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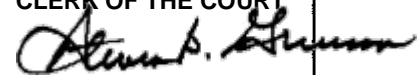
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2 ORDER

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4 DISTRICT COURT

5 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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7 IRINA ANSELL,

8 Plaintiff,

9 v.

10 DOUGLAS ANSELL,

11 Defendant.

CASE NO. D-15-521960-D

DEPT NO. Q

Date of Hearing: August 30, 2017

Time of Hearing: 2:00 p.m.

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14 ORDER OF RECUSAL

15 This matter came on for a hearing before this Court on August 30, 2017. The
16 matters before the Court included:

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- 18 (1) Non-Party, Veterans In Politics International, Inc. and Steve Sanson's
19 Motion to Quash Subpoena Served on Verizon Wireless (Jul.26, 2017);
 - 20 (2) Non-Parties Steve Sanson, Veterans In Politics International, Inc., and
21 Sanson Corporation's Motion to Quash Subpoena Duces Tecum and
22 Deposition Subpoena Served on Steve Sanson on July 22, 2017 (Aug. 4,
23 2017); and
 - 24 (3) This Court's Amended Notice of Rescheduling of Hearing and Setting
25 Calendar Call (Aug. 28, 2017).

26 Associated motions and papers were considered and reviewed by the Court,
27 including requests for attorney's fees and Plaintiff's Motion to Compel (Aug. 10,
28 2017). The discovery issues previously were assigned to be heard by the Discovery
Commissioner on August 20, 2017. The Discovery Commissioner, however, recused

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2 and the matter was placed on this Court's calendar on the above-referenced date.
3 Plaintiff did not appear personally, but was represented by her attorney, Marshal
4 Willick, Esq. Defendant did not appear personally, but was represented by his
5 attorney, John Jones, Esq. Steve Sanson appeared personally and with his attorney,
6 Anat Levy, Esq.
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8 As previously noted, this Court reviewed a multitude of papers filed by and on
9 behalf of Plaintiff and Mr. Sanson or Veterans In Politics International (hereinafter
10 referred to individually and collectively as "Mr. Sanson") in preparation for the hearing.
11 This Court's preparation included review of the Omnibus Supplemental Declaration
12 of Steve Sanson in Support of: Motions to Quash Subpoenas Duces Tecum Served on
13 Verizon Wireless and Steve Sanson and Deposition Subpoena Served on Steve on July
14 22, 2017; Motion for Attorneys Fees (Aug. 22, 2017) (hereinafter referred to as Mr.
15 Sanson's "Sworn Declaration"). Therein, Mr. Sanson described his off-the-record
16 communications with this Court about this matter. Upon reviewing Mr. Sanson's
17 Sworn Declaration, this Court determined that it should recuse from any further
18 proceedings in this matter. This determination is based on the findings stated on the
19 record at the August 30, 2017 hearing and additional findings stated herein.
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23 It is undisputed that Defendant designated Mr. Sanson as a witness. Moreover,
24 although Mr. Jones argued it was unlikely, Defendant could not definitively rule out
25 the possibility that Mr. Sanson might be called as a witness in future proceedings. It
26 also is undisputed that Mr. Sanson made specific reference to this case in a
27 communication directed at this Court off the record. In fact, this Court scheduled an
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2 immediate hearing in May 2017 to address Mr. Sanson's ex-parte communication with
3 the Court.¹ Mr. Sanson's filing of his Sworn Declaration, however, was the first
4 instance in which this Court became aware that Mr. Sanson had stated in writing the
5 nature of his communications with the Court.
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7 This Court noted that it was unaware of any legal authority that would excuse
8 someone from a deposition who had been designated as a witness in the matter. This
9 Court also noted its concern that the Subpoena Duces Tecum served on Mr. Sanson
10 was overbroad and should be narrowed significantly. Because, however, this Court
11 recognized the conflict created by Mr. Sanson's Sworn Declaration, the Court did not
12 rule on the discovery motions and determined that the Court's recusal from this matter
13 was appropriate.
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16 In Mr. Sanson's Sworn Declaration, he acknowledged that he asked the
17 Court off the record: "Why do you allow Marshal Willick to get away with so much
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25 ¹At the May 17, 2017 hearing, this Court disclosed Mr. Sanson's communications with
26 the Court. This Court also noted for the record the nature of the Court's relationship with Mr.
27 Sanson in the past. This has included this Court's endorsement by Veterans in Politics as a
28 candidate for office and his prior professional communications about general issues (including
Mr. Sanson repeatedly stating that he believed this Court should serve as the presiding judge
in the Family Division). At the time of the May 2017 communication, Mr. Sanson was aware
that litigation before the Court should never be discussed. Thus, any communication about
a specific case was completely unexpected.

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2 crap in Doug Ansell's case?"² For sake of completeness, the text messages and
3 telephone communication between Mr. Sanson and the Court took place as follows:

- 4 ● On May 11, 2017 at 8:20 p.m., Mr. Sanson texted: "Judge I need to
5 speak to you."
- 6 ● On May 12, 2017 at 6:52 a.m., the Court texted Mr. Sanson: "What do
7 you need to talk about?"
- 8 ● On May 12, 2017 at 9:29 a.m., Mr. Sanson responded with: "Call me at
9 your convenience or we can grab a cup of tea."
- 10 ● The Court called Mr. Sanson on May 13, 2017. After prefatory remarks
11 that included Mr. Sanson declaring that this Court should be the
12 presiding judge in the family division, Mr. Sanson, without prompting,
13 asked: "Why do you allow Marshal Willick to get away with so much
14 "crap" in Doug Ansell's case?"

15 ²On a number of occasions, this Court has lamented that **both** parties have engaged in,
16 to borrow Mr. Sanson's term, "crap" during this case. This Court repeatedly has chastised both
17 sides for their practice of hyperbole and exaggeration. Mr. Willick has almost incessantly
18 argued that this Court has allowed Defendant (Mr. Ansell) to get away with "crap" without
19 repercussion. Both Mr. Willick and Mr. Jones are adept at selectively handpicking those areas
20 of perceived wrongdoing of the other side and advocating through their myopic lenses. On Mr.
21 Jones' part, this was exemplified during the August 30, 2017 hearing through his argument that
22 the Court had given Plaintiff a "free pass" with respect to her alleged violation of the Order to
23 Seal Records (Oct. 16, 2015) (hereinafter referred to as the "Sealing Order"). The Sealing
24 Order *drafted and submitted by Defendant (Mr. Ansell)*, ordered that "all papers, records,
25 proceedings and evidence, including exhibits and transcripts of testimony in the above-entitled
26 matter, be, and the same hereby are, sealed and shall not be opened to inspection *except by the*
27 *parties* and their attorneys, or when required as evidence in another action or proceeding."
28 (Emphasis added). Mr. Jones' argument in Court notwithstanding, this matter was adjudicated
by the Court. See Order (Aug. 30, 2016). Thus, the Sealing Order *drafted and submitted by*
Defendant (Mr. Ansell), did not prohibit the conduct about which Defendant complained. NRS
125.110 provides that the papers sealed "shall not be open to inspection except *to* the parties
and their attorneys." The Sealing Order *prepared by Defendant* changed the statutory language
and provided that the papers sealed "shall not be opened to inspection except *by* the parties
and their attorneys." Recognizing the error of his own drafting, Defendant (Mr. Ansell)
submitted a second Order to Seal Records (Nov. 23, 2016). Mr. Jones knew these facts when
he lambasted the Court during the August 30, 2017 hearing for purportedly allowing Plaintiff
to violate a Sealing Order that did not proscribe the alleged conduct. Apart from these
examples of "crap," the Court has endured "crap" from **both** parties throughout this litigation.

- After immediately terminating the call, this Court texted Mr. Sanson as follows: "Please do not ever talk to me again about a pending case before me. I hold you in higher esteem than that. I'm sorry to end the call so abruptly. My integrity means too much to me than to be influenced by others outside of the courtroom and it shakes the very core of our system when anyone communicates with a judicial officer in this fashion. It simply cannot happen. I know that you know that and I have always trusted your judgment in that regard."
- Mr. Sanson's immediate text response reads: "You asked me a question because of our relationship I gave you my honest answer, so you can understand what direction we are headed."

This Court scheduled a hearing immediately (heard on May 17, 2017) to disclose the improper communication. Based on Mr. Sanson's testimony on August 30, 2017, he admitted that his communication with the Court was not intended to relay specific factual information about the Ansell case. When offered the opportunity to provide specific examples of "crap" perpetrated by Mr. Willick (such as a miscalculation by Mr. Willick, a fabricated fact, or some other specific example of "crap"), Mr. Sanson had nothing specific. As such, *the only purpose of his communication with the Court was to influence and intimidate the Court through a corrupt communication outside of court.*

Mr. Sanson could have limited his communication with the Court to a *general* accusation that Mr. Willick "gets away with crap," and left it at that.³ If Mr. Sanson's sole motivation was merely to attack Mr. Willick *in general* and not to influence the

³Based on the papers filed herein, this Court is aware that litigation is pending between Mr. Willick and Mr. Sanson. This Court's familiarity with this civil matter is limited to the disclosures contained in the papers filed in the Ansell matter. The animosity resulting from this civil litigation is palpable. Nevertheless, this animosity is not an excuse to attempt to manipulate and intimidate this Court – *particularly in regards to a specific case.*

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2 Court about a specific case, he could have done so. Although such communication
3 remains improper, it is more egregious that Mr. Sanson *knowingly and intentionally*
4 *identified Doug Ansell's case*. It also is significant that Mr. Sanson's response was not
5 to offer an apology, or to assure the Court that he would refrain from doing so again.
6 Even at the August 30, 2017 hearing, Mr. Sanson remained unapologetic. In fact, his
7 demeanor and conduct was defiant, even lashing out at Mr. Willick to the point of
8 being admonished by the Court. Instead of apologizing to the Court, his follow-up
9 communication was a veiled threat to the Court. This threat by Mr. Sanson, as stated
10 by Mr. Sanson and interpreted by the Court, was to harass the Court and to hurl
11 baseless and defamatory accusations about the Court.
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14 Mr. Sanson argues that his organization "exposes public corruption and
15 injustices." Further, despite the fact that Mr. Ansell designated Mr. Sanson as *his*
16 witness, Mr. Sanson states with emphasis that neither he nor VIPI "*have anything to do*
17 *with this case*." To reiterate for the record, Mr. Sanson intentionally interjected himself
18 into this matter by communicating with the Court in reference to this specific case.
19 Plaintiff understandably and justifiably has sought to determine the full extent of such
20 off-the-record communications. To be clear, however, Mr. Sanson's involvement in this
21 matter is not about exposing "injustice" or corruption. Mr. Sanson acknowledged that
22 he had never met Plaintiff and proclaimed that he meant her no "ill will." Indeed, Mr.
23 Sanson appeared to be unaware that Defendant (Doug Ansell) was the prevailing party
24 with respect to the child custody issues in this case – an issue that is of the highest
25 significance in *most* cases.
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2 As noted previously, when given the opportunity at the August 30, 2017 hearing
3 to explain the “crap” that was occurring in the Ansell matter, Mr. Sanson was unable
4 to identify any singular fact. As such, notwithstanding his self-proclaimed faux cover
5 of seeking to “expose injustice and corruption,” Mr. Sanson’s sole motivation for
6 communicating with this Court was to intimidate and harass the Court. Mr. Sanson
7 proudly proclaims that he has “declared war” on the Family Court. There is no doubt
8 that the courts are under attack and that the entire judiciary of this great State of
9 Nevada is on notice that, behind that false banner of “justice and corruption” is an
10 individual and group who seek to manipulate, intimidate and control. The arsenal of
11 weapons that Mr. Sanson utilizes include attempts to manipulate, intimidate and
12 control the judicial process through off-the-record communications. This case has
13 exposed the reality of his tactics.
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17 Rather than apologize for his unethical and corrupt conduct, *Mr. Sanson has the*
18 *audacity to blame this Court for his improper communication.* Specifically, Mr. Sanson
19 alleges under oath in his Sworn Declaration that his off-the-record *question* to the Court
20 was somehow an answer to a same-day related conversation. The timing of this entire
21 narrative offered by Mr. Sanson is significant as it belies Mr. Sanson’s story. Mr.
22 Sanson alleges in his Sworn Declaration that his originating text message took place on
23 the *same day* as a conversation with the Court in the courtroom (i.e., May 11, 2017).
24 To this end, Mr. Sanson’s narrative suggests that his text message was intended merely
25 to follow-up on a conversation earlier that same day. Mr. Sanson’s narrative, however,
26 is a *factual impossibility*. In this regard, May 11, 2017 was this Court’s Chamber
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2 Calendar day. No hearings were scheduled in Department Q on May 11, 2017. There
3 was no conversation on May 11, 2017 as Mr. Sanson has alleged.⁴ Regardless, even if
4 Mr. Sanson's sworn recitation of facts is believed, his communication with the Court
5 *remains improper.*
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7 What should be frightening to this Court (and members of the Nevada judiciary
8 in general), is that Mr. Sanson refused to acknowledge at the August 30, 2017 hearing
9 that his communication with the Court about a pending case was inappropriate.
10 Specifically, Mr. Sanson, through his counsel, suggested it was the Court's fault based
11 on the earlier conversation cited above. This Court reiterates that it is inappropriate
12 to communicate with a judicial officer off the record about a pending case – *at any*
13 *time and under any circumstances.* Mr. Sanson's attempts to deflect blame to the
14 Court are appalling.
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17 This Court's abrupt termination of the telephone call and immediate text to Mr.
18 Sanson that his communication was inappropriate was not Mr. Sanson's desired
19 response or reaction from the Court. It is now obvious that Mr. Sanson was looking
20 for a response from the Court more along the lines of: "I'm so sorry Mr. Sanson, I'll
21 make sure that Mr. Willick doesn't get his way," or, "I'm so sorry Mr. Sanson, I'll make
22 sure Mr. Ansell comes out on top," or even, "message received Mr. Sanson." *Is there*
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26 ⁴This is not simply a matter of "oops, I got the date wrong." Any change to the date
27 changes the entire narrative and creates a logical disconnection in time. This Court's staff
28 checked the videotape of the hearings in all cases held in Department Q on the preceding
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of that same week and was unable to find Mr. Sanson in
the gallery at the beginning or conclusion of any case.

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2 *anything more corrupt than the influence Mr. Sanson sought to exert over the Court?*

3 And he proclaims that he seeks to expose corruption? Because this Court called him
4 out on the inappropriateness of his communication and refused to kowtow and cower
5 to his manipulation and control, Mr. Sanson predictably let the Court know that his
6 wrath was coming out against the Court. This type of threat to any judicial officer
7 strikes at the very core of the integrity of the judicial process. Moreover, such
8 threatening behavior is an attempt to manipulate and control judicial officers if they
9 do not succumb to Mr. Sanson's desired result.
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12 Mr. Jones argued that there is no evidence that Defendant had anything to do
13 with Mr. Sanson's communication with the Court or that he put Mr. Sanson "up to it."
14 Mr. Jones is correct that there was no testimony offered that indicates that Defendant
15 is responsible for Mr. Sanson's behavior. Defendant did not appear at the hearing to
16 offer his version of events. Although this Court is unable to attribute Mr. Sanson's
17 actions to Defendant directly, this Court notes that Mr. Sanson's communication with
18 the Court was not the first, nor the second, occasion in which the Court has received
19 outside communications about Defendant.⁵
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23 ⁵This Court previously disclosed at a prior hearing that an individual recently employed
24 by Defendant was this Court's direct ecclesiastical leader (Kurt Teshima). This Court disclosed
25 to the parties that the Court holds Mr. Teshima in high esteem. These disclosures were made
26 for full transparency in the event that either party desired that the Court recuse from the
27 matter. Mr. Willick offered (as an offer of proof) at the August 30, 2017 hearing that
28 Defendant, *together with Mr. Sanson*, had a breakfast meeting with Mr. Teshima. As an
additional offer of proof, when Defendant and Mr. Sanson attempted to discuss the divorce,
Mr. Teshima redirected the conversation to business matters. This Court is not surprised by
this redirection by Mr. Teshima and emphasizes that at no time has Mr. Teshima *ever* discussed
this matter with the Court. This Court has never felt any pressure or attempts to influence the
path of this case from Mr. Teshima.

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2 This Court recognizes the judicial duty to sit. Mr. Sanson's Sworn Declaration
3 filed on August 22, 2017, however, creates a conflict for the Court. Moreover, it has
4 become evident based on the history of this matter that any decision by this Court that
5 favors Defendant in any manner is perceived by Plaintiff as being influenced by
6 something that has happened outside of this courtroom. Similarly, Defendant may
7 have the perception that, because this Court has declared its disgust and disdain for
8 outside efforts to influence this matter, the Court is somehow overcompensating to
9 counter Plaintiff's perception. These perceptions (although untrue on both accounts)
10 are unfair to both parties. Accordingly, it is appropriate that this Court recuse from
11 this matter.
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14 Finally, because there have been outside attempts to influence this Court in this
15 matter, complete transparency is warranted to maintain public confidence in the
16 administration of justice. Notably, Mr. Sanson (through counsel) argued that this
17 matter was improperly sealed. To clarify this Court's findings at the August 30, 2017
18 hearing, this Court concurs that the hearings in this matter and orders entered by the
19 Court should not be sealed and should be available for public inspection. However,
20 this Court recognizes that filings of the parties and experts contain sensitive
21 information related to both custody issues and financial issues. Consistent with NRS
22 125.110, those papers should remain sealed.
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2 Based on the foregoing, and good cause appearing therefor,

3 It is hereby ORDERED that this Court RECUSE from this case. It is further
4 ORDERED that, to the extent possible, this matter be referred to the Senior Judge
5 Program for further proceedings.
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7 It is further ORDERED that the hearings pending before this Court, including
8 trial dates and hearings related to discovery issues, should be re-calendared upon the
9 reassignment of this matter.
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11 It is further ORDERED that the hearing videos and orders entered by this Court
12 should be unsealed.

