Email from Atchley to Morady with affidavit attached (only pages 1-2)	DS00257-259	8/27/07
27	16. Letter from Balkenbush to Patricia	DS00260-262	10/24/06

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	Levan, M.D. re med records request		
	17. Letter from Balkenbush to Reno Heart Physicians re med records request	DS00263-265	10/24/06
	18. Letter from Balkenbush to St. Mary's re med records request	DS00266-268	10/24/06
	19. Letter from Balkenbush to Washoe Medical Center re med records request	DS00269-271	10/24/06
	20. Copy of Washoe Medical Center med records request	DS00272-273	10/23/06
1	21. Letter from Renown to Balkenbush re refusal due to documentation needed	DS00274	11/2/06
12	Washoe Medical Center re med records	DS00275	10/24/07
13 14	23. Letter from Balkenbush to Morady re	DS00276	3/22/07
15 16	24. Letter from White, Meany to Balkenbush re Balkenbush substituting back in as counsel	DS00277	3/28/07
17 18	25. Letter from Balkenbush to S. White with file-stamped appearance enclosed	DS00278-280	4/5/07
19 20	26. Letter from Vallas of Renown to Balkenbush with 2 pages of med records	DS00281-283	4/6/07
21 22	27. Letter from Balkenbush to Moray enclosing 2 pages of med records from Renown	DS00284-286	6/25/07
23	28. Letter from Balkenbush to Blitt, M.D. re transferring Bates-stamped records D00001-D00350	DS00287-288	6/25/07
25 26	29. Letter from Balkenbush to Mazzei, M.D. Transferring Bates-stamped records	DS00289-290	8/17/07
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	1	30. Letter from Mazzei, M.D. to Balkenbush with statement for services (marked paid 9/18/07	DS00291-292	9/1/07
	3	31. Copy of \$1,000 check paid by Thorndal to Mazzei, M.D.	DS00293	9/18/07
	5	32. Letter from Blitt, M.D. to Thorndal re billin	g DS00294	11/1/07
	6	33. Letter from Lemons to Renown re med records	DS00295- 296	11/7/07
	8	<ol> <li>Letter from Lemons to Levan, M.D. re med records</li> </ol>	DS00297-298	11/7/07
	10	<ol> <li>Fax from Balkenbush to Navratil re affidavit of Mazzei (affidavit not attached to fax)</li> </ol>	DS00299-300	11/14/07
	12	36. Letter from Balkenbush to Lemons re 16.1 production and medical releases	DS00301-305	11/8/07
1:	4   3	7. Letter from Balkenbush to Lemons re tax returns for 2003, 2004 and 2005 with returns attached	DS00306-309	11/19/07
16 17	Ш	<ol> <li>Letter from Balkenbush to Cotton re Plaintiffs'16.1 production</li> </ol>	DS00310-311	11/8/07
18	139	Letter from Balkenbush to Cotton re med records authorizations and tax returns	DS00312-318	11/19/07
19 20 21		<ol> <li>Fax from Thorndal to Cotton re Summons and affidavit of service for Kang, M.D. and Rinehart, Ltd.</li> </ol>	DS00319-328	9/19/07
22 23	41.	Letter from Lemons to Balkenbush re enclosing copy of the original Joint Case Conference Report (not attached)	DS00329	2/15/08
24 25	42.	Letter from Navratil to Balkenbush re scheduling Plaintiff's depositions	DS00330	9/19/08
26	43.	Lotton Gran, M. C. C.	DS00331	7/21/08
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	2	45. Letter from Balkenbush to Navratil requesting additional time to respond	DS00333	4/10/08
	4	to Navratil's discovery requests		
	5	46. Letter from Balkenbush to Lemons requesting additional time to respond	DS00334	4/10/08
	6	to Lemon's discovery requests		
	7	47. Letter from Lemons to Balkenbush	DS00335	10/16/08
	8	re conference call with all counsel re scheduling depositions		10/16/08
	9	48. Letter from Lemons to Balkenbush	DS00336-338	11/01/00
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1:	2    ]	9. Letter from Lemons to Balkenbush re Stipulation and Order to Continue Trial	DS00339	2/4/09
13	3	Date and Re-Set Discovery deadlines		
14	5	0. Letter from Navratil to Balkenbush and	DS00340	2/2/09
15		Lemons re moving disclosure deadline back 30 days as depositions of parties not done yet		212107
16	51	. Letter from Navratil to Lemons enclosing	DS00341-344	2/2/00
17		proposed stipulation and order amending the discovery deadlines and trial date		2/2/09
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19 20	32	. Letter from Balkenbush to Morady re trial on July 19, 2010 and enclosing defense expert reports	DS00345-346	3/35/10
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22	53.	Letter from Balkenbush to Morady re transmitting Prucka DVD and letter from	DS00347-348	3/25/10
23		Lemons re Prucka disk		
24	54.	Email Mazzei to Balkenbush re signing	DS00349	9/20/07
25		affidavit	.50 50.5 50.0 5	8/30/07
26	55.	Fax from Balkenbush to Mazzei with Mazzei's affidavit attached	DS00350-354	8/30/07
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	56. Email from Mazzei to Balkenbush re not having received revised report	DS00355	8/29/07
	57. Settlement fund receipt for \$1,350.	DS00356	5/9/08
	58. Letter from D. Meany to A. DeChambeau re AHP settlement check of \$1,350	DS00357	5/16/08
	59. 2005 income tax return (2 pages) for Neil and Angela DeChambeau	DS00358-359	undated
	7 60. Power of Attorney of Neil DeChambeau to	DS00360-363	10/1/94
	Angela DeChambeau  61. Picture of Angela and Neil DeChambeau	DS00364	undated
10	62. Picture of Neil, Angela and Jean-Paul	DS00365	undated
12 13	Obrien Rogers and Croshy Eveneral Home	DS00366	undated
14	64. Social Security Benefit Statement for Angela	DS00367	undated
15	65. Medical bills for Neil DeChambeau	DS00368-399	various
16 17	66. GuideOne Life Insurance payout information	DS00400-427	various
18	67. Procedure Report of Dr. Smith	RRMC0050-52	9/7/06
19	68. Letter of Navratil to Balkenbush	SB02693-94	4/21/10
20	69. Expert Witness Report of Ronald Pearl, M.D.	DS00428-32	3/18/10
21	71. Expert Witness Report of Rahul N. Doshi, M.I	D. DS00197	3/2010
22	72. Affidavit of Fred Morady, M.D.	SB02271	8/29/07
24	73. Affidavit of William Mazzei, M.D.	SB01729	9/1/07
25	74. Current Curriculum Vitae of Mark Seifert, M.I.	),	
26	75. Current Curriculum Vitae of Geral I. Gillock		
27	76. Current Curriculum Vitae of Richard M. Teich	ner	
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77. The FICA summary of earnings for Angela and Neil DeChambeau

78. Stat echo photographs taken September 6, 2006 at Washoe Medical Center (just recently received from Renown) and sent to Dr. Seifert 9/6/13.

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030 the undersigned certifies this document does not contain a Social Security number.

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#### **EXHIBIT 8**

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

ANGELA DECHAMBEAU, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Case No.: CV12-00571

Dept. No.: 7

VS.

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STEPHEN C. BALKENBUSH, ESQ., et al.,

Defendants.

#### SCHEDULING ORDER

Nature of Action: Legal Malpractice

Date of Filing Joint Case Conference Report(s): Nothing filed

Time Required for Trial: (2) weeks: Jury Demand Filed: Yes

Charles Kozak, Esq. for Angela Dechambeau; and

Pollara Law Group for Stephen Balkenbush, et al.

Counsel representing all parties have been heard and after consideration by the Court,

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- Complete all discovery by December 2, 2016 (45 days prior to trial).
- File motions to amend pleadings or add parties on or before September
   2016 (at least 90 days prior to close of discovery).

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DISTRICT JUDGE

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe; that on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2016, I electronically filed the following with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

Charles Kozak, Esq. for Angela Dechambeau; and

I deposited in the Washoe County mailing system for postage and mailing with the United States Postal Service in Reno, Nevada, a true copy of the attached document addressed to:

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	10	and THORNDAL ARMSTRONG DELK BAL	KENBUSH &	
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	15	ANGELA DeCHAMBEAU and JEAN-PAUL DeCHAMBEAU, both individually	CASE NO. CV-12-00571	
	16	and as Special Administrator of the Estate of NEIL DeCHAMBEAU,		
	17	Plaintiffs,		
	18	vs.		
	19	STEPHEN C. BALKENBUSH, ESQ.; and	Trial Date: January 17, 2017	
	20	THORDAHL ARMSTRONG DELK BALKENBUSH & EISINGER, a Nevada		
	21	Professional Corporation,		
	22	Defendants.		
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	25	DEFENDANTS' DISCLOSURE		
		Pursuant to 26(b) Defendants, by and t	hrough their counsel, Pollara Law Group,	
	26	hereby disclose the names of witnesses who ma	ay be called as expert witnesses at the time	
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 Fred Morady, MD, FACC University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center 1500 East Medical Center Drive, SPC 5853 Ann Arbor, MI 48109-5853 Tel: 734-763-7141