13 DATED this 5th day of September, 2017.
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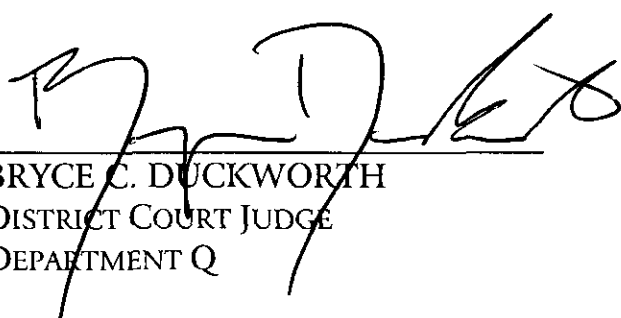
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18 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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EXHIBIT 7

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Julie Schoen

Subject: FW: Saiter v. Saiter

From: Louis Schneider [<mailto:lcslawllc@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 8:57 AM
To: Brandon Leavitt
Cc: Stephanie Stolz
Subject: Re: Saiter v. Saiter

I've had about all I can take.
Withdraw your Motion and I'll withdraw from the case.
Be advised - Tina has asked me not to leave the case.
I was getting ready to withdraw my motion to withdraw.
If your firm does not withdraw that motion, I will oppose it and take additional action beyond the opposition.

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To: Louis Schneider <lcslawllc@yahoo.com>
Cc: Stephanie Stolz <ssstolz@theabramslawfirm.com>
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I'm hamstrung until you allow me to work with her directly or withdraw so I can. Please advise. Thanks.

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From: Tina Saiter <cleaningmama30@aol.com>
Date: October 6, 2016 at 12:20:12 PM PDT
To: Brandon Saiter <bsaiter@harmonicinnerprizes.com>
Subject: Fwd: You tube video

Tina Saiter

Begin forwarded message:

From: Louis Schneider <lcslawllc@yahoo.com>
Date: October 6, 2016 at 12:09:06 PM PDT
To: Tina Saiter <cleaningmama30@aol.com>
Subject: Re: You tube video
Reply-To: Louis Schneider <lcslawllc@yahoo.com>

There is apparently some sort of war between Veterans In Politics and the other side.

We're stipulating to seal the case. That means nobody will be able to look it up.

I'm trying to seal the case.

I've got calls all over trying to find out.

I'm not happy about it either.

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Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2016 11:29 AM
Subject: You tube video

Louis

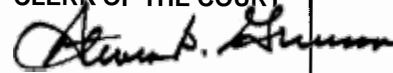
Why is there a You Tube Video of our divorce case??

Tina Saiter

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DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

JENNIFER V. ABRAMS and the
ABRAMS & MAYO LAW FIRM,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER; LAW
OFFICES OF LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER,
LLC; STEVE W. SANSON; HEIDI J.
HANUSA; CHRISTINA ORTIZ;
JOHNNY SPICER; DON
WOOLBRIGHT; VETERAN'S IN
POLITICS INTERNATIONAL, INC;
SANSON CORPORATION; KAREN
STEELMON; and DOES I through X,

Defendant.

CASE NO. A-17-749318-C
DEPT. NO. XII

Date of Hearing: 2/12/2018
Time of Hearing: 8:30 AM

Oral Argument Is Requested

REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO AN AWARD OF
ATTORNEY'S FEES, COSTS AND STATUTORY SANCTIONS

COMES NOW, the Defendant, LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, individually,
and the LAW OFFICES OF LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, LLC, by and through
their attorney, Joseph W. Houston, II, Esq., to file this Reply to the Plaintiffs'
Opposition to the Defendants' Motions for Attorney's Fees, Costs and
Sanctions.

POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

The Court has granted a Motion to Dismiss the Plaintiffs' Complaint
against the Defendant, LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, individually, and a separate
Defendant, LAW OFFICES OF LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, LLC. Pursuant to

JVA001260

1 NRS 41.670 (1)(a) it is mandatory that "The Court shall award reasonable costs
2 and attorney's fees to the person against whom the action was brought..."

3 Further, pursuant to NRS 41.670 (1)(b), "The Court may award an
4 amount up to \$10,000 to the person whom the action was brought." Thus, the
5 Court may award both Louis C. Schneider, individually, as well as the
6 Defendant, Law Offices of Louis C. Schneider, LLC \$10,000 each as sanctions
7 against the Plaintiffs for filing this lawsuit.

8 The affidavit of the Defendants' attorneys, Cal Potter, III., and Cal Potter,
9 IV., has been filed herein. Pursuant to that affidavit and in paragraph 8 there are
10 attorney's fees in the amount of \$80,455 and costs in the amount of \$19.00, for
11 a total of \$80,474.

12 The Plaintiffs filed a Complaint against the Defendants, LOUIS C.
13 SCHNEIDER and LAW OFFICES OF LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, LLC., which
14 the Court has already ruled that they failed to meet their burden as they could
15 not show a probability of success on their claim, and thus, the Court dismissed
16 their Complaint. The Plaintiffs' actions in filing this Complaint forced both
17 Defendants, LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER and LAW OFFICE OF LOUIS C.
18 SCHNEIDER, LLC., to retain Counsel to defend this action. The Defendants'
19 Counsel has filed an affidavit under oath that the attorney's fees that were
20 actually and necessarily incurred, were reasonable. The Plaintiffs' response is
21 that the Defendants' request for fees which the Defendants incurred and are
22 mandatory pursuant to NRS 41.670(1)(a) are "an attempted bank robbery"
23 (Opposition, page 3-line 1). Defendant's response is inappropriate and
24 disgusting.

25 These are fees that the Plaintiffs' legally insufficient Complaint caused.
26 None of these fees which the Defendants incurred, would have been required if
27 the Plaintiff would have not filed their legally invalid Complaint. It is
28 hypocritical of the Plaintiffs to in essence say they filed a legally invalid
Complaint, the Court dismissed their legally invalid Complaint pursuant to

1 Nevada Statutes, that Nevada Statutes mandate an award of attorney's fees, but
2 even though the Defendants were forced to expend unnecessarily attorney's fees
3 in the amount of \$80,455 and costs in the amount of \$19.00 to defend
4 themselves against this legally invalid action, the Defendants should only be
5 awarded "\$6,727.50" and thus should be required to pay \$73,746.50 from their
6 own pockets. (See Opposition page 2-line 7)

7 Thus, the Court should award as mandated by NRS 41.670(1)(a) \$80,455
8 for attorney's fees and \$19.00 for costs to the Schneider Defendants.

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10 **AS TO THE ISSUE OF SANCTIONS**

11 NRS 41.670(1)(b) sets forth that the Court "may" award as discretionary
12 with the Court, sanctions as to each Defendant, being LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER,
13 personally and LAW OFFICES OF LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, LLC., the sum of
14 \$10,000 each.

15 The Plaintiff's Opposition states, "...because the Abrams parties' claims
16 were neither frivolous nor vexatious, none of the Defendants are entitled to
17 statutory sanctions in the amount of \$10,000." (Opposition page 2-line 8) There
18 is absolutely nothing in the statute or in Nevada Case Law requiring the Court
19 to make these findings in order to award sanctions. The Plaintiffs actually admit
20 this in their Opposition at page 20, line 20 when they state, "NRS 41.670(1)(b)
21 is silent in terms of the standard for obtaining sanctions."

22 Yet, a few lines later on page 21 beginning at line 2, the Plaintiffs states,
23 "...NRS 41.670(2)-(3) requir(es) a Plaintiff who successfully opposes an anti-
24 slapp motion to show that the motion was "frivolous or vexatious" prior to
25 receiving an award of attorney's fees, costs and sanctions."

26 It is truly unbelievable that the Plaintiffs would make these statements
27 which are totally false misrepresentations of NRS 41.760. Subsection (1)(a)
28 mandates by using the word "shall" an award of attorney's fees and costs. There
is nothing whatsoever contained in the statute as the Plaintiffs allege requiring

1 the Court to find that the Complaint was "frivolous and vexatious" before an
2 award of attorney's fees and costs. This is a total intentional misrepresentation
3 to the Court.

4 Likewise, subsection (1)(b) allows the Court in its discretion to award
5 sanctions, but the statute again does not make any requirement that the Court
6 find that the Complaint was filed on the basis of being "frivolous or vexatious".
7 Instead, the Court may simply determine based upon the facts of each individual
8 case, whether or not to award sanctions based upon its discretion.

9 Despite there being no legal requirement for the Court having to find that
10 Complaint was "frivolous or vexatious" to award attorney's fees, costs and
11 sanctions, it is totally outrageous for the Plaintiffs to state in their Opposition
12 that, "He (Mr. Schneider) enlisted Mr. Sanson to target Ms. Abrams" when
13 there is no evidence whatsoever of this allegation. (Opposition page 22-line 10)

14 It is further totally outrageous for the Plaintiffs to state in their
15 Opposition that "...Mr. Schneider directed Mr. Sanson to publically vilify Ms.
16 Abrams" when there is no evidence whatsoever of this allegation. (Opposition
17 page 22-line 12)

18 It is further totally outrageous for the Plaintiffs to state "...whether or not
19 Mr. Sanson defamed Ms. Abrams (he did repeatedly and unabashedly)..." Thus
20 continuing to allege defamation (Opposition Page 22-line 11) after the Court
21 had already dismissed the Plaintiffs' Complaint finding that the Plaintiffs
22 cannot show a probability of success on their claims.

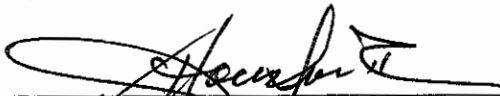
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1 These statements are outrageous statements in view of the evidence
2 presented in view to the Court and in view of the Court's ruling. These
3 statements by the Plaintiffs should be considered in the Court's discretion for
4 awarding sanctions pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes, and it is therefore
5 requested that the Court award sanctions in the maximum amount of \$10,000 to
6 LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER individually, and \$10,000 as to the LAW OFFICES
7 OF LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, LLC., jointly and severally as to the Plaintiffs.
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9 Dated this 24 day of January, 2018.

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I hereby certify that I am an employee of Joseph W. Houston, II, Esq. and that on the 24 day of January, 2018 I served a true and correct copy of the above and forgoing Reply to Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Attorney's Fees, Costs and Sanctions on the parties addressed as shown below:

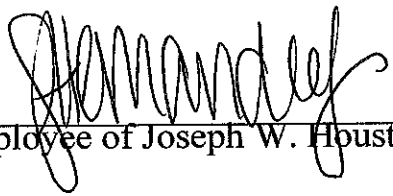
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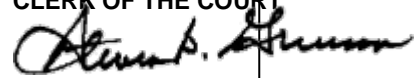
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**EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

MARSHAL S. WILICK and WILICK LAW)	Case No.:	A-17-750171-C
GROUP,)		
Plaintiffs,)	Department:	XVIII
vs.)		
STEVE W. SANSON and VETERANS IN)		
POLITICS INTERNATIONAL, INC.,)		
Defendants.)		

JENNIFER V. ABRAMS and THE ABRAMS)	Case No.:	A-17-749318-C
& MAYO LAW FIRM,)		
Plaintiffs,)	Department:	XII
vs.)		
LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER; LAW OFFICES OF)		
LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, LLC; STEVE W.)		
SANSON; and VETERANS IN POLITICS)		
INTERNATIONAL, INC.,)		
Defendants.)		

**MOTION TO DISQUALIFY EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
ELECTED JUDICIARY, AND FOR PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT TO THE
SENIOR JUDGE PROGRAM OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO A DISTRICT
COURT JUDGE OUTSIDE OF CLARK COUNTY**

COME NOW the Plaintiffs in case number A-17-750171-C, MARSHAL S. WILLICK and WILLICK LAW GROUP, and Plaintiffs in case number A-17-749318-C, JENNIFER V. ABRAMS and THE ABRAMS & MAYO LAW FIRM, by and through their attorney of record, Jennifer V. Abrams, Esq., of The Abrams & Mayo Law Firm, and hereby submit their *Motion to Disqualify Eighth Judicial District Court Elected Judiciary, and for Permanent Assignment to the Senior Judge Program or, Alternatively, to a District Court Judge Outside of Clark County.*

This *Motion* is made and based upon the attached Points and Authorities, the Affidavit and certification of counsel attached hereto, all papers and pleadings on file herein, and any oral argument adduced at the hearing of this matter.

DATED Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

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NOTICE OF MOTION

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TO: HON. DOUGLAS W. HERNDON, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Department 3;

TO: HON. KERRY EARLEY, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Department 4;

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TO: HON. ELIZABETH GONZALEZ, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Chief Judge, Department 11;

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TO: HON. TIMOTHY C. WILLIAMS, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Department 16;

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2 Department 17;
3 TO: HON. MARK B. BAILUS, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Department
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5 TO: HON. WILLIAM KEPHART, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge,
6 Department 19;
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10 Department 22;
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15 Department 25;
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17 Department 26;
18 TO: HON. NANCY ALLF, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Department 27;
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2 Division, Department C;
3 TO: HON. ROBERT W. TEUTON, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Family
4 Division, Department D;
5 TO: HON. CHARLES HOSKIN, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Family
6 Division, Department E;
7 TO: HON. DENISE L. GENTILE, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Family
8 Division, Department F;
9 TO: HON. CYNTHIA DIANE STEEL, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Family
10 Division, Department G;
11 TO: HON. T. ARTHUR RITCHIE, JR., Eighth Judicial District Court Judge,
12 Family Division, Department H;
13 TO: HON. CHERYL B. MOSS, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Family
14 Division, Department I;
15 TO: HON. RENA G. HUGHES, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Family
16 Division, Department J;
17 TO: HON. CYNTHIA N. GIULIANI, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Family
18 Division, Department K;
19 TO: HON. JENNIFER L. ELLIOTT, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Family
20 Division, Department L;
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22 Division, Department M;
23 TO: HON. MATTHEW HARTER, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Family
24 Division, Department N;
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Division, Department R;

1 TO: HON. VINCENT OCHOA, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Family
2 Division, Department S;

3 TO: HON. LISA M. BROWN, Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Family
4 Division, Department T;

5 TO: Eighth Judicial District Court, Senior Judge Department;

6 TO: STEVE W. SANSON and VETERANS IN POLITICS INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
7 Defendants in case numbers A-17-750171-C and A-17-749318-C;

8 TO: LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER and LAW OFFICES OF LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, LLC,
9 Defendants in case number A-17-749318-C;

10 TO: MARGARET A. McLEITCHIE, ESQ., Attorney for Defendants, STEVE W.
11 SANSON and VETERANS IN POLITICS INTERNATIONAL, INC., in case
12 number A-17-749318-C;

13 TO: ANAT LEVY, ESQ., Attorney for Defendants, STEVE W. SANSON and
14 VETERANS IN POLITICS INTERNATIONAL, INC., in case number A-17-
15 750171-C;

16 TO: JOSEPH W. HOUSTON, II, ESQ., Attorney for Defendants, LOUIS C.
17 SCHNEIDER and LAW OFFICES OF LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, LLC, in case
18 number A-17-749318-C;

19 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Motion will be heard on
20 **3-2-18** at _____, in **CHAMBERS**

21 of the above-entitled Court.

22 DATED Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

23 Respectfully submitted:

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1 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

2 **I. INTRODUCTION**

3 This *Motion* does not come lightly. The idea that the entire elected judiciary in
4 Clark County could be tainted by one person seems extreme; however, the reality is
5 that implied bias and the appearance of impropriety has already left its mark in these
6 and related matters.

7 Steve Sanson, through his faux “non-profit” group, Veterans in Politics
8 International (“VIPI”), has been the driving force behind a systematic, organized
9 effort to intimidate judges and candidates, build a personal rapport with them,
10 become their go-to for a “veteran’s endorsement” during election cycles, and become
11 their worst nightmare if they dare get in his way. Over 90% of the judges on the
12 civil/criminal bench have accepted an endorsement from VIPI, appeared on a VIPI
13 radio show, appeared at a VIPI “sponsored” event in an official capacity or as a
14 candidate, paid campaign money to VIPI for advertising, and/or have been the target
15 of VIPI’s wrath.

16 Steve Sanson has “declared war” on an entire 20-judge division of this judicial
17 district. He launched smear campaigns against several judges. He has contacted
18 judges at home, on their personal cell phones, or by other means in order to question
19 their decisions to take a personal day off or to clear their court calendars. He has
20 been seen in the “back hallway” conversing with judges privately and has commented
21 publicly about conversations that occurred at private judges’ meetings. He
22 purposefully injected himself into at least one specific divorce case by contacting the
23 judge on his personal cell phone in an effort to sway the judge’s decisions on behalf
24 of one of the litigants. And, he “monitors” judges on a near-daily basis, reporting his

1 opinions of judges and their qualifications for retention on the bench on his
2 numerous social media outlets and via email blasts as a mechanism for intimidation.
3 It has been reported that his email blasts are sent to some 60,000 to 80,000
4 recipients and his social medial sites likewise reach tens of thousands of people.

5 Mr. Sanson feels so entitled to “control” the elected judiciary that he invited
6 the judge assigned to his own pending case to appear on his radio show. During the
7 radio show interview with Judge Bailus (who subsequently recused from the *Willick*
8 *v. Sanson* matter), Mr. Sanson questioned the political viability of Judge Bailus’
9 future as a district court judge in future election cycles; the implication was obvious.

10 Mr. Sanson has publicly announced his intentions to try to regulate which
11 candidates are elected / re-elected to the district court bench in the future. He has
12 posted “lists” of judges that he is targeting in the 2020 election cycle—threatening to
13 do the “dirty work” required to get a judiciary that plays by his rules. In an August 2,
14 2016 post on his Facebook Page “War declared on Clark County Nevada Family
15 Court System,” he said:¹

16 I want to make myself Crystal Clear (sic) any attorney who is planning to fill
17 a vacancy or become a candidate for Clark County Family Court Judge and
you are corrupt, unethical or an asshole to litigants. (sic)

18 Don’t waste your time, we are not clearing out bullshit just to fill it with
19 yours!

20 Steve Sanson
President of Veterans In Politics International

21 Regardless of what elected judges might ***privately*** think about Steve Sanson
22 and his sham organization, no one wants to be targeted by one of Mr. Sanson’s well-
23 established “smear campaigns.”

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¹ See Facebook post, dated August 2, 2017, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

1 Mr. Sanson further boasts, in an August 18, 2016 post: ²

2 We are starting to vet attorneys that are interested in the Clark County District
3 Court Family Division Judgeship.

4 If you are interested in becoming a judge within the Family Division and you
5 will have 10 years practicing law within the state of Nevada by January 2020,
6 please contact Steve Sanson at 702 283 8088.

7 The time to start name recognition is NOW!

8 While these posts are targeted towards Family Court, Mr. Sanson does the
9 same with nearly every elected official in Clark County, Nevada. And judges who do
10 not kowtow to Mr. Sanson become subjected to his wrath. He solicits “dirt” on these
11 judges from disgruntled litigants.³ He “observes” their courtrooms and solicits
12 others to join him in doing so.⁴ He publicly criticizes their decisions in the case while
13 reporting skewed and one-sided “facts” to portray the judge in the most negative
14 light possible.⁵ And, he relentlessly posts negative and defamatory material via social
15 media and email blasts against the judicial officer in order to target, harass,
16 intimidate, and terrorize that judicial officer as much as possible, making that
17 elected official’s next campaign dreadful and expensive.

18 Several judges have privately confessed to the undersigned that they do not
19 wish, to the extent that they can avoid it, to become a “target” of Steve Sanson.
20 Further, every political and judicial candidate knows the power of the “veteran’s
21 vote.” For over a decade, VIPI was the only known group that actively pursued and
22 endorsed candidates “on behalf of” veterans; VIPI has even advertised this under the

23 ² See Facebook post, dated August 18, 2017, attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

24 ³ See *generally* Facebook posts and emails from Mr. Sanson, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

1 tag-line of “Judicial Candidates Compete for the Most Valuable Veteran
2 Endorsement in Clark County, Nevada.” Nearly every elected judge in this county—
3 from the municipal court through the appellate courts—has had some contact or
4 relationship with Mr. Sanson and VIPI in some way to gain or maintain their
5 position on the bench.

6 These lawsuits directly challenge the legitimacy of Mr. Sanson and his faux
7 organization, and assert that Mr. Sanson uses VIPI to extort money from politicians,
8 judges, and candidates for his own personal gain and, as relevant in these cases, as
9 the tool of a mercenary who will target anyone if the price is right. Any judge or
10 potential judge who has engaged with Mr. Sanson or VIPI, or who plans to run for
11 re-election, is inherently biased or, at the very least, has the appearance of
12 impropriety, as that judge (or potential judge) is less likely to find that VIPI is a
13 sham organization than if he or she had not engaged or were not seeking re-election
14 and, in turn, the votes and endorsements of this so-called “veteran’s organization.”
15 Further, anyone who voluntarily seeks out or “competes” for the endorsement or
16 support of an organization is necessarily less likely to view his or her own association
17 as illegitimate or the organization’s existence as illegitimate. This is textbook bias,⁶
18 and likely the reason why 14 out of the 32 judges on the civil/criminal bench have
19 already been reassigned from the three cases involving Mr. Sanson filed in the last
20 two years.

21 Based on the facts and arguments herein, it is reasonable to find that nearly
22 the entire judiciary in Clark County has been influenced by Mr. Sanson or VIPI or, at
23 the very least, appears to have been so influenced from a public perception. Any

24 ⁶ *Oxford English Dictionary Online*, 2nd edition, December 2017 (defining bias as, *inter alia*,
“prejudice in favor of or against one thing, person, or group compared with another, usually in a way
considered to be unfair”).

1 decision made by an elected judge or a judge seeking re-election in Clark County will
2 certainly come under scrutiny by many. The cases of *Abrams v. Sanson* and *Willick*
3 *v. Sanson* are being watched closely by thousands of people in the community and
4 are the topic of significant discussion on numerous social media sites. Another
5 defamation case recently filed against Sanson, *DiCiero v. Sanson*,⁷ is now also being
6 closely watched and discussed on social media. These cases have been the topic of
7 the Las Vegas Review Journal's interest, most recently in Jane Ann Morrison's
8 article entitled "Judges' ties with Sanson have courts in tight spot" published on
9 January 20, 2018, discussing the appearance of impropriety of having elected judges
10 hear any of the cases involving the "social media and email bomb thrower" who "sees
11 himself as a political power player" even though "[p]lenty of veterans and political
12 figures see him as a poser."⁸ She concludes that the bouncing of these cases from one
13 elected judge to another due to the appearance of impropriety is an "embarrassment
14 for the judiciary."

15 These cases really need to either be permanently assigned to a senior judge, a
16 judge who sits outside Clark County, or these matters should be transferred to a
17 different judicial district court entirely.

18 **II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

19 **A. Mr. Sanson's History of Attempting to Influence the Judiciary**

20 **1. Judge Duckworth in *Ansell v. Ansell*.**

21 Mr. Sanson has a history of attempting to corrupt sitting judges in pending
22 cases. In the *Order of Recusal* entered by the Honorable Bryce Duckworth in *Irina*

23 ⁷ *Mark DiCiero v. Steve Sanson, et. al.*, Eighth Judicial District Court case number D-18-
24 767961-C

⁸ Morrison, Jane Ann. "Judges' ties with Sanson have courts in tight spot." Las Vegas Review-
Journal, 20 January 2018. See copy attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.

1 *Ansell v. Douglas Ansell*, filed on September 5, 2017, in case number D-15-521960-
2 D, Judge Duckworth made the following findings about Mr. Sanson and VIPI's *ex*
3 *parte* communications with him (emphasis in the original):⁹

4 [N]otwithstanding his self-proclaimed faux cover of seeking to "expose
5 injustice and corruption," Mr. Sanson's sole motivation for
6 communicating with this Court was to intimidate and harass the Court.
7 Mr. Sanson proudly proclaims that he has "declared war" on the Family
8 Court. There is no doubt that the courts are under attack and that the
9 entire judiciary of this great State of Nevada is on notice that, behind
that false banner of "justice and corruption" is an individual and group
who seek to manipulate, intimidate and control. The arsenal of
weapons that Mr. Sanson utilizes include attempts to manipulate,
intimidate and control the judicial process through off-the-record
communications. This case has exposed the reality of his tactics.

10 * * *

11 What should be frightening to this Court (and members of the Nevada
12 judiciary in general) is that Mr. Sanson refused to acknowledge at the
13 August 30, 2017 hearing that his communication with the Court about
14 a pending case was inappropriate. Specifically, Mr. Sanson, through his
15 counsel, suggested it was the Court's fault based on the earlier
conversation cited above. This Court reiterates that it is inappropriate
to communicate with a judicial officer off the record about a pending
case – ***at any time and under any circumstances***. Mr. Sanson's
attempts to deflect blame to the Court are appalling.

16 * * *

17 Is there anything more corrupt than the influence Mr. Sanson sought
18 to exert over the Court? And he proclaims that he seeks to expose
19 corruption? Because this Court called him out on the inappropriateness
20 of his communication and refused to kowtow and cower to his
21 manipulation and control, Mr. Sanson predictably let the Court know
22 that his wrath was coming out against the Court. This type of threat to
23 any judicial officer strikes at the very core of the integrity of the judicial
24 process. Moreover, such threatening behavior is an attempt to
manipulate and control judicial officers if they do not succumb to Mr.
Sanson's desired result.

⁹ See *Order of Recusal* entered by the Honorable Bryce Duckworth in *Irina Ansell v. Douglas Ansell*, filed on September 5, 2017, in case number D-15-521960-D, attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**.

1 When this order and the related hearing started circulating on the internet,
2 Mr. Sanson promptly used VIPI and his “Family Court WAR” movement to launch a
3 smear campaign against Judge Duckworth, accusing him of using the bench to
4 retaliate against VIPI. In a Facebook photo commonly referred to as a “meme,” Mr.
5 Sanson likened Department Q to a dumpster fire.¹⁰

6 As a result of this corrupt behavior, the *Ansell* divorce was permanently
7 assigned to a senior judge.

8 2. Judge Bailus in *Willick v. Sanson*.

9 The complaint in the *Willick v. Sanson* matter was filed on January 2, 2017.
10 After some administrative shuffling between departments (due to multiple recusals
11 by judges who felt that their impartiality might be reasonably questioned due to their
12 prior interactions with Mr. Sanson and VIPI), this matter was assigned to
13 Department 18—which, at the time, was vacant and presided over by rotating senior
14 judges.

15 Shortly after the lawsuit was initiated, Defendants filed a *Special Motion to*
16 *Dismiss Pursuant to NRS 41.650 et. seq.* (“Anti-SLAPP”), which was heard by the
17 Honorable Charles J. Thompson on March 14, 2017. Senior Judge Thompson denied
18 Defendants’ motion, and the Defendants appealed. As of this filing, the appeal is still
19 pending in the Nevada Supreme Court.

20 In August 2017, while the appeal was pending, the Honorable Mark B. Bailus
21 was appointed to the vacant Department 18 seat by Governor Sandoval. Mr. Sanson
22 promptly sought to contact him.

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¹⁰ See Facebook photo posted on a page managed by Mr. Sanson, attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.

1 On November 18, 2017, Defendants sent out a mass marketing email
2 representing that Judge Bailus was scheduled to appear on the VIPI web radio show
3 on November 25, 2017.¹¹ This email blast was disseminated even though Judge
4 Bailus was presiding over a pending case involving Defendants. Between the mass
5 email and the radio show, undersigned counsel learned through a posting on the
6 Facebook page “Nevada Court Watchers” of an email sent by the administrator of
7 that page, Mark DiCiero, to Judge Bailus advising him of the conflict and
8 recommending that he cancel his scheduled appearance.¹² Judge Bailus did not
9 cancel, however, and appeared on Mr. Sanson’s / VIPI’s radio show on November 25,
10 2017.

11 While the instant matters were not directly discussed on air, there was broad
12 conversation about Judge Bailus’ appointment, his judicial style and thought
13 process, his campaigning and financing, and reference to personal communications
14 between him and Mr. Sanson. During the radio show, the following exchange took
15 place (beginning at 00:31:20 in the video):¹³

16 Steve Sanson: You’re in a unique position right now because you just
17 went through the whole appointment process, and
18 you’re going to run next year to retain your
appointment, basically.

19 Judge Bailus: Correct.

20 Steve Sanson: And then, if you’re victorious, then you gotta run two
years from now...

22 ¹¹ See printout of email from Mr. Sanson, dated November 18, 2017, attached hereto as **Exhibit**
23 **7.**

¹² See printout of email from Mr. Mark DiCiero, attached hereto as **Exhibit 8.**

24 ¹³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZE4OGmkWXDg>. In the event this video disappears
from the internet after the filing of this motion, the undersigned has downloaded a copy for
preservation and will provide it upon request.

1 Judge Bailus: That's an interesting situation.

2 Steve Sanson: With all 52 judges.

3 Judge Bailus: Right, apparently, as you know...

4 Steve Sanson: Are you financially and mentally prepared for all of that?

5 Judge Bailus: I... Well, at this point, you're exactly right. When you get
6 appointed, you have to run in the next general election.
7 And, in that case, it will be in 2018. And then it's my
8 understanding that recently, they changed, where we
9 used to have staggered elections for district court
10 judges, and now...

11 Steve Sanson: You know why they did that, right, judge?

12 Judge Bailus: I don't.

13 Steve Sanson: Pay raise.

14 Judge Bailus: Oh really? Oh, I didn't realize that. I thought...

15 Jim Jonas: Because it was a fight like, "I got elected before you..."

16 Steve Sanson: "Why you getting more money than me?"

17 Judge Bailus: I honestly didn't realize that was the reason. I thought
18 maybe they wanted to put everybody on equal footing in
19 2020.

20 Jim Jonas: Follow the money.

21 Judge Bailus: Well, it's going to be interesting because, again, I have to
22 run in 2018 and basically turn right around and run
23 again in 2020.

24 Steve Sanson: Like you're a congressman.

Judge Bailus: Exactly like I'm a congressman. But I don't mind
because I will tell you that I've gone out and met a lot of
good people in the community since I've gotten the
appointment. Because, as a judge, you're somewhat
isolated within the legal community, but that gives you
the opportunity to go out in to the general community
and meet people. **I mean, obviously, I wouldn't be
on this show if I hadn't got the appointment, and
so...**

1 Steve Sanson: You never know. We have attorneys come on here and
2 talk about whatever.

3 Judge Bailus: **Well, you never asked me and I've been around**
4 **forever.**

5 Steve Sanson: Judge, you never ring my phone. You know
6 communication works both ways.

7 Judge Bailus: Absolutely. Absolutely. But I do appreciate the
8 opportunity. I really do.

9 At the end of the 24 minute and 58 second interview, Mr. Sanson instructed
10 Judge Bailus to look at the camera and advertise his re-election campaign. Judge
11 Bailus did so.

12 From the discussions that were broadcast, there were *ex parte*
13 communications between Steve Sanson and Judge Bailus during a time when this
14 case was assigned to Judge Bailus. Also, Steve Sanson offered Judge Bailus
15 something of value—*i.e.*, campaign advertising on air—and Judge Bailus accepted
16 that thing of value by looking into the camera and telling the viewers why they
17 should vote for him.

18 Because Judge Bailus would preside over the dispute between these parties at
19 some point in the future, on November 29, 2017, Plaintiffs Willick and Willick Law
20 Group filed a motion to disqualify Judge Bailus. Though Judge Bailus denied
21 wrongdoing, he acknowledged in his response to the motion that his recusal would
22 be appropriate in order to avoid the “appearance of impropriety.” Though Mr.
23 Sanson fought to keep Judge Bailus (for obvious reasons), the matter was
24 reassigned.

1 After another round of administrative shuffling, the *Willick v. Sanson* matter
2 is now assigned to Department 27, the Honorable Nancy Allf, who herself has
3 recently recused from a matter where Mr. Sanson was a named party because of her
4 relationship with Mr. Sanson and VIPI.¹⁴ On January 14, 2018, Defendants filed a
5 peremptory challenge against Judge Allf, which will likely lead to another round of
6 recusals and administrative reassignments.

7 3. Pushing for Recusals in his “Family Court WAR.”

8 These are far from isolated instances of misconduct by Mr. Sanson and VIPI—
9 it is part and parcel of a deliberate attempt to corrupt judicial proceedings in
10 numerous cases over an extended period of time. It has become Defendants’ strategy
11 in order to obtain the outcome that they desire.

12 As noted by the Administrator of Nevada Court Watchers, Mr. DiCiero,
13 Defendants have “put[] together quite a history of getting recusals for members of
14 his disgruntled War mob – all while crying foul and corruption at the same time.
15 Hypocrisy at its finest.”¹⁵ The observation goes on to identify multiple instances of
16 attempted judge-tampering by the Defendants, including Judge Duckworth in *Ansell*
17 *v. Ansell*, the Honorable Rena Hughes in *Silva v. Silva*, *Wagner v. Marino*, and
18 *Bourn v. Bourn*, Judge Bailus in *Willick v. Sanson*, and the Honorable Linda
19 Marquis in *McDonald v. McDonald*.

20 Sanson even contacted Justice Michael Cherry, asking him to appear on his
21 radio show while three different appeals involving Mr. Sanson are pending in the

22
23 ¹⁴ *Sanson v. Anderson*, case no. A-16-739151-C. This lawsuit was filed after Mr. Sanson’s failed
24 campaign against then-Assemblyman Paul Anderson in District 13. Though Mr. Sanson lost by a
considerable number of votes, he filed a lawsuit accusing the Clark County Clerk’s office of rigging
voting machines.

¹⁵ DiCiero, Mark. (2017, December 27). Nevada Court Watchers [Facebook group]. Retrieved
from <https://www.facebook.com/groups/433293260115971/permalink/1322318161213472/>

1 Nevada Supreme Court. Following receipt of a letter from the undersigned (copied to
2 Mr. Sanson's counsel), Justice Cherry sent an email to both counsel advising that he
3 would not appear on Mr. Sanson's radio show and that he would be seeking guidance
4 from the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline.

5 **B. Judicial "Hot Potato" in Sanson Cases**

6 No sitting elected judge should want to touch *any* case having to do with Mr.
7 Sanson or VIPI. The political risk is too great. If he or she rules against Mr. Sanson
8 or VIPI, he or she will inevitably become his target when up for re-election.

9 The following is a cursory table of each of the 32 judges on the civil/criminal
10 bench in the Eighth Judicial District Court, identifying each judge's connection to
11 Mr. Sanson or VIPI (based on publicly available information) and whether that judge
12 is or has been assigned to one of the three cases involving Mr. Sanson or VIPI (*i.e.*,
13 *Willick v. Sanson*, *Abrams v. Schneider*, and *Sanson v. Anderson*).

14 The right three columns were compiled by searching "[judge's name] Steve
15 Sanson" and "[judge's name] Veterans In Politics" in Google and Facebook, and by
16 reviewing the Nevada Secretary of State's Election Division campaign reporting
17 records. Just that search reveals that numerous judges have paid VIPI for campaign
18 advertising, numerous judges have been endorsed by VIPI, and numerous judges
19 have been on Mr. Sanson's radio show or participated in one of his events. (The
20 judges that have attended Mr. Sanson's fundraisers and other events are not
21 included here but also create an "appearance of impropriety.")

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1	Dept.	JUDGE	Abrams	Willick	Anderson	\$ to VIPI	Endorsed	Radio / Event
2	I	Kenneth C. Cory	Per. Chlg.					x
3	II	Richard Scotti				\$1,800	x	x
4	III	Douglas W. Herndon			Recused	\$150	x	x
5	IV	Kerry Earley		Recused	Recused	\$1,800	x	x
6	V	Carolyn Ellsworth				\$925	x	x
7	VI	Elissa F. Cadish		Recused	Recused	\$350	x	x
8	VII	Linda Marie Bell					x	x
9	VIII	Douglas E. Smith				\$170	x	x
10	IX	Jennifer P. Togliatti						
11	X	Tierra D. Jones						x
12	XI	Elizabeth Gonzalez						
13	XII	Michelle Leavitt	Current			\$300	x	x
14	XIII	Mark R. Denton			Recused			
15	XIV	Adriana Escobar		Recused	Recused			
16	XV	Joe Hardy				\$150	x	x
17	XVI	Timothy C. Williams						x
18	XVII	Michael P. Villani					x	x
19	XVIII	Mark B. Bailus		Recused/D				x
20	XIX	William Kephart		Per. Chlg.		\$1,970	x	x
21	XX	Eric Johnson			Recused			
22	XXI	Valerie Adair	Recused	Recused				x
23	XXII	Susan H. Johnson					x	x
24	XXIII	Stefany Miley			Recused	\$1,150	x	x
25	XXIV	Jim Crockett		Recused		\$2,412	x	x
26	XXV	Kathleen E. Delaney				\$1,000	x	x
27	XXVI	Gloria J. Sturman					x	x
28	XXVII	Nancy L. Allf		Per. Chlg.	Recused		x	x
29	XXVIII	Ronald J. Israel				\$1,000		x
30	XXIX	David Jones		Recused				
31	XXX	Jerry A. Wiese II				\$970	x	x
32	XXXI	Joanna S. Kishner			Recused			
33	XXXII	Rob Bare				\$1,000	x	x

1 This table does not include the dozens of elected judges outside of the
2 civil/criminal bench who have associated with Mr. Sanson or VIPI. It also does not
3 include more personal details about the complicated relationships that Mr. Sanson
4 has gone to great lengths to create with the foregoing judges—including Mr. Sanson’s
5 prior smear campaign against the Honorable Eric Johnson during the 2016 election
6 cycle where his counsel, Ms. Levy, ran against the then-appointed judge; or the
7 number of times that Mr. Sanson has bragged on social media about his
8 “friendships” and “connections” with many sitting civil/criminal court judges. The
9 undersigned has a collection of photographs from Mr. Sanson’s website depicting
10 him hugging, kissing, shaking hands with, and/or standing arm-in-arm with many of
11 the elected judges in the Eighth Judicial District. Again, with these types of publicly
12 available photographs, having an elected judge hear any case involving Mr. Sanson
13 and/or VIPI greatly reduces the public confidence in the judiciary and gives an
14 appearance of impropriety that is palpable.