Fred Morady, M.D., is a cardiologist in clinical practice in the State of Michigan, board-certified in cardiology, clinical cardiac electrophysiology and in internal medicine. Dr. Morady is McKay Professor of Cardiovascular Disease at the University of Michigan School of Medicine, and was an expert for the Plaintiffs in the underlying medical malpractice case, Case Number CV07-02028, Angela DeChambeau, Jean-Paul DeChambeau v. David, M.D., David Kang, M.D., et al. Dr. Morady will testify regarding the underlying case as to the medical care and treatment of decedent Neil DeChambeau, causation, and the standard of care as to Defendant David Smith, M.D. Dr. Morady's expert information was previously provided in the underlying case.

David Smith, M.D.
 Renown Institute for Heart & Vascular Health
 1500 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 400, Center B
 Reno, NV 89502
 Tel: 775-982-2400

David Smith, M.D., a defendant in the underlying case, is a cardiologist in clinical practice and licensed in the State of Nevada. Dr. Smith will testify as to his medical care and treatment of Mr. DeChambeau. Dr. Smith's professional information was previously provided in the underlying case.

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Hugh Calkins, M.D.
 Johns Hopkins Hospital
 Carnegie Building, Room 530,
 600 North Wolfe St., Baltimore, MD 21287–0409

Hugh Calkins, M.D., is a cardiologist in clinical practice in the State of Maryland, board-certified in cardiology, in clinical cardiac electrophysiology and in internal medicine. Dr. Calkins was an expert for the defendant David Smith, M.D. in the underlying medical malpractice matter, Case No.: CV07-02028, Angela DeChambeau, Jean-Paul DeChambeau v. David Smith, M.D., David Kang, M.D., et al. Dr. Calkins is anticipated to testify regarding the underlying case as to the medical care and treatment of decedent Neil DeChambeau, causation, and the standard of care as to defendant David Smith, M.D. Dr. Calkins current curriculum vitae is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Dr. Calkins charges \$485.00 per hour for deposition with a 3 hour mininum and \$483.00 per hour for trial testimony.

Edward Lemons, Esq.
 Lemons, Grundy & Eisenberg
 6005 Plumas Street, Third Floor
 Reno, NV 89519
 Tel: 775-786-6868

Edward Lemons, Esq. is an attorney licensed and in practice in the State of Nevada who represented Defendant David Smith, M.D. in the underlying case. He is anticipated to testify regarding his representation of Dr. Smith in the underlying case as further set forth in his previous deposition taken in this matter.

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5.	Michael Navratil, Esq.
	John H. Cotton & Associates, Ltd.
	7900 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 200
	Las Vegas, NV 89711
	Tel: 702-791-0308

Michael Navratil, Esq., is an attorney licensed and in practice in the State of Nevada who represented co-defendant David Kang, M.D. in the underlying case. He is anticipated to testify regarding his representation of Dr. Kang in the underlying case as further set forth in his previous deposition taken in this matter.

Peter Durney, Esq.
 Durney & Brennan
 190 West Huffaker Lane, Suite 406
 Reno, NV 89511
 Tel: 775-322-2923

Peter Durney is an attorney licensed and in practice in the State of Nevada since 1974.

Mr. Durney will testify as to the legal standard of care as to defendant Stephen C.

Balkenbush.

Mr. Durney's fees are \$400 per hour for review, consultation and deposition testimony, with a two-hour minimum for deposition testimony, payable in advance.

 Defendants reserve the right to call any expert witness or person identified by any party in the instant case and the underlying case.

The above expert witnesses may not be the only ones called by defendants to testify at the time of trial. Defendants reserve the right to later name other expert witnesses prior to trial. Defendants also reserve the right to call to testify at trial experts not named whose

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**DEFENDANTS' DISCLOSURE OF EXPERT WITNESSES** 

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testimony is needed to aid in the trial of this action and/or to refute and rebut the contentions and testimony of plaintiffs' experts and/or other witnesses.

Defendants reserve the right to identify rebuttal expert witnesses. 7.

NOTICE: Defendants will object to plaintiffs calling any expert witness at trial who has not been timely disclosed under strict compliance with NRCP 26(b)(5).

#### **AFFIRMATION**

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the Social Security number of any person.

Dated: September 1, 2016

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY SERVICE

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