15 Given how quickly the connections and influence between Mr. Sanson and
16 elected judges became apparent with a simple internet search, it is reasonable that a
17 more detailed search or open discovery will likely detail more direct connections
18 between Mr. Sanson and the elected judiciary. At a minimum, that belief reasonably
19 exists.

20 Because these matters will cycle through the entire judicial district by way of
21 recusals, peremptory challenges, and repetitive motions to disqualify, this *Motion*
22 seeks to spare the waste of judicial resources and alleviate this judicial district of the
23 implied bias or appearance of impropriety that certainly follows Mr. Sanson and
24 VIPI.

1 **III. LAW AND ARGUMENT**

2 Admittedly, this is a very unusual set of circumstances. The Plaintiffs in these
3 cases are asking this Court to take on a heavy task—*i.e.*, declare that implied bias
4 and/or the appearance of impropriety of presiding over cases involving Mr. Sanson
5 and/or VIPI are named parties warrants the disqualification of an entire judicial
6 district of elected judges.

7 If there was a reasonable alternative, this *Motion* would not be necessary;
8 however, to preserve the integrity of the judiciary and in the interest of fair and
9 impartial justice, these matters must be reassigned to senior judges who do not face
10 re-election, or be transferred to a different judicial district where Defendants'
11 influence has not reached. Inconsistencies have already occurred through opposite
12 outcomes of nearly identical motions filed by Mr. Sanson and VIPI in two cases
13 stemming from the same basic fact pattern (*Abrams v. Sanson* and *Willick v.*
14 *Sanson*) – one having been decided by a senior judge (against Mr. Sanson) and the
15 other having been decided by an elected judge (in favor of Mr. Sanson) who, at a
16 minimum, paid \$300 to VIPI in 2008, was “endorsed” by Defendants, and attended
17 one of Mr. Sanson’s events in 2013.

18 **A. This *Motion* should be decided by the Supreme Court**

19 NRS 1.235(5)(b) states that the “[t]he question of the judge’s disqualification
20 must thereupon be heard and determined by another judge agreed upon by the
21 parties or, if they are unable to agree, by a judge appointed: (1) By the presiding
22 judge of the judicial district in judicial districts having more than one judge, or if the
23 presiding judge of the judicial district is sought to be disqualified, by the judge
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1 having the greatest number of years of service; or (2) By the Supreme Court in
2 judicial districts having only one judge.”

3 This *Motion* puts the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court, the
4 Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez, in a conflicted position. While this judicial district
5 certainly has more than one judge, the Plaintiffs in these matters request that every
6 judge on the civil/criminal bench—including the Chief Judge—be disqualified due to
7 the nature of Clark County’s elected judiciary and Defendants’ connections and
8 interactions with judges and judicial candidates. Technically, this Court could assign
9 this *Motion* to the most senior judge on the Family Court bench; however, that, too,
10 would cause a similar ethical dilemma, especially considering that both of these
11 matters arose from Mr. Sanson’s attempt to influence the outcome of a pending
12 Family Court case.

13 The safest, most logical, and just solution would be to ask the Supreme Court
14 to address this *Motion*. The intent behind NRS 1.235(5)(b)(2) is to facilitate a
15 decision when there is no judge left in the district to hear a disqualification motion.
16 The same intent should be applied here. Alternatively, the most senior retired judge
17 or justice should be called upon to decide this *Motion*.

18 **B. The Eighth Judicial District Court elected judiciary should be**
19 **disqualified from these matters, and these matters should either**
20 **be permanently assigned to a senior judge or to a judge outside of**
21 **Clark County.**

22 Cannon 1 of the Code of Judicial Conduct provides:

23 “A judge shall uphold and promote the independence, integrity, and
24 impartiality of the judiciary and shall avoid impropriety and the
appearance of impropriety.”

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1 pursuant to the NCJC must “set forth facts and reasons sufficient to cause a
2 reasonable person to question the judge’s impartiality.”¹⁸

3 A judge shall disqualify himself or herself “in any proceeding in which the
4 judge’s impartiality might reasonably be questioned,” including if the judge “has a
5 personal bias or prejudice concerning a party or a party’s lawyer.”¹⁹ “[W]hether a
6 judge’s impartiality can reasonably be questioned is an objective question[.]”²⁰ In
7 other words, would a reasonable person, knowing all salient facts, “have doubts”
8 about the judge’s impartiality?²¹ ***If it is a close call, the balance tips in favor***
9 ***of recusal.***²²

10 A judge is under “a continuing duty to ask himself what a reasonable person
11 knowing all the relevant facts would think about his impartiality.”²³ This is because
12 the duty to avoid the appearance of impropriety is “self-enforcing.”²⁴ “A judge
13 should disclose on the record information that the judge believes the parties or their
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15 ¹⁸ *Id.*

16 ¹⁹ See NCJC Canon 2, Rule 2.11(A)(1); see also *Rivero v. Rivero*, 125 Nev. 410, 438-39, 216 P.3d
213, 233 (2009) (indicating that there must be a reasonable inference of bias or prejudice stemming
from an extrajudicial source).

17 ²⁰ *City of Las Vegas Downtown Redev. Agency v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 116 Nev. 640, 644, 5
P.3d 1059, 1062 (2000); see also NCJC Canon 1 (noting that a judge must “uphold and promote the
18 independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary and . . . avoid impropriety and the
appearance of impropriety”).

19 ²¹ *Ybarra v. State*, 127 Nev. 47, ___, 247 P.3d 269, 272 (2011); see also NCJC Canon 1, Rule 1.2
cmt. [5] (“The test for appearance of impropriety is whether the conduct would create in reasonable
20 minds a perception that the judge violated [the NCJC] or engaged in other conduct that reflects
adversely on the judge’s honesty, impartiality, temperament, or fitness to serve as a judge.”); see also
Rippo v. State, 113 Nev. 1239, 1249 n.2, 946 P.2d 1017, 1024 n.2 (1997) (stating that the Nevada
21 Supreme Court consults the comments to the NCJC for guidance).

22 ²² *United States v. Holland*, 519 F.3d 909, 912 (9th Cir. 2008) (emphasis added). Because 28
USC § 455 is similar to Rule 2.11 of Canon 2 of the NCJC, the Nevada Supreme Court consults federal
case law for guidance in interpreting and applying Rule 2.11. See, e.g., *Towbin Dodge, LLC*, 121 Nev.
23 at 259-60, 112 P.3d at 1068-69; *Hogan v. Warden*, 112 Nev. 553, 560 n.5, 916 P.2d 805, 809 n.5
(1996).

24 ²³ *United States v. Hines*, 696 F.2d 722, 728 (10th Cir. 1982).

²⁴ *United States v. Sibla*, 624 F.2d 864, 867 (9th Cir. 1980). “Impropriety” includes conduct that
“undermines a judge’s independence, integrity, or impartiality.” NCJC *Terminology*.

1 lawyers might reasonably consider relevant to a possible motion for disqualification,
2 even if the judge believes there is no basis for disqualification.”²⁵

3 Among the three cases to which Mr. Sanson and/or VIPI has been named a
4 party in the past two years, 14 judges (or 43.75% of the civil/criminal bench) have
5 recused or have been otherwise removed. 29 out of the 32 judges (or 90.6%) can
6 easily be traced to having been the recipient of a VIPI endorsement, having used or
7 paid Mr. Sanson during the course of a judicial campaign, and/or having
8 participated in a VIPI event or appeared on Mr. Sanson’s internet radio show. To the
9 public, the collaboration with a “veterans group” could sway votes one way or the
10 other. This is not lost on Mr. Sanson, who for decades has embellished his own
11 record and pushed his faux organization on sitting judges, politicians, and
12 candidates, peddling the “veteran’s endorsement” for his own personal gain.

13 The Nevada Supreme Court has stated that campaign contributions alone do
14 not warrant recusal or disqualification;²⁶ however, there has never been a discussion
15 on how the recipient of campaign *expenditures* and the source of campaign
16 endorsements impacts a judge’s disqualification. Plaintiffs submit that Mr. Sanson
17 and VIPI, as the recipients of campaign expenditures and who actively hand out
18 “veteran endorsements” to judges and candidates, should be more heavily
19 scrutinized. Judges and candidates have sought out the endorsement of Mr. Sanson
20 and VIPI if, for no other reason, to avoid becoming a target of their smear
21 campaigns; they sit on VIPI panels and attend interviews with Mr. Sanson for
22 endorsements; they appear at VIPI events and march with Mr. Sanson in public

23 ²⁵ See NCJC Canon 2, Rule 2.11 cmt. [5]; see also *In re Kensington Int’l Ltd.*, 368 F.3d 289, 313
24 (3d Cir. 2004) (“[I]f there is a burden of disclosure, that burden is to be placed on the judge to
disclose possible grounds for disqualification.”).

²⁶ *Ivey v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct. (Ivey)*, 129 Nev. ____, 299 P.3d 354, 359 (2013).

1 parades; they appear on Mr. Sanson's radio show; they pay large sums of money to
2 VIPI for billboard advertising labeled with "Endorsed by Veterans In Politics
3 International"; and they support Mr. Sanson's organization by paying for and
4 attending his fundraisers and "Valentine's Day Ball."

5 As stated above, Mr. Sanson and VIPI have a detailed history of trying to
6 influence and corrupt judges. Their influence and public connection to nearly the
7 entire judiciary is simply too overwhelming to be overlooked; any decision by a judge
8 on a case in which Mr. Sanson and/or VIPI is a party creates the appearance of
9 impropriety from an objective standpoint. In light of this, Plaintiffs respectfully
10 request orders disqualifying the entire Eighth Judicial District Court elected (or
11 appointed and eligible for election) judiciary, and to permanently assign these
12 matters to a senior judge.

13 Alternatively, these cases should be reassigned to a different judicial district.
14 This request is not intended as a motion to change venue under NRS 13.050, but
15 rather, following the mechanism under NRS 1.235(5)(a) and "request that the judge
16 of another district court" preside over any future hearings or trials in these cases.

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1 **IV. CONCLUSION**

2 Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiffs assert that the entire Eighth Judicial
3 District Court elected judiciary be disqualified from presiding over these matters,
4 and that these matters be permanently reassigned to a senior judge who has no
5 connection to Mr. Sanson or VIPI. Alternatively, these matters should be reassigned
6 to a different judicial district.

7 DATED Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

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STATE OF NEVADA
COUNTY OF CLARK

I, MARSHAL S. WILLICK, being first duly sworn, hereby states:

I make this affidavit, pursuant to NRS 1.235, on behalf of myself and as the principal/owner of Willick Law Group, the other named Plaintiff in case number A-17-750171-C.

I declare that I am competent to testify to the facts contained herein.

I have read the preceding filing and hereby certify that the facts set forth in the Points and Authorities attached thereto are true of my own knowledge, except for those matters therein contained stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true. The factual averments contained in the preceding filing are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2018.

John B. White

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on
this 23rd day of January, 2018, by Marshal S. Willick.

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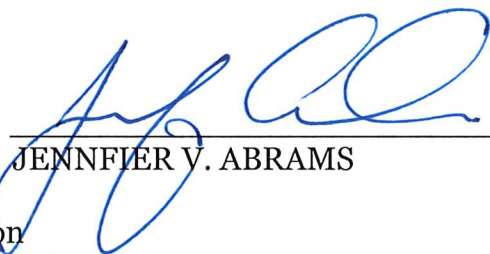
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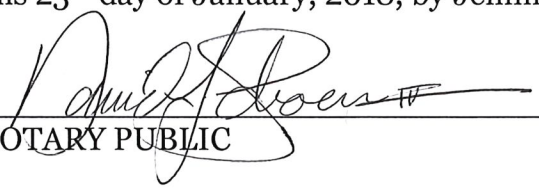
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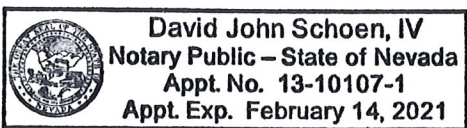
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The attorney general's office said that per office policy, it could neither confirm nor deny whether there is an investigation. The district attorney's office said officials there tried to contact DiCiero twice and received no calls back.

The real battle will be in civil court, once a judge can be found to take the defamation case. But Sanson may find that his attempts to warm up to local judges have backfired if all judges recuse themselves.

What an embarrassment for the judiciary.

Here's the kicker. On Thursday, DiCiero filed his own defamation lawsuit against Sanson and several others, citing comments posted on social media.

Who will take that case?

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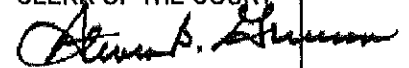


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5 DISTRICT COURT
6 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

7 IRINA ANSELL,)

8 Plaintiff,)

9 v.)

CASE NO. D-15-521960-D

DEPT NO. Q

10 DOUGLAS ANSELL,)

11 Defendant.)

Date of Hearing: August 30, 2017

Time of Hearing: 2:00 p.m.

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14 ORDER OF RECUSAL

15 This matter came on for a hearing before this Court on August 30, 2017. The
16 matters before the Court included:

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- 18 (1) Non-Party, Veterans In Politics International, Inc. and Steve Sanson's
19 Motion to Quash Subpoena Served on Verizon Wireless (Jul.26, 2017);
 - 20 (2) Non-Parties Steve Sanson, Veterans In Politics International, Inc., and
21 Sanson Corporation's Motion to Quash Subpoena Duces Tecum and
22 Deposition Subpoena Served on Steve Sanson on July 22, 2017 (Aug. 4,
23 2017); and
 - 24 (3) This Court's Amended Notice of Rescheduling of Hearing and Setting
25 Calendar Call (Aug. 28, 2017).

26 Associated motions and papers were considered and reviewed by the Court,
27 including requests for attorney's fees and Plaintiff's Motion to Compel (Aug. 10,
28 2017). The discovery issues previously were assigned to be heard by the Discovery
Commissioner on August 20, 2017. The Discovery Commissioner, however, recused

BRYCE C. DUCKWORTH
DISTRICT JUDGE

FAMILY DIVISION, DEPT. Q
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2 and the matter was placed on this Court's calendar on the above-referenced date.
3 Plaintiff did not appear personally, but was represented by her attorney, Marshal
4 Willick, Esq. Defendant did not appear personally, but was represented by his
5 attorney, John Jones, Esq. Steve Sanson appeared personally and with his attorney,
6 Anat Levy, Esq.
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8 As previously noted, this Court reviewed a multitude of papers filed by and on
9 behalf of Plaintiff and Mr. Sanson or Veterans In Politics International (hereinafter
10 referred to individually and collectively as "Mr. Sanson") in preparation for the hearing.
11 This Court's preparation included review of the Omnibus Supplemental Declaration
12 of Steve Sanson in Support of: Motions to Quash Subpoenas Duces Tecum Served on
13 Verizon Wireless and Steve Sanson and Deposition Subpoena Served on Steve on July
14 22, 2017; Motion for Attorneys Fees (Aug. 22, 2017) (hereinafter referred to as Mr.
15 Sanson's "Sworn Declaration"). Therein, Mr. Sanson described his off-the-record
16 communications with this Court about this matter. Upon reviewing Mr. Sanson's
17 Sworn Declaration, this Court determined that it should recuse from any further
18 proceedings in this matter. This determination is based on the findings stated on the
19 record at the August 30, 2017 hearing and additional findings stated herein.
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24 It is undisputed that Defendant designated Mr. Sanson as a witness. Moreover,
25 although Mr. Jones argued it was unlikely, Defendant could not definitively rule out
26 the possibility that Mr. Sanson might be called as a witness in future proceedings. It
27 also is undisputed that Mr. Sanson made specific reference to this case in a
28 communication directed at this Court off the record. In fact, this Court scheduled an

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2 immediate hearing in May 2017 to address Mr. Sanson's ex-parte communication with
3 the Court.¹ Mr. Sanson's filing of his Sworn Declaration, however, was the first
4 instance in which this Court became aware that Mr. Sanson had stated in writing the
5 nature of his communications with the Court.
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7 This Court noted that it was unaware of any legal authority that would excuse
8 someone from a deposition who had been designated as a witness in the matter. This
9 Court also noted its concern that the Subpoena Duces Tecum served on Mr. Sanson
10 was overbroad and should be narrowed significantly. Because, however, this Court
11 recognized the conflict created by Mr. Sanson's Sworn Declaration, the Court did not
12 rule on the discovery motions and determined that the Court's recusal from this matter
13 was appropriate.
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16 In Mr. Sanson's Sworn Declaration, he acknowledged that he asked the
17 Court off the record: "Why do you allow Marshal Willick to get away with so much
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25 ¹At the May 17, 2017 hearing, this Court disclosed Mr. Sanson's communications with
26 the Court. This Court also noted for the record the nature of the Court's relationship with Mr.
27 Sanson in the past. This has included this Court's endorsement by Veterans in Politics as a
28 candidate for office and his prior professional communications about general issues (including
Mr. Sanson repeatedly stating that he believed this Court should serve as the presiding judge
in the Family Division). At the time of the May 2017 communication, Mr. Sanson was aware
that litigation before the Court should never be discussed. Thus, any communication about
a specific case was completely unexpected.

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2 crap in Doug Ansell's case?"² For sake of completeness, the text messages and
3 telephone communication between Mr. Sanson and the Court took place as follows:

- 4 • On May 11, 2017 at 8:20 p.m., Mr. Sanson texted: "Judge I need to
5 speak to you."
- 6 • On May 12, 2017 at 6:52 a.m., the Court texted Mr. Sanson: "What do
7 you need to talk about?"
- 8 • On May 12, 2017 at 9:29 a.m., Mr. Sanson responded with: "Call me at
9 your convenience or we can grab a cup of tea."
- 10 • The Court called Mr. Sanson on May 13, 2017. After prefatory remarks
11 that included Mr. Sanson declaring that this Court should be the
12 presiding judge in the family division, Mr. Sanson, without prompting,
13 asked: "Why do you allow Marshal Willick to get away with so much
14 "crap" in Doug Ansell's case?"

15 ²On a number of occasions, this Court has lamented that *both* parties have engaged in,
16 to borrow Mr. Sanson's term, "crap" during this case. This Court repeatedly has chastised both
17 sides for their practice of hyperbole and exaggeration. Mr. Willick has almost incessantly
18 argued that this Court has allowed Defendant (Mr. Ansell) to get away with "crap" without
19 repercussion. Both Mr. Willick and Mr. Jones are adept at selectively handpicking those areas
20 of perceived wrongdoing of the other side and advocating through their myopic lenses. On Mr.
21 Jones' part, this was exemplified during the August 30, 2017 hearing through his argument that
22 the Court had given Plaintiff a "free pass" with respect to her alleged violation of the Order to
23 Seal Records (Oct. 16, 2015) (hereinafter referred to as the "Sealing Order"). The Sealing
24 Order *drafted and submitted by Defendant (Mr. Ansell)*, ordered that "all papers, records,
25 proceedings and evidence, including exhibits and transcripts of testimony in the above-entitled
26 matter, be, and the same hereby are, sealed and shall not be opened to inspection *except by the*
27 *parties* and their attorneys, or when required as evidence in another action or proceeding."
28 (Emphasis added). Mr. Jones' argument in Court notwithstanding, this matter was adjudicated
by the Court. See Order (Aug. 30, 2016). Thus, the Sealing Order *drafted and submitted by*
Defendant (Mr. Ansell), did not prohibit the conduct about which Defendant complained. NRS
125.110 provides that the papers sealed "shall not be open to inspection except *to* the parties
and their attorneys." The Sealing Order *prepared by Defendant* changed the statutory language
and provided that the papers sealed "shall not be opened to inspection except *by* the parties
and their attorneys." Recognizing the error of his own drafting, Defendant (Mr. Ansell)
submitted a second Order to Seal Records (Nov. 23, 2016). Mr. Jones knew these facts when
he lambasted the Court during the August 30, 2017 hearing for purportedly allowing Plaintiff
to violate a Sealing Order that did not proscribe the alleged conduct. Apart from these
examples of "crap," the Court has endured "crap" from *both* parties throughout this litigation.

- After immediately terminating the call, this Court texted Mr. Sanson as follows: "Please do not ever talk to me again about a pending case before me. I hold you in higher esteem than that. I'm sorry to end the call so abruptly. My integrity means too much to me than to be influenced by others outside of the courtroom and it shakes the very core of our system when anyone communicates with a judicial officer in this fashion. It simply cannot happen. I know that you know that and I have always trusted your judgment in that regard."
- Mr. Sanson's immediate text response reads: "You asked me a question because of our relationship I gave you my honest answer, so you can understand what direction we are headed."

This Court scheduled a hearing immediately (heard on May 17, 2017) to disclose the improper communication. Based on Mr. Sanson's testimony on August 30, 2017, he admitted that his communication with the Court was not intended to relay specific factual information about the Ansell case. When offered the opportunity to provide specific examples of "crap" perpetrated by Mr. Willick (such as a miscalculation by Mr. Willick, a fabricated fact, or some other specific example of "crap"), Mr. Sanson had nothing specific. As such, *the only purpose of his communication with the Court was to influence and intimidate the Court through a corrupt communication outside of court.*

Mr. Sanson could have limited his communication with the Court to a *general* accusation that Mr. Willick "gets away with crap," and left it at that.³ If Mr. Sanson's sole motivation was merely to attack Mr. Willick *in general* and not to influence the

³Based on the papers filed herein, this Court is aware that litigation is pending between Mr. Willick and Mr. Sanson. This Court's familiarity with this civil matter is limited to the disclosures contained in the papers filed in the Ansell matter. The animosity resulting from this civil litigation is palpable. Nevertheless, this animosity is not an excuse to attempt to manipulate and intimidate this Court – *particularly in regards to a specific case.*

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2 Court about a specific case, he could have done so. Although such communication
3 remains improper, it is more egregious that Mr. Sanson *knowingly and intentionally*
4 *identified Doug Ansell's case*. It also is significant that Mr. Sanson's response was not
5 to offer an apology, or to assure the Court that he would refrain from doing so again.
6 Even at the August 30, 2017 hearing, Mr. Sanson remained unapologetic. In fact, his
7 demeanor and conduct was defiant, even lashing out at Mr. Willick to the point of
8 being admonished by the Court. Instead of apologizing to the Court, his follow-up
9 communication was a veiled threat to the Court. This threat by Mr. Sanson, as stated
10 by Mr. Sanson and interpreted by the Court, was to harass the Court and to hurl
11 baseless and defamatory accusations about the Court.
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14 Mr. Sanson argues that his organization "exposes public corruption and
15 injustices." Further, despite the fact that Mr. Ansell designated Mr. Sanson as *his*
16 witness, Mr. Sanson states with emphasis that neither he nor VIPI "*have anything to do*
17 *with this case*." To reiterate for the record, Mr. Sanson intentionally interjected himself
18 into this matter by communicating with the Court in reference to this specific case.
19 Plaintiff understandably and justifiably has sought to determine the full extent of such
20 off-the-record communications. To be clear, however, Mr. Sanson's involvement in this
21 matter is not about exposing "injustice" or corruption. Mr. Sanson acknowledged that
22 he had never met Plaintiff and proclaimed that he meant her no "ill will." Indeed, Mr.
23 Sanson appeared to be unaware that Defendant (Doug Ansell) was the prevailing party
24 with respect to the child custody issues in this case – an issue that is of the highest
25 significance in *most* cases.
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2 As noted previously, when given the opportunity at the August 30, 2017 hearing
3 to explain the "crap" that was occurring in the Ansell matter, Mr. Sanson was unable
4 to identify any singular fact. As such, notwithstanding his self-proclaimed faux cover
5 of seeking to "expose injustice and corruption," Mr. Sanson's sole motivation for
6 communicating with this Court was to intimidate and harass the Court. Mr. Sanson
7 proudly proclaims that he has "declared war" on the Family Court. There is no doubt
8 that the courts are under attack and that the entire judiciary of this great State of
9 Nevada is on notice that, behind that false banner of "justice and corruption" is an
10 individual and group who seek to manipulate, intimidate and control. The arsenal of
11 weapons that Mr. Sanson utilizes include attempts to manipulate, intimidate and
12 control the judicial process through off-the-record communications. This case has
13 exposed the reality of his tactics.

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17 Rather than apologize for his unethical and corrupt conduct, *Mr. Sanson has the*
18 *audacity to blame this Court for his improper communication.* Specifically, Mr. Sanson
19 alleges under oath in his Sworn Declaration that his off-the-record *question* to the Court
20 was somehow an answer to a same-day related conversation. The timing of this entire
21 narrative offered by Mr. Sanson is significant as it belies Mr. Sanson's story. Mr.
22 Sanson alleges in his Sworn Declaration that his originating text message took place on
23 the *same day* as a conversation with the Court in the courtroom (i.e., May 11, 2017).
24 To this end, Mr. Sanson's narrative suggests that his text message was intended merely
25 to follow-up on a conversation earlier that same day. Mr. Sanson's narrative, however,
26 is a *factual impossibility*. In this regard, May 11, 2017 was this Court's Chamber
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2 Calendar day. No hearings were scheduled in Department Q on May 11, 2017. There
3 was no conversation on May 11, 2017 as Mr. Sanson has alleged.⁴ Regardless, even if
4 Mr. Sanson's sworn recitation of facts is believed, his communication with the Court
5 *remains improper.*
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7 What should be frightening to this Court (and members of the Nevada judiciary
8 in general), is that Mr. Sanson refused to acknowledge at the August 30, 2017 hearing
9 that his communication with the Court about a pending case was inappropriate.
10 Specifically, Mr. Sanson, through his counsel, suggested it was the Court's fault based
11 on the earlier conversation cited above. This Court reiterates that it is inappropriate
12 to communicate with a judicial officer off the record about a pending case – *at any*
13 *time and under any circumstances.* Mr. Sanson's attempts to deflect blame to the
14 Court are appalling.
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16 This Court's abrupt termination of the telephone call and immediate text to Mr.
17 Sanson that his communication was inappropriate was not Mr. Sanson's desired
18 response or reaction from the Court. It is now obvious that Mr. Sanson was looking
19 for a response from the Court more along the lines of: "I'm so sorry Mr. Sanson, I'll
20 make sure that Mr. Willick doesn't get his way," or, "I'm so sorry Mr. Sanson, I'll make
21 sure Mr. Ansell comes out on top," or even, "message received Mr. Sanson." *Is there*
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27 "This is not simply a matter of "oops, I got the date wrong." Any change to the date
28 changes the entire narrative and creates a logical disconnection in time. This Court's staff
checked the videotape of the hearings in all cases held in Department Q on the preceding
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of that same week and was unable to find Mr. Sanson in
the gallery at the beginning or conclusion of any case.

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2 *anything more corrupt than the influence Mr. Sanson sought to exert over the Court?*

3 And he proclaims that he seeks to expose corruption? Because this Court called him
4 out on the inappropriateness of his communication and refused to kowtow and cower
5 to his manipulation and control, Mr. Sanson predictably let the Court know that his
6 wrath was coming out against the Court. This type of threat to any judicial officer
7 strikes at the very core of the integrity of the judicial process. Moreover, such
8 threatening behavior is an attempt to manipulate and control judicial officers if they
9 do not succumb to Mr. Sanson's desired result.
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12 Mr. Jones argued that there is no evidence that Defendant had anything to do
13 with Mr. Sanson's communication with the Court or that he put Mr. Sanson "up to it."
14 Mr. Jones is correct that there was no testimony offered that indicates that Defendant
15 is responsible for Mr. Sanson's behavior. Defendant did not appear at the hearing to
16 offer his version of events. Although this Court is unable to attribute Mr. Sanson's
17 actions to Defendant directly, this Court notes that Mr. Sanson's communication with
18 the Court was not the first, nor the second, occasion in which the Court has received
19 outside communications about Defendant.⁵
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23 ⁵This Court previously disclosed at a prior hearing that an individual recently employed
24 by Defendant was this Court's direct ecclesiastical leader (Kurt Teshima). This Court disclosed
25 to the parties that the Court holds Mr. Teshima in high esteem. These disclosures were made
26 for full transparency in the event that either party desired that the Court recuse from the
27 matter. Mr. Willick offered (as an offer of proof) at the August 30, 2017 hearing that
28 Defendant, *together with Mr. Sanson*, had a breakfast meeting with Mr. Teshima. As an
additional offer of proof, when Defendant and Mr. Sanson attempted to discuss the divorce,
Mr. Teshima redirected the conversation to business matters. This Court is not surprised by
this redirection by Mr. Teshima and emphasizes that at no time has Mr. Teshima *ever* discussed
this matter with the Court. This Court has never felt any pressure or attempts to influence the
path of this case from Mr. Teshima.

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2 This Court recognizes the judicial duty to sit. Mr. Sanson's Sworn Declaration
3 filed on August 22, 2017, however, creates a conflict for the Court. Moreover, it has
4 become evident based on the history of this matter that any decision by this Court that
5 favors Defendant in any manner is perceived by Plaintiff as being influenced by
6 something that has happened outside of this courtroom. Similarly, Defendant may
7 have the perception that, because this Court has declared its disgust and disdain for
8 outside efforts to influence this matter, the Court is somehow overcompensating to
9 counter Plaintiff's perception. These perceptions (although untrue on both accounts)
10 are unfair to both parties. Accordingly, it is appropriate that this Court recuse from
11 this matter.
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14 Finally, because there have been outside attempts to influence this Court in this
15 matter, complete transparency is warranted to maintain public confidence in the
16 administration of justice. Notably, Mr. Sanson (through counsel) argued that this
17 matter was improperly sealed. To clarify this Court's findings at the August 30, 2017
18 hearing, this Court concurs that the hearings in this matter and orders entered by the
19 Court should not be sealed and should be available for public inspection. However,
20 this Court recognizes that filings of the parties and experts contain sensitive
21 information related to both custody issues and financial issues. Consistent with NRS
22 125.110, those papers should remain sealed.
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2 Based on the foregoing, and good cause appearing therefor,

3 It is hereby ORDERED that this Court RECUSE from this case. It is further
4 ORDERED that, to the extent possible, this matter be referred to the Senior Judge
5 Program for further proceedings.
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7 It is further ORDERED that the hearings pending before this Court, including
8 trial dates and hearings related to discovery issues, should be re-calendared upon the
9 reassignment of this matter.
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11 It is further ORDERED that the hearing videos and orders entered by this Court
12 should be unsealed.

13 DATED this 5th day of September, 2017.
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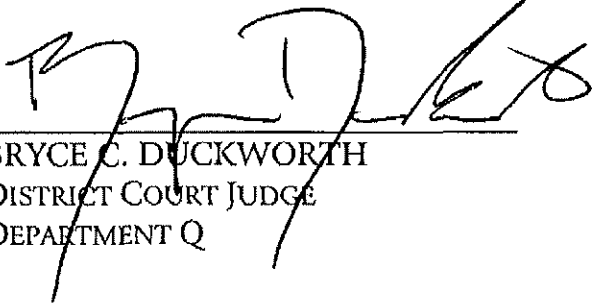
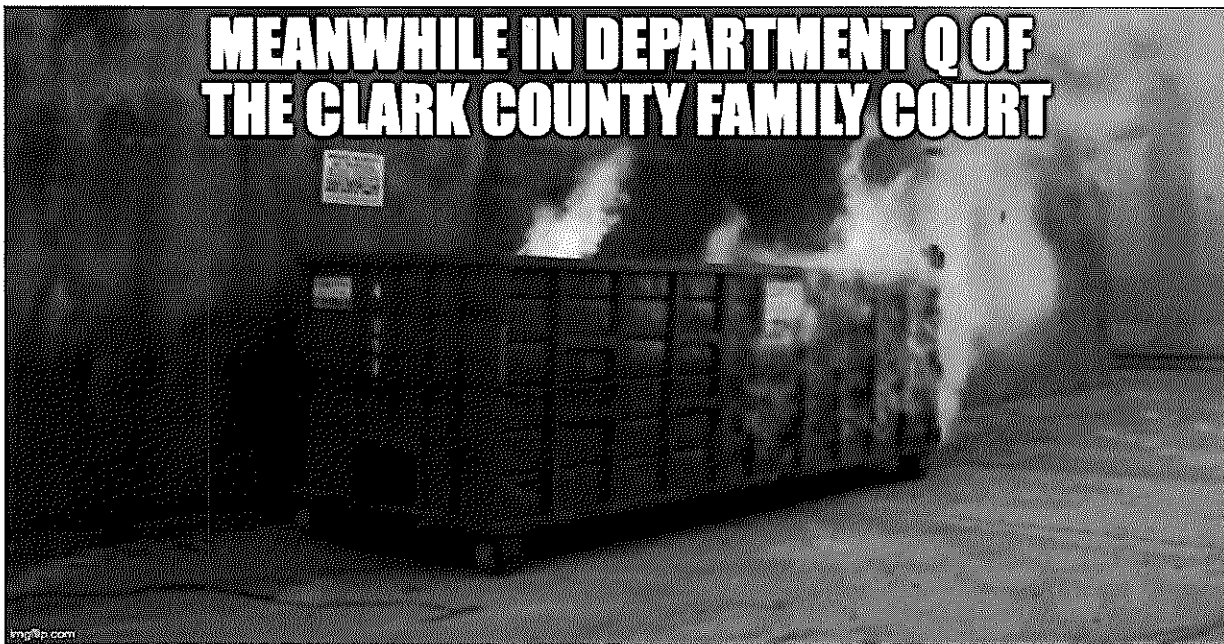
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Family Court Judge Bryce Duckworth was endorsed by Veterans In Politics International, when he first ran for office and we helped work to get him into office. We also recommended him to be the Presiding Judge over Family Court. But somewhere along the way something happened and as an organization, we are sickened by many of his rulings, his lack of ability to control his courtroom and he repeatedly fails to hold litigants in contempt when they violate the court orders — with Steve Sanson.



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Date	Time Expended	Billor	Rate	Description	Total
5/25/2017	1.8	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Revise reply to motion to seal re Saiter documents. Draft reply ISO Motion to Strike. Revise reply re 12(b)(5) draft.	\$810.00
5/26/2017	4.7	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Attention to reply to opposition to anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss: draft sections regarding what constitutes a public interest and address Plaintiffs' argument re "republishing."	\$1,645.00
5/26/2017	0.9	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Work on reply; follow up re deadline for same.	\$405.00
5/26/2017	0.2	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Finalize, file, and serve (electronic and mail) Defendants Steve W. Sanson and Veterans in Politics International, Inc.'s Request to Unseal Exhibit 13 to their Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.660 (anti-SLAPP).	\$30.00
5/30/2017	1.4	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Research for reply to opposition to motion to dismiss re verification of facts.	\$490.00
5/30/2017	1.8	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Expand section in reply to opposition to motion to dismiss re failure to state a claim for defamation.	\$630.00
5/30/2017	1.2	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Attention to response to argument in Plaintiffs' opposition to Anti-SLAPP regarding right to limited discovery. Review section in opposition re limited discovery. Legal research re same. Draft section.	\$420.00
5/30/2017	2.8	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Resume drafting reply to opposition to Anti-SLAPP motion: re-read opposition section regarding publication. Research arguments in opposition. Re-draft section on republication. Review drafted arguments re Anti-SLAPP elements and email to Ms. McLetchie.	\$980.00
5/30/2017	2	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Edit and finalize omnibus replies to motions to dismiss, motion to strike.	\$350.00
5/30/2017	3.8	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Editing and revising of reply. Circulate to client. Attention to motion for excess pages.	\$1,710.00

MCLETCHIE SHELL

Date	Time Expended	Biller	Rate	Description	Total
5/30/2017	2.3	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Finalize (proof, format, create tables of contents and tables of authorities), file and serve/mail VIPI Defendants' Omnibus Reply to: (1) Plaintiff's Opposition to Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. 41.660 (Anti-SLAPP); and (2) Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss and Countermotion for Attorney's Fees.	\$345.00
5/30/2017	0.2	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Finalize, file, and serve/mail Reply to Plaintiffs' Opposition to Motion to Strike and Opposition to Plaintiff's Countermotion for Attorney's Fees.	\$30.00
5/30/2017	0.5	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Draft, incorporate Ms. McLetchie's edits, file, and serve/mail Motion for Excess Pages re Omnibus Reply.	\$75.00
5/31/2017	0.8	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Create hard-copy courtesy copies of entire briefing to Honorable Judge Leavitt in preparation of upcoming motions hearing. Direct Ms. Lopez (admin) to delivery to Department 12.	\$120.00
6/1/2017	0.3	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Dropped off three binders of Motion to Dismiss at the Las Vegas Regional Justice Center: 200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV, 89101 department 12.	\$7.50
6/1/2017	0.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Email client file-stamped copies of recent pleadings in Abrams v. Schneider et al. case.	\$15.00
6/4/2017	5.3	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Assist Ms. McLetchie in preparing for 6/5 hearing by charting out, summarizing and gathering quotes from cases relevant to arguments, charting out how to argue that each allegedly defamatory statement is non actionable.	\$927.50
6/4/2017	8.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Hearing preparation. Review all materials and prepare outline.	\$3,690.00
6/5/2017	4.4	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Prepare for hearing; attend hearing/argue.	\$1,980.00

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Date	Time Expended	Biller	Rate	Description	Total
6/6/2017	0.8	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Preliminary review of Plaintiffs' supplemental opposition. Research re same.	\$360.00
6/7/2017	1	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Read supplement to Plaintiffs' omnibus opposition. Draft initial portion of response. Email to Ms. McLetchie.	\$350.00
6/7/2017	2.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review and analyze supplemental opposition. Work on supplemental reply addressing: (1) supp. opp. filed by Plaintiffs; (2) issues re publication of mass emails. Client declaration.	\$945.00
6/8/2017	5.6	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Research and drafting of supplemental reply; review and edit.	\$2,520.00
6/9/2017	0.3	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Proofread response to supplement to omnibus opposition.	\$105.00
6/9/2017	3.4	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Further revising of supplemental reply; add discussion re /exhibits/revise declaration re assertion that Mr. Saiter requested take-down.	\$1,530.00
6/9/2017	1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Finalize, file, and serve/mail VIPI Defendants' Supplement to VIPI Defendants' Omnibus Reply to: (1) Plaintiffs' Opposition to Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. 41.660 (Anti-SLAPP); and (2) Plaintiffs' Opposition to Motion to Dismiss and Countermotion for Attorneys' Fees. Meeting with client.	\$150.00
6/12/2017	0.4	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Dropped off: VIPI Defendants' Supplement to VIPI Defendants' Omnibus Reply to: (1) Plaintiffs' Opposition to Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat 41.600 (Anti - SLAPP); and (2) Plaintiffs' Opposition to Motion to Dismiss and Countermotion for Attorneys' Fees at the Las Vegas Regional Justice Center: 200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV, 89101 department 12.	\$10.00
6/22/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Attention to fee application issues.	\$90.00

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Date	Time Expended	Biller	Rate	Description	Total
6/22/2017	0.6	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review minutes. Call with client. Take call from reporter.	\$270.00
6/27/2017	0.9	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Begin drafting proposed order granting anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$315.00
6/28/2017	0.6	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Resume drafting proposed order.	\$210.00
6/28/2017	0.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Respond to opposing counsel request re review order.	\$45.00
6/28/2017	0.3	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Emails with client.	\$135.00
6/29/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Emails with client.	\$90.00
6/29/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Attention to preliminary work on fees motion, and research re same.	\$90.00
7/3/2017	2.1	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Draft proposed order granting VIPI Defendants' anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$735.00
7/3/2017	1.5	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Incorporate Ms. McLetchie's and Mr. Wolpert's edits into proposed order.	\$525.00
7/3/2017	2.8	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Per Ms. McLetchie's request, expand proposed order granting anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$980.00
7/3/2017	0.5	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Per Ms. Shell's request, proofread order granting anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$87.50
7/3/2017	0.9	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Direct Ms. Shell re expanding order. Email to counsel for Schneider. Email to opposing counsel.	\$405.00
7/5/2017	0.5	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Made payment for transcript (June 5, 2017 hearing) to Clark County Treasurer, and LGM Transcription Services at the Regional Justice Center: 200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV, 89101.	\$12.50
7/5/2017	0.8	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Review transcript of 6/27/17 hearing on anti-SLAPP motion. Incorporate facts from transcript into proposed order granting anti-SLAPP motion.	\$280.00
7/5/2017	0.4	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Edit and proofread order granting anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$70.00

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Date	Time Expended	Billor	Rate	Description	Total
7/5/2017	1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Revise draft proposed order and provide to C.J. Potter, and to opposing counsel.	\$450.00
7/5/2017	0.4	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Finalize Proposed Order and letter from Ms. McLetchie to Mr. Gilmore; send re same.	\$60.00
7/6/2017	0.7	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Dropped off letter address to Judge Leavitt dated July, 6, 2017 at the Regional Just Center: 200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV, 89101 Department 12.	\$17.50
7/6/2017	0.3	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Emails and call with opposing counsel, Josh Gilmore, re extension of deadline to submit proposed order. Edit draft letter to chambers re same/ approve and sign.	\$135.00
7/6/2017	0.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Finalize and send (via email) Ms. McLetchie's letter to Honorable Judge Leavitt re extension of time to submit proposed order.	\$15.00
7/13/2017	0.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Provide client with copies of Mr. Gilmore's edits to Ms. McLetchie's proposed order.	\$15.00
7/14/2017	1	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Review Mr. Gilmore's redlines to draft proposed order. Edit and send to Ms. McLetchie for review.	\$350.00
7/14/2017	0.3	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Attention to issues re proposed order, edits from opposing counsel. Review same.	\$135.00
7/14/2017	0.4	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Draft and send (hand-deliver and email) letter to Judge Leavitt with proposed order. Prepare proposed order to be submitted to Court. Email same to opposing counsel. Email client re same.	\$60.00
7/19/2017	0.2	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Draft Stipulation and Proposed Order re extension of deadline to file Motion for Attorney's Fees Application pursuant to NRS 41.670.	\$30.00

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Date	Time Expended	Biller	Rate	Description	Total
7/20/2017	0.5	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Dropped off: Stipulation and [Proposed] Order at the Las Vegas Regional Justice Center: 200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV, 89101 Department 12.	\$12.50
7/20/2017	0.5	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Picked up: Mr. Potter's signature at: 1125 Shadow Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89102 for Stipulation and [Proposed] Order.	\$12.50
7/20/2017	0.5	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Picked up: Stipulation and Proposed Order at Bailey Kennedy Attorneys at Law: 8984 Spanish Ridge Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89148.	\$12.50
7/20/2017	0.1	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Phone call to co-defendant counsel CJ Potter regarding stipulation to extend date for motion for fees.	\$35.00
7/20/2017	0.4	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Redline Mr. Gilmore's re-draft of stipulation to extend. Phone call with Mr. Gilmore re same. Review follow-up email from Mr. Gilmore.	\$140.00
7/20/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Attention to stipulation.	\$90.00
7/24/2017	0.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Approve NEOJ.	\$45.00
7/24/2017	0.4	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	File Order Granting VIPI Defendants' Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. 41.660 (Anti-SLAPP); draft, file, and serve/mail Notice of Entry of Order re same; email client re same.	\$60.00
7/25/2017	0.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Emails re deadline for attorney fee / other NRS award application.	\$45.00
7/26/2017	0.4	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Picked up: Stipulated and [Proposed] Order at the Las Vegas Regional Justice Center: 200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV, 89101 Department 12.	\$10.00
7/26/2017	0.3	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	File Stipulation and Order (extension motion for attorneys' fees); draft, file, and serve/mail Notice of Entry of Order re same. Update calendar deadlines accordingly.	\$45.00
8/4/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Call with client.	\$90.00

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Date	Time Expended	Billor	Rate	Description	Total
8/7/2017	0.9	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Research re application for attorney's fees.	\$405.00
8/7/2017	0.3	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Call with Mr. C.J. Potter; attention to editing stipulation for extension drafted by paralegal; various communications re same.	\$135.00
8/8/2017	0.2	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Picked up: Stipulation and [Proposed] Order at the Las Vegas Regional Justice Center: 200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV, 89101 Department 12.	\$5.00
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8/8/2017	0.4	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Picked up: Mr. Potter's signature for a Stipulation and [Proposed] Order at Potter Law Offices: 1125 Shadow Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89102.	\$10.00
8/8/2017	0.4	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Picked up: Stipulation and [Proposed] Order at Potter Law Offices: 1125 Shadow Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89102.	\$10.00
8/8/2017	0.8	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Picked up: Stipulation and [Proposed] Order at Bailey Kennedy, LLP: 8984 Spanish Ridge Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89148.	\$20.00
8/8/2017	0.4	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Dropped off: Stipulation and [Proposed] Order at the Las Vegas Regional Justice Center: 200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV, 89101 Department 12.	\$10.00
8/8/2017	0.1	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Phone call with CJ Potter re obtaining new signature on stipulation to extend time for filing motion for attorney's fees. Email update to Ms. McLetchie re same.	\$35.00
8/8/2017	0.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Email from opposing counsel; follow-up re extension.	\$45.00
8/16/2017	0.1	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Attention to obtaining costs documentation.	\$35.00

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Date	Time Expended	Biller	Rate	Description	Total
8/17/2017	0.6	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Picked up: Stipulation and [Proposed] Order at the Las Vegas Regional Justice Center: 200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV, 89101 Department 12.	\$15.00
8/17/2017	0.1	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Phone call from Ira Victor regarding invoice for services.	\$35.00
8/17/2017	0.3	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	File Stipulation and Order. Draft, file, and serve/mail Notice of Entry of Order re same. Update calendar accordingly.	\$45.00
8/21/2017	6.2	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Attention to attorney's fees motion: legal research regarding appropriate work to include in request fees in Anti-SLAPP cases. Draft motion for attorney's fees and discuss same with Ms. McLetchie. Confer with CJ Potter regarding whether an additional extension of time is necessary in light of Cal Potter's health issues. Email and voicemail to Josh Gilmore re same. Review costs incurred in litigation for inclusion in Motion. Circulate to Ms. McLetchie and Mr. Wolpert for review.	\$2,170.00
8/22/2017	0.5	Admin Admin	\$15.00	Picked up: Mr. Potter's signature at the Potter Law Offices: 1125 Shadow Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89102 for the Stipulation and [Proposed] Order.	\$7.50
8/22/2017	0.6	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Picked up: Signed Stipulation and [Proposed] at Bailey Kennedy: 8984 Spanish Ridge Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89148.	\$15.00
8/22/2017	0.6	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Dropped off: Stipulation and [Proposed] Order at the Las Vegas Regional Justice Center: 200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV, 89101 Department 12.	\$15.00

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Date	Time Expended	Billor	Rate	Description	Total
8/22/2017	0.2	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Draft stipulation to extend deadline for filing motions pursuant to NRS 41.670. Circulate to parties.	\$70.00
8/22/2017	0.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Confer with Ms. Shell re extension.	\$45.00
8/31/2017	0.5	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Picked up: Stipulation and [Proposed] Order that the Las Vegas Regional Justice Center: 200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV, 89101 Department 12.	\$12.50
8/31/2017	0.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review approved order on schedule for fees and costs application.	\$45.00
8/31/2017	0.3	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	File Stipulation and Order (third extension re attorney's fees application). Draft, file, and serve/mail Notice of Entry of Order re same. Update calendar accordingly.	\$45.00
9/1/2017	0.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Email to client.	\$15.00
9/11/2017	0.1	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Phone call to Mr. Gilmore regarding settlement statement due on 9/15. Left voicemail.	\$35.00
9/11/2017	0.5	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Review and make revisions to motion for attorney's fees. Edit declaration in support of fees for Ms. England's signature. Email both to Ms. McLetchie for review.	\$175.00
9/11/2017	0.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Approve notice of entry of order.	\$45.00
9/11/2017	0.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Confer with Ms. Shell re assignment to settlement judge.	\$45.00
9/11/2017	1.5	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Attention to work for attorney fee application.	\$675.00
9/12/2017	0.9	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Edit time entry spreadsheet for inclusion in fee application.	\$315.00
9/12/2017	0.3	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Edit declaration for Mr. Sanson. Meet with Mr. Sanson re same.	\$105.00

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Date	Time Expended	Billor	Rate	Description	Total
9/12/2017	0.3	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Additional edits to Ms. England's declaration in support of attorney/paralegal rates.	\$105.00
9/12/2017	4.5	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Revise motion for attorney's fees and costs. Compile exhibits. Finalize and file motion and exhibits.	\$1,575.00
9/12/2017	2.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Attorney fee application	\$990.00
9/12/2017	2.0	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Edit and review costs/fees for attorney fee application.	\$350.00
				TOTAL	\$91,090.00

TOTALS BY BILLER:

Billor	Time Expended (Hours)	Total Billed
Pharan Burchfield	26.8	\$4020.00
Gabriel Czop	5.2	\$490.00
Daniela Lopez (Admin Admin)	9.9	\$242.50
Margaret McLetchie	106.5	\$47,925.00
Alina Shell	55.5	\$19,425.00
Leo Wolpert	108.5	\$18,987.50
TOTAL	312.4	\$91,090

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Clark County Family Court Judge Mathew Harter filed his affidavit and
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court judge knows the law and that his affidavit holds no weight as to his
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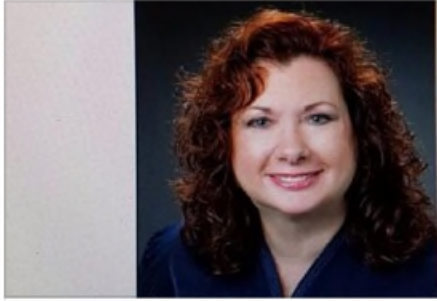


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This is the same type of unlawful behavior that has been demonstrated by Clark County Family Court Judge Mathew Harter.
<https://www.rawstory.com/.../mississippi-judge-resigns-after.../>



Mississippi judge resigns after barring mother from seeing her baby for 14 months over unpaid court fees
A Mississippi judge who barred a mother from seeing her newborn baby for 14 months because she hadn't paid court-imposed fees has stepped down.
RAWSTORY.COM

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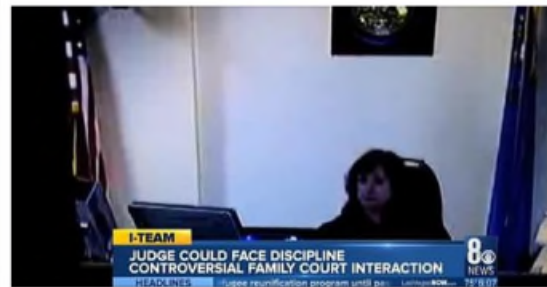
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Steve Sanson

October 20 at 9:50pm ·

<http://www.lasvegasnow.com/.../i-team-family-court-.../841640173>



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I will do everything in my arsenal to make sure this type of person NEVER EVER gets elected or reelected to any Judicial Bench..



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October 14 at 11:44am · Atlanta, GA ·

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Corrupt Clark County Nevada Family Court Lawyers we know who you are!

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Veterans in Politics Guests: Jason Mitchell and Rachel Howard

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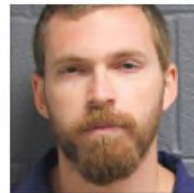
WAR declared on Clark County Nevada Family Court System

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Judge was unaware he gave joint custody to father accused of raping the then-12-year-old mother

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October 9 at 9:33am ·

All you corrupt lawyers in Clark County Family Court that use your influence, by way of friendship, status in the community and money. We are coming after You!



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October 8 at 1:30pm ·



Steve Sanson is with Mantis Toboggan and Jim Jonas at World Wide Digital Broadcasting.

October 8 at 1:27pm · Las Vegas ·

The NEW Veterans In Politics video internet Talk Show group, Mantis Toboggan, Jim Jonas, Christina Gruber, Brittany Nicole, Steve Sanson on World Wide Digital Br...
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Danny Tarkanian candidate for US Senate, James Dean Leavitt candidate for Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Department 1 and Christina Gruber a victim of the Las Vegas Mass Shooting on the Veterans In Politics talk show.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C080pfdF7KQ&feature=youtu.be>

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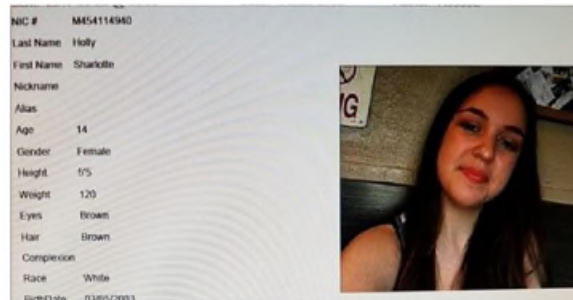
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Aimee Jones Family Court Corruption Interview with Steve Sanson

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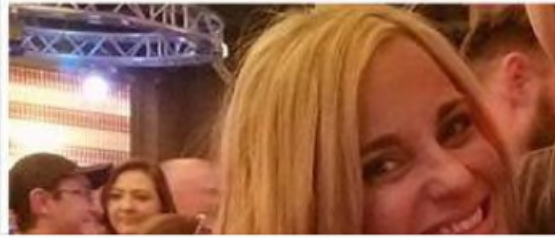


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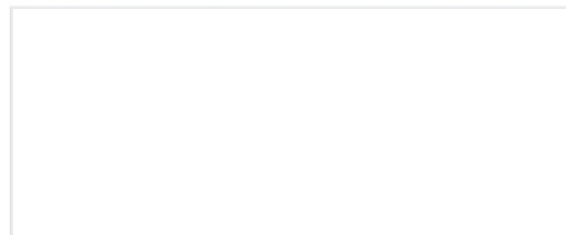
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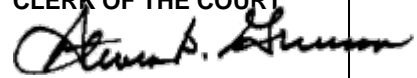
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JENNIFER V. ABRAMS and THE ABRAMS &
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Plaintiffs,

vs.

LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER; LAW OFFICES OF
LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, LLC; STEVE W.
SANSON; HEIDI J. HANUSA; CHRISTINA
ORTIZ; JOHNNY SPICER; DON
WOOLBRIGHT; VETERANS IN POLITICS
INTERNATIONAL, INC; SANSON
CORPORATION; KAREN STEELMON; and
DOES I through X,

Defendants.

Case No. A-17-749318-C
Dept. No. XII

**PLAINTIFFS' OMNIBUS OPPOSITION
TO DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS FOR
ATTORNEY'S FEES, COSTS, AND
SANCTIONS**

Date of Hearing: Dec. 11, 2017
Time of Hearing: 8:30 A.M.

1 The Abrams Parties oppose the Motions for Attorney’s Fees, Costs, and Sanctions filed by
2 the VIPI Defendants and the Schneider Defendants. If the Court does not deny each Motion
3 “altogether” due to the “outrageously unreasonable” nature of the amounts requested, it should make
4 several reductions in order to ensure that the final awards are “reasonable” and do not unfairly result
5 in a financial “windfall” for the Defendants. *Christian Research Inst. v. Alnor*, 81 Cal. Rptr. 3d 866,
6 870-71 (Cal. Ct. App. 2008).¹ Specifically, the Court should award no more than \$33,801.83 in
7 attorney’s fees and costs to the VIPI Defendants and no more than \$6,727.50 in attorney’s fees to the
8 Schneider Defendants.² Moreover, because the Abrams Parties’ claims were neither frivolous nor
9 vexatious, none of the Defendants is entitled to statutory sanctions in the amount of \$10,000.00.³

10 This Opposition is made and based on the papers and pleadings on file, the following
11 Memorandum of Points and Authorities and exhibits attached thereto, and any oral argument heard
12 by the Court.

13 DATED this 27th day of October, 2017.

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15 By: /s/ Joshua P. Gilmore

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26 ¹ The Nevada Supreme Court consults California law for guidance in interpreting and applying Nevada’s anti-
SLAPP law. NRS 41.665(2); *Delucchi v. Songer*, 133 Nev., Adv. Op. 42, 396 P.3d 826, 832-33 (2017).

27 ² The Schneider Defendants did not request costs. The time has now passed for them to do so.

28 ³ Nor are the Schneider Defendants entitled to sanctions pursuant to the Court’s inherent authority.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

The instant Motions feel more like “an attempted bank robbery” than “a genuine effort to recover a reasonable fee bill.”⁴ The VIPI Defendants seek \$95,607.18 in attorney’s fees and costs and \$20,000.00 in statutory sanctions; the Schneider Defendants seek \$80,495.00 in attorney’s fees, \$20,000.00 in statutory sanctions, and \$80,495.00 in additional sanctions. In the aggregate, the Defendants seek a whopping \$296,597.18! The amount sought is patently unreasonable; ***according to the California Supreme Court, the fact that the Defendants had the audacity to request such an absurd amount permits the Court to deny their Motions “altogether.”***⁵

Assuming (*arguendo*) that the Court considers the Motions, it must make several adjustments when calculating the “lodestar” in order to ensure that the awards are “reasonable” as required by NRS 41.670(1)(a). First, the Court should reduce the hourly rates requested in calculating attorney’s fees. Second, the Court should exclude time unrelated to the anti-SLAPP motions (and related 12(b)(5) motions) and instant Motions. Finally, the Court should make across-the-board reductions to the remaining hours claimed in order to account for excessive, unnecessary, and duplicative work; block-billing; and vague and non-descriptive time entries.

The Court should further decline to sanction the Abrams Parties, whether pursuant to NRS 41.670(1)(b) or its inherent authority, because none of the Defendants proved that the Abrams Parties’ claims were frivolous or vexatious. Although the Court determined in its July 24, 2017 Order that the Abrams Parties did not establish a “probability of success” on their defamation and related claims against the VIPI Defendants,⁶ the Court did *not* find that the Abrams Parties lacked any basis for asserting their claims in the first instance (or that they filed them without conducting a reasonable inquiry). That aside, the Defendants’ actions, even if immune from suit (a matter to be resolved on appeal), do not warrant the issuance of sanctions in their favor.

⁴ *Young v. Smith*, No. 3:07-CV-00854, 2017 WL 3892057, at *1 (M.D. Pa. Sept. 6, 2017).

⁵ *See Ketchum v. Moses*, 17 P.3d 735, 745 (Cal. 2001) (noting that a trial court may deny “altogether” an unreasonable request for attorney’s fees and costs made by a defendant who prevailed on an anti-SLAPP motion). As discussed below, the Court should also deny the Schneider Defendants’ Motion due to the lack of supporting documentation (e.g., billing invoices). N.R.C.P. 54(d)(2)(B).

⁶ A formal Order has not been entered granting the Schneider Defendants’ anti-SLAPP motion.

II. ARGUMENT

A. Standard of Decision for Awarding Attorney's Fees and Costs to a Defendant Who Prevails on an Anti-SLAPP Motion.

The Court “shall award reasonable costs and attorney’s fees” to a defendant who prevails on an anti-SLAPP motion.⁷ NRS 41.670(1)(a). The statute is clear: The award must be “*reasonable*.”

The trial court cannot be placed in the position of having to acquiesce in any amount sought by a prevailing defendant, no matter how outrageous. *The trial court’s role is not merely to rubber stamp the defendant’s request*, but to ascertain whether the amount sought is reasonable.

Robertson v. Rodriguez, 42 Cal. Rptr. 2d 464, 472 (Cal Ct. App. 1995) (emphasis added); *see also Christian Research Inst.*, 81 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 871 (stating that a trial court does not “simply award the sum requested” because the award is not intended to serve as a financial “windfall” to the defendant). *In fact, the Court may “deny an unreasonable fee altogether” if it appears that the amount sought is excessive or inflated.* *Ketchum*, 17 P.3d at 745 (emphasis added); *see also Jadwin v. Cty. of Kern*, 767 F. Supp. 2d 1069, 1100 (E.D. Cal. 2011) (“Courts may reduce a requested fee award, or deny one altogether, where a fee request appears unreasonably inflated.”).

A party seeking to recover fees and costs for dismissal of a SLAPP has the burden of demonstrating that the amount sought is reasonable. *See, e.g., 569 E. Cty. Blvd. LLC v. Backcountry Against the Dump, Inc.*, 212 Cal. Rptr. 3d 304, 310 (Cal. Ct. App. 2016); *see also Carson v. Billings Police Dep’t*, 470 F.3d 889, 891 (9th Cir.2006) (“When a party seeks an award of attorneys’ fees, that party bears the burden of submitting evidence of the hours worked and the rate paid.”). This means that the moving party must submit “a detailed invoice of the billings, along with affidavits and memorandums.” *Barney v. Mt. Rose Heating & Air*, 124 Nev. 821, 829, 192 P.3d 730, 736 (2008); *see also* N.R.C.P. 54(d)(2)(B) (noting that a motion for attorney’s fees shall include “documentation concerning the amount of fees claimed”).⁸

⁷ The law is the same in California. *See* CAL. CIV. PROC. CODE § 425.16(c) (“[A] prevailing defendant on a special motion to strike shall be entitled to recover his or her attorney’s fees and costs.”).

⁸ A party who seeks fees authorized by statute must still comply with N.R.C.P. 54(d). *See J & J Sports Prods., Inc. v. Bonito Michoacan, Inc.*, No. 2:12-CV-01519-RCJ, 2013 WL 5234262, at *7 (D. Nev. Sept. 16, 2013).

Billing invoices are necessary “to establish that the number of hours . . . requested are reasonable.” *Gonzalez v. City of Maywood*, 729 F.3d 1196, 1202 (9th Cir. 2013); *see also Ketchum*, 17 P.3d at 741 (noting that trial courts must “carefully review attorney documentation of hours expended” in order to identify and exclude inefficient or duplicative time entries and non-recoverable time entries). ***The Nevada Supreme Court has held that a party who fails to substantiate a motion for attorney’s fees and costs with supporting documentation risks having its motion denied in its entirety.***⁹ Compare *Moreno v. Richmond Am. Homes of Nevada, Inc.*, No. 65714, 2015 WL 9464437, at *2 (Nev. Dec. 18, 2015) (affirming the district court’s order denying a motion for attorney’s fees and costs “due to the lack of supporting documentation”), with *Kwist v. Chang*, No. 53545, 2011 WL 1225692, at *4 (Nev. Mar. 31, 2011) (affirming an award of attorney’s fees and costs “based on a motion with substantial supporting documentation”).

The Court also considers the *Brunzell*¹⁰ factors in determining whether the amount sought in attorney’s fees and costs is reasonable. *Shuette v. Beazer Homes Holdings Corp.*, 121 Nev. 837, 865, 124 P.3d 530, 549 (2005) *see also Harvey v. United Pac. Ins. Co.*, 109 Nev. 621, 624, 856 P.2d 240, 241 (1993) (indicating that the factors listed under Nevada Rule of Professional Conduct 1.5(a) should “be considered in determining reasonableness”).

B. The VIPI Defendants Seek an Unreasonable Amount of Attorney’s Fees.

The VIPI Defendants seek an award of attorney’s fees using the “lodestar” methodology. (VIPI Mot., 7:23 – 8:9.) As set forth below, in calculating a reasonable attorney’s fee, the Court should reduce the rates requested; exclude time for work that is not recoverable (e.g., time unrelated to the motions to dismiss and time associated with clerical or secretarial tasks); and make an across-the-board reduction to the remaining hours claimed due to unreasonable billing practices. Upon making such reasonable adjustments, the Court should find that the VIPI Defendants are entitled to no more than \$31,047.50 in reasonable attorney’s fees, summarized as follows:

⁹ Courts elsewhere agree that a party must substantiate a motion for attorney’s fees and costs. *See, e.g., Kingvision Pay-Per-View, Ltd. v. Jasper Grocery*, 152 F. Supp. 2d 438, 443 (S.D.N.Y. 2001) (“***Failure to support a fee application with contemporaneous records generally results in denial of any award.***”) (emphasis added); *see also Falcon Waterfree Techs., LLC v. Janssen*, No. 1:05-CV-551, 2008 WL 4534119, at *2 (W.D. Mich. Oct. 6, 2008) (“[T]he risk of non-persuasion arising from an inadequate fee petition falls upon the moving party.”).

¹⁰ *Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat’l Bank*, 85 Nev. 345, 455 P.2d 31 (1969).

<i>The VIPI Defendants' Unreasonable Fee Request</i>	\$91,090.00
<i>Reduction for Reasonable Hourly Rates</i>	(\$17,540.00)
<i>Reduction for Non-Recoverable Hours</i>	(\$11,455.00)
<i>Reduction for Unreasonable Billing Practices</i>	(\$31,047.50)
<i>Maximum Total Reasonable Award</i>	\$31,047.50

1. The Court Should Adjust the Hourly Rates of McLetchie Shell.

The VIPI Defendants seek an award of attorney's fees based on hourly rates ranging from \$100.00 to \$450.00. (VIPI Mot., 12:21 – 13:24.) However, two recent U.S. District of Nevada decisions establish that the rates requested are above market in this community.

First, in *Iacob v. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department*, Case No. 2:14-cv-00923-JAD-GWF, 2016 WL 344512 (D. Nev. Jan. 27, 2016), the district court ruled on a motion for attorney's fees filed by McLetchie Shell. In so doing, the district court assessed the reasonableness of the hourly rates requested by Margaret McLetchie (\$425.00) and Alina Shell (\$325.00). *Id.* at *1. After considering "prevailing market rates in Nevada charged by lawyers of reasonably comparable skill, experience, and reputation," the district court held that the rates sought were "not appropriate," and therefore, ordered that attorney's fees would be calculated using hourly rates of \$350.00 for Ms. McLetchie and \$250.00 for Ms. Shell. *See id.* (No adjustment was made to Ms. Burchfield's \$100.00 hourly rate.)

Second, in *Walker v. North Las Vegas Police Department*, Case No. 2:14-CV-01475-JAD-NJK, 2016 WL 3536172 (D. Nev. June 27, 2016), the district court ruled on a motion for attorney's fees filed by McLetchie Shell (among other law firms). Akin to the decision in *Iacob*, after considering "prevailing rates in the community," the district court found that the rates requested by Ms. McLetchie and Ms. Shell were unreasonable, and therefore, awarded attorney's fees based on hourly rates of \$350.00 and \$250.00, respectively.¹¹ *See id.* at *2. The district court further found that \$100.00 was a reasonable hourly rate for Ms. Burchfield based on her experience. *See id.*

¹¹ The district court correctly noted that Ms. Shell has very limited "experience in civil practice," having spent most of her career working on criminal matters. *Walker*, Case No. 2:14-CV-01475-JAD-NJK, 2016 WL 3536172, at *2.

1 These decisions are in line with prevailing market rates in the community. *See, e.g.,*
2 *Kiessling v. Rader*, No. 2:16-CV-00690-GMN-NJK, 2017 WL 1128605, at *3 (D. Nev. Mar. 24,
3 2017) (referencing “ample case law” on reasonable market rates for partners and associates in
4 Nevada). ***Importantly, whether the VIPI Defendants agreed to pay higher rates is irrelevant.***¹²
5 *See, e.g., Herrington v. Cty. of Sonoma*, 883 F.2d 739, 746 (9th Cir. 1989) (“[I]f the Herringtons
6 have agreed to pay their counsel more than what this court determines to be a reasonable hourly rate,
7 the Herringtons, not the County, are responsible for paying the portion of the rate charged which is
8 in excess of a reasonable fee.”).

9 Based on the foregoing, the Court should calculate a reasonable attorney’s fee for the VIPI
10 Defendants using an hourly rate of \$350.00 for Ms. McLetchie, an hourly rate of \$250.00 for Ms.
11 Shell, and an hourly rate of \$100.00 for Ms. Burchfield. (The Abrams Parties do not object to Mr.
12 Wolpert’s \$175.00 hourly rate or Mr. Czop’s \$100.00 hourly rate.¹³)

13 2. The Court Should Exclude Non-Recoverable Time.

14 The VIPI Defendants seek an award of attorney’s fees based on work performed by three
15 attorneys (Ms. McLetchie, Ms. Shell, and Mr. Wolpert) and three non-attorneys (Ms. Burchfield,
16 Mr. Czop, and Ms. Lopez). (VIPI Mot., 8:23 – 14:28.) However, of the 312.4 hours claimed, 55.6
17 hours are not recoverable under NRS 41.670(1)(a).

18 Contrary to the VIPI Defendants’ argument, a defendant who prevails on an anti-SLAPP
19 motion “***may recover fees and costs only for the motion to strike, not the entire litigation.***”
20 *Christian Research Inst.*, 81 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 870 (emphasis added). Stated differently, a defendant
21 may not recover fees and costs for “matters unrelated to the anti-SLAPP motion.” *569 E. Cty. Blvd.*
22 *LLC*, 212 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 310. ***This means that fees and costs that would have been incurred by***
23 ***the VIPI Defendants irrespective of their filing of an anti-SLAPP motion are not recoverable***
24 ***under NRS 41.670(1)(a).*** *See also Blackburn v. ABC Legal Svcs., Inc.*, No. 11-CV-01298 JSW NC,
25 2012 WL 1067632, at *4 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 24, 2012), *report and recommendation adopted*, No. C 11-

26 ¹² Ms. McLetchie did not say that the VIPI Defendants agreed to pay the rates requested. It is more likely than not
27 that her law firm agreed to represent the VIPI Defendants in this matter on a contingency basis (at least until the Court
ruled on their anti-SLAPP motion).

28 ¹³ As discussed below, none of the time billed by Ms. Lopez is recoverable; thus, her hourly rate is irrelevant.

01298 JSW, 2012 WL 1067551 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 28, 2012) (“The Court will deny fees that are not unambiguously associated with the anti-SLAPP motion and associated motion for fees.”).

The billing invoices that accompany the VIPI Defendants’ Motion indicate that the VIPI Defendants seek to recover a considerable amount of attorney’s fees based on work unrelated to their motions to dismiss.¹⁴ For example, the VIPI Defendants seek fees for the following tasks (among others): “Draft Notice of Appearance”; “Attention to NOA, IAFD”; “Draft preservation/freeze letter”; “Draft Motion for Extension and Motion and Order for Order on Shortening Time re same”; “Review case status”; “Communications with client”; “Draft response to freeze letter from Abrams. Attention to retention of forensic expert...”; “Work with team re preservation issues”; “Craft motion to strike”; Attention to documentation and files”; “Meeting with Steve; follow up with email to Steve”; “Research re attorney’s fees requested in countermotions”; “Rule 11 sanctions/research”; “Review filings from Willick case”; “Research and draft motion to dismiss appeal”¹⁵; and “Emails with client.”¹⁶ These tasks are either unrelated to the motions to dismiss or would have been performed irrespective of the filing of the motions to dismiss, and therefore, they are not recoverable.¹⁷ See, e.g., *Lee-Tzu Lin v. Dignity Health-Methodist Hosp. of Sacramento*, No. CIV. S-14-0666 KJM, 2014 WL 5698448, at *4 (E.D. Cal. Nov. 4, 2014) (“**Plaintiff is correct that defendants seek reimbursement of fees expended for numerous tasks unrelated to preparing the motion to strike . . . The court determines this time is not recoverable . . .**”) (emphasis added) (internal citation omitted); *Ravet v. Stern*, No. 07CV31 JLS (CAB), 2010 WL 3076290, at *6 (S.D. Cal. Aug. 6, 2010) (“**[M]any of these vague billings . . . are costs that would have been incurred in the course of Stern’s representation of Wohlfeil irrespective of the anti-SLAPP motion. Thus, these costs will not be included in the fee award.**”) (emphasis added) internal citation omitted).

¹⁴ The Abrams Parties do not seek to exclude work involving the 12(b)(5) motion filed by the VIPI Defendants.

¹⁵ This entry must be associated with a different matter because no appeal had been filed as of May 10, 2017.

¹⁶ Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the billing invoices submitted by McLetchie Shell, with each non-recoverable time entry highlighted for the Court’s review.

¹⁷ The VIPI Defendants also seek to recover attorney’s fees for time expended extending deadlines in this matter. The Abrams Parties should not be penalized for granting (or obtaining) professional courtesies in order to account for scheduling conflicts. Accordingly, all such time entries have been highlighted in Exhibit 1 and should be excluded.

In addition, it is undisputed that a party may not recover attorney’s fees for clerical or secretarial tasks. *Missouri v. Jenkins*, 491 U.S. 274, 288 n.10 (“*Of course, purely clerical or secretarial tasks should not be billed at a paralegal rate, regardless of who performs them.*”) (emphasis added); *see also Keith v. Volpe*, 644 F. Supp. 1312, 1316 (C.D. Cal. 1986) (excluding “time spent on filing, document organization and other clerical matters that should be covered in hourly rates as normal overhead”). With that in mind, the Court should exclude the following time entries (among others) involving clerical or secretarial tasks: “Travel to Regional Justice Center, drop off Ex Parte Order to Judge Adair’s chambers”; “Go to post office, mail certified letter, return receipt requested”; “Check file; calendaring”; “Check file, docket, and upcoming dates”; “Dropped off three binders of Motion to Dismiss at the Las Vegas Regional Justice Center....”; “Draft Stipulation and Proposed Order....”; and “Picked up....”¹⁸

Because the above time entries, among others, are unrelated to the motions to dismiss or involve either clerical or secretarial tasks or work associated with professional courtesies, they should be excluded by the Court in calculating a reasonable attorney’s fee. *See, e.g., 569 E. Cty. Blvd. LLC*, 212 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 310; *Christian Research Inst.*, 81 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 870; *see also Lafayette Morehouse, Inc. v. Chronicle Publishing Co.*, 46 Cal. Rptr. 2d 542, 545 (Cal. Ct. App. 1996) (*finding that the trial court erred by awarding “costs and fees for the entire case and not just the motion to strike”*) (emphasis added). These reductions reduce the hours that may be considered by the Court in awarding a reasonable attorney’s fee to the VIPI Defendants as follows:

Billor	Total Hours Claimed	Potentially Recoverable Hours
Pharan Burchfield	26.8	16.3
Gabriel Czop	5.2	4.3
Daniela Lopez	9.9	0
Margaret McLetchie	106.5	83.8
Alina Shell	55.5	53.8
Leo Wolpert	108.5	98.6
Total	312.4	256.8 ¹⁹

¹⁸ The highlighted time entries identified in Exhibit 1 also include clerical or secretarial tasks.

¹⁹ As set forth below, the Court should further reduce these hours by 50%, to 128.4 total hours, in order to account for unreasonable billing practices.

3. The Court Should Apply a 50% Across-the-Board Reduction to the Remaining Hours Claimed.

In determining a reasonable attorney’s fee, the Court excludes time that is “excessive, redundant, or otherwise unnecessary.” *Hensley v. Eckerhart*, 461 U.S. 424, 434 (1983); *see also In re Amdura Corp.*, 139 B.R. 963, 968-69 (Bankr. D. Colo. 1992) (stating that attorneys should “meet the Supreme Court’s expectation that every lawyer will heed his [or her] ethical obligation to exclude excessive, redundant, or otherwise unnecessary time”). This is because “[h]ours that are not properly billed to one’s client also are not properly billed to one’s adversary pursuant to statutory authority.” *Hensley*, 461 U.S. at 434 (emphasis added).

The VIPI Defendants’ request to recover attorney’s fees based on 256.8 hours is patently unreasonable. To begin, upon review of their counsel’s time entries, it is clear that Ms. McLetchie did not adequately assign work among members of her law firm in an efficient and cost-effective manner—e.g., prior to excluding non-recoverable time as outlined above, Ms. McLetchie billed only two hours less than her associate, Mr. Wolpert. *Northon v. Rule*, 494 F. Supp. 2d 1183, 1187 (D. Or. 2007) (“It is expected that litigation is often performed in teams and that the team leader delegates responsibility according to the talent of each team member and oversees the entire project.”); *accord Melone v. Paul Evert’s RV Country, Inc.*, 2:08-cv-00868-GWF, 2012 WL 1142638, at *6 (D. Nev. Apr. 3, 2012) (“In larger law firms, certain legal work may be performed by lower level associate attorneys, law clerks or paralegals, whose work is supervised, reviewed or revised by more senior level attorneys.”). **As a result, the Court would be well within its discretion to calculate a reasonable attorney’s fee for a lot of the work performed by Ms. McLetchie at Mr. Wolpert’s hourly rate.** *See, e.g., In re Fine Paper Antitrust Litig.*, 751 F. 2d 562, 591-93 (3d Cir. 1984) (affirming the district court’s decision to compensate certain partner time at associate rates, because the work should have been performed by associates).

Moreover, it is unknown why Ms. McLetchie had to “conduct extensive research regarding Nevada and California’s Anti-SLAPP laws as well as federal case law interpreting both states’ Anti-SLAPP statutes” given her “extensive experience handling First Amendment cases, defamation litigation, and similar matters.” (VIPI Mot., 10:18-20, 12:25-27.) The fact that she (and other

members of her law firm) conducted extensive research of an area of law in which they claim to be experts proves that an excessive amount of time was billed to the motions to dismiss. *See Ingram v. Oroudjian*, No. CV 08-3917 GAF (VBKx), 2009 WL 10680651, at *4 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 5, 2009), *aff'd*, 647 F.3d 925 (9th Cir. 2011) (“Further, Plaintiffs’ counsel, who claim substantial litigation experience in the federal courts, contend they spent 14.7 hours researching the law on *Younger* abstention, when the law is clear regarding parallel state and federal proceedings. Counsel can hardly claim that they are entitled to a substantial hourly rate because of their years of experience and then claim that they know so little of *Younger v. Harris* that they needed 14.7 hours to familiarize themselves with the case and its progeny.”) (internal citation omitted).

Equally as concerning is the fact that three different attorneys and a paralegal worked on the motions to dismiss for a total of 102.6 hours (Ms. McLetchie – 33.5 hours; Ms. Shell – 9.6 hours; Mr. Wolpert – 55.0 hours; Ms. Burchfield – 4.5 hours).²⁰ Such overstaffing resulted in excessive collaboration and duplication of effort, warranting a reduction in hours. *See, e.g., Fiolek v. Tucson Unified School Dist.*, No. CV 01-36 TUC DCB, 2004 WL 3366149, at *4 (D. Ariz. Sept. 10, 2004); *see also* ABA CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, ANNOTATED MODEL RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, at 77-82 (8th ed. 2015) (indicating that lawyers should not “charg[e] a lot for doing very little,” nor bill for “excessive lawyering,” nor have too many lawyers work on a matter).²¹

In addition to excessive and unnecessary time, members of McLetchie Shell block-billed a majority of their time. Although not *per se* improper, block-billing precludes the Court from determining whether time spent on various tasks was reasonable. *Metro Data Systems, Inc. v. Durango Systems, Inc.*, 597 F. Supp. 244, 245 (D. Ariz. 1984). For example, and without limitation: on January 23, 2017, Ms. McLetchie billed 5.7 hours for four different tasks; on February 15, 2017, Ms. McLetchie billed 8.5 hours for seven different tasks; on February 16, 2017, Ms. Shell billed 9.1 hours for four different tasks; on February 16, 2017, Ms. Burchfield billed 4.5 hours for nine

²⁰ Using the reduced rates recommended above, 126.2 hours equates with approximately \$322.67 per page!

²¹ The Nevada Supreme Court consults the Annotated Model Rules for guidance in interpreting and applying the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct. *See, e.g., Liapis v. Second Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 128 Nev., Adv. Op. 39, 282 P.3d 733, 737 (2012); *Palmer v. Pioneer Inn Assocs., Ltd.*, 118 Nev. 943, 949 n.8, 59 P.3d 1237, 1240 n.8 (2002).

different tasks; on March 21, 2017, Ms. Shell billed 1.1 hours for three different tasks; on March 28, 2017, Ms. Burchfield billed 5.1 hours for five different tasks; on May 30, 2017, Ms. Shell billed 2.8 hours for three different tasks; and on August 21, 2017, Ms. Shell billed 6.2 hours for seven different tasks. ***“Because block billing makes it more difficult to determine how much time was spent on particular activities, district courts may reduce hours that are billed in block format to avoid the potential for padding.”*** *Lightbourne v. Printroom Inc.*, No. SACV 13-876-JLS (RNBx), 2015 WL 12732457, at *4 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 10, 2015) (emphasis added) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted); *see also Jones v. Southpeak Interactive Corp. of Del.*, No. 3:12CV443, 2014 WL 2993443, at *9 (E.D. Va. July 2, 2014), *aff’d*, 777 F.3d 658 (4th Cir. 2015) (“The traditional remedy for block billing is to reduce the fee by a fixed percentage reduction.”).

Finally, many of the time entries are vague and non-descriptive (“Attention to”; “Call with Willick. Confer with Ms. Shell”; “Review case status”; “Emails to client”; “Call with client”; “Review documents”; “Direct work on reply”; “[F]ollow up re deadline for same”; “Research re same”; etc.). In the terms of the motions to dismiss, Mr. Wolpert often failed to say little more than researching, writing, editing, or cite-checking. These types of time entries preclude the Court from meaningfully assessing the reasonableness of the tasks performed and, equally importantly, determining whether the tasks were related to this matter or a different matter, such as the lawsuit filed by Marshal Willick against the VIPI Defendants (Case No. A750171).²²

Imprecise billing makes it difficult to engage in a meaningful review of time entries. *Hensley*, 461 U.S. at 434. ***As a result, fee reductions are common and warranted for vague and non-descriptive time entries.*** *See, e.g., Banas v. Volcano Corp.*, 47 F. Supp. 3d 957, 969 (N.D. Cal. 2014); *U.S. v. \$167,070.00 in U.S. Currency*, No. 3:13-CV-00324-LRH-VPC, 2015 WL 5057028, at *5-*6 (D. Nev. Aug. 25, 2015).

²² On February 17, 2017, the VIPI Defendants filed an anti-SLAPP motion in the *Willick v. Sanson* matter. Ms. McLetchie was served with a “courtesy copy” of the motion despite not appearing as counsel of record for the VIPI Defendants. It is unknown whether time spent by her and Mr. Wolpert in late January 2017 and early February 2017 was related to the anti-SLAPP motion filed in the *Willick v. Sanson* matter, particularly since the VIPI Defendants did not file their anti-SLAPP motion in this matter until March 28, 2017. Needless to say, it would be improper for the VIPI Defendants to try to recover attorney’s fees and costs related to the *Willick v. Sanson* matter through the instant Motion given that their anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss was denied in that matter.

The Court has ample reason to “severely curtail[] the number of compensable hours” sought by the VIPI Defendants given the “vague, blockbilled time entries inflated with noncompensable hours.” *Christian Research Institute*, 81 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 874. ***Numerous courts in California have substantially reduced unreasonable amounts of attorney’s fees and costs sought by similarly-situated defendants who prevailed on anti-SLAPP motions.*** See, e.g., *569 E. Cty. Blvd. LLC*, 212 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 307 (\$152,529.15 sought, \$30,752.86 awarded); *Christian Research Inst.*, 81 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 869 (\$250,000.00 sought, \$21,300.00 awarded); *Maughan v. Google Techn., Inc.*, 49 Cal. Rptr. 3d 861, 866-67 (Cal. Ct. App. 2007) (\$112,288.00 sought, \$23,000.00 awarded); *Crowe v. Gogineni*, No. 2:11-CV-3438 JAM, 2014 WL 130488, at *2 (E.D. Cal. Jan. 13, 2014), *report and recommendation adopted*, No. 2:11-CV-3438 JAM DAD, 2014 WL 1513277, at *2, *6 (E.D. Cal. Apr. 16, 2014) (\$37,395.13 sought, \$17,062.50 awarded); *Ravet*, No. 07 CV 31 JSL (CAB), 2010 WL 3076290, at *2-*8 (\$43,185.00 sought, \$14,074 awarded).

Nothing about this matter warranted over 256 hours’ worth of work by six different members of McLetchie Shell. *Lee-Tzu Lin*, No. CIV. S-14-0666 KJM, 2014 WL 5698448, at *1-*7 (reducing the amount sought by nearly \$100,000.00 in part due to the “non-complex nature of the anti-SLAPP motion”); *Crowe*, No. 2:11-CV-3438 JAM, 2014 WL 130488, at *5 (“Instead, having considered the nature of this action, defendant’s motion and the experience of defendant’s attorneys, the undersigned finds that 75 hours of attorney time would be a reasonable number of hours to have expended on the special motion to strike in question.”).

Based on these unreasonable billing practices, the Court should apply a 50% across-the-board reduction to the remaining hours claimed, thereby calculating a reasonable attorney’s fee for the VIPI Defendants based on 128.4 hours. See *569 E. Cty. Blvd. LLC*, 212 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 318 (affirming the trial court’s decision to downwardly adjust the amount of hours claimed in a motion for attorney’s fees and costs due to the inclusion of non-recoverable work, block-billing, vague time entries, and unnecessary bill padding).

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For these reasons, the Court should award no more than \$31,047.50 in reasonable attorney’s fees to the VIPI Defendants.

C. The VIPI Defendants May Not Recover All of their Claimed Costs.

The VIPI Defendants seek \$4,517.18 in costs. (VIPI Mot., 4:5-7.) The Court should deny their request for costs associated with forensic imaging of Mr. Sanson’s computer and photocopies.

Specifically, the Court should deny the VIPI Defendants’ request for \$1,175.00 in costs incurred with Privacy Technician, Inc., a company that assists with “forensic processes and planning.” (*Id.*, 5:18-21.) Similarly, the Court should deny the VIPI Defendants’ request for \$252.09 in costs incurred by having Mr. Sanson’s hard drive “cloned, copied, and reinstalled on his computer.” (*Id.*, 5:23-25.) Pursuant to the above authority, such costs are not recoverable as a matter of law under NRS 41.670(1)(a) because they were unrelated to the motions to dismiss.

Moreover, the Court should exclude the VIPI Defendants’ request for \$264.08 in costs for photocopying, because the VIPI Defendants failed to do anything more than provide the amount of copies made by their counsel on a monthly basis.²³ See *Cadle Co. v. Woods & Erickson, LLP*, 131 Nev., Adv. Op. 15, 345 P.3d 1049, 1054-55 (2015) (finding that the district court lacked “justifying documentation to award photocopy costs” because the defendant failed to show “why the copying costs were reasonable or necessary”). As recently articulated by the Nevada Supreme Court, more is required than a summary of monthly copies substantiated by a conclusory affidavit of counsel. *Matter of DISH Network Derivative Litig.*, 133 Nev., Adv. Op. 61, 401 P.3d 1081, 1093 (Nev. 2017). Rather, the party must produce “*documentation substantiating the reason for each copy.*” *Cadle Co.*, 131 Nev., Adv. Op. 15, 345 P.3d at 1054 (emphasis added). The VIPI Defendants failed to do so here.

For these reasons, the Court should award no more than \$2,754.33 in costs to the VIPI Defendants.

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²³ Exhibit “3” to the VIPI Defendants’ Motion includes monthly amounts for copy costs—it does not specify when each month various copies were made and what was copied.

D. The Schneider Defendants Seek an Unreasonable – and Unsubstantiated – Amount of Attorney’s Fees.

1. The Court Should Deny the Schneider Defendants’ Motion “Altogether” Because the Schneider Defendants Sought an Unreasonable Amount of Attorney’s Fees Without Supporting Documentation.

The Schneider Defendants seek an award of attorney’s fees based on the following evidence: “That your Declarant, C.J. Potter, IV, Esq., Cal J. Potter, III, Esq., and their Paralegals expended 189.4 hours and \$80,495.00 working on this matter.” (Schneider Mot., 5:4-5; *see also id.*, 3:4 – 5:3 (describing the rates charged by Cal Potter, CJ Potter, Tanya Bain, and Linda Potter).) No billing invoices were attached to their Motion, despite the plain language of N.R.C.P. 54(d)(2)(B) (requiring “documentation concerning the amount of fees claimed” to accompany a motion for attorney’s fees). That omission merits denial of their Motion without further review. *See, e.g., Joe Hand Promotions, Inc. v. Be*, No. 11-CV-01333-LHK, 2011 WL 5105375, at *7 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 26, 2011) (denying a motion for attorney’s fees because “counsel has provided no documentation to justify recovery of attorney’s, paralegal or administrative fees, such as a curriculum vitae or resume, billing and cost records (not merely a reconstruction of services and hours long after the fact), or other relevant information”); *see also Moreno*, No. 65714, 2015 WL 9464437, at *2 (affirming the district court’s order denying a motion for attorney’s fees and costs “due to the lack of supporting documentation”).

Even if the Court overlooks the Schneider Defendants’ failure to provide billing invoices itemizing the work performed by their counsel, it still should not find that the scant information provided is sufficient to assist the Court in determining a reasonable attorney’s fee. For example, of the 189.4 hours claimed, the Schneider Defendants did not allocate those hours among Cal Potter, CJ Potter, Ms. Bain, and Ms. Potter. Moreover, the Schneider Defendants did not attribute the 189.4 hours to different tasks performed in this matter by different timekeepers (e.g., identify how many hours were attributed to the anti-SLAPP motion, the 12(b)(5) motion, legal research, correspondence, client meetings, document collection, and review of briefs filed by the VIPI Defendants). *Simply put, the Schneider Defendants have placed the Court in the untenable position of arbitrarily determining whether the 189.4 hours claimed was reasonably expended on the motions to dismiss.* *See, e.g., Uriarte v. Bostic*, No. 15CV1606-MMA (PCL), 2017 WL

3387612, at *3 (S.D. Cal. Aug. 7, 2017) (denying a motion for attorney’s fees and costs by a defendant who prevailed on an anti-SLAPP motion due to the paucity of information included with the motion justifying the rates charged and hours expended, saying, “Any award based on the information provided by Defendants would necessarily be arbitrary”).

Finally, the Schneider Defendants’ greed warrants denial of their Motion in its entirety.

If ... the Court were required to award a reasonable fee when an outrageously unreasonable one has been asked for, claimants would be encouraged to make unreasonable demands, knowing that the only unfavorable consequence of such misconduct would be reduction of their fee to what they should have asked in the first place. *To discourage such greed, a severer reaction is needful . . .*

Alnor contends a significantly higher award, of some unspecified amount, was necessary to serve the interests of the anti-SLAPP statute. *But counsel may not leverage the statute to obtain an “unjust” award.* As our Supreme Court observed in *Ketchum*, “A fee request that appears unreasonably inflated is a special circumstance permitting the trial court to reduce the award or deny one altogether.” *The trial court could reasonably conclude the inflated, noncredible, often vaguely documented hours claimed by counsel precluded turning Alnor’s contingent fee arrangement with counsel into a windfall.*

Christian Research Inst., 81 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 877 (emphasis added) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).

For these reasons, the Court should refuse to award attorney’s fees to the Schneider Defendants.

2. The Court Should Substantially Reduce the Amount of Attorney’s Fees Sought by the Schneider Defendants.

The Schneider Defendants have sought an award of attorney’s fees using the “lodestar” methodology. (Schneider Mot., 5:4-5.) As set forth below, assuming (*arguendo*) that the Court awards attorney’s fees to the Schneider Defendants based on the information presented with their Motion, in calculating a reasonable attorney’s fee, the Court should estimate recoverable time based on total hours claimed by certain members of McLetchie Shell; reduce the rates sought; exclude estimated time by members of Potter Law Offices that is not recoverable; and make an across-the-board reduction to the estimated remaining hours claimed due to unreasonable billing practices. *Shuette v. Beazer Homes Holdings Corp.*, 121 Nev. 837, 864-65, 124 P.3d 530, 548-49 (2005) (indicating that a district court may use “any method rationally designed to calculate a reasonable

amount” of attorney’s fees). Upon making such reasonable adjustments, the Court should find that the Schneider Defendants are entitled to no more than \$6,727.50 in reasonable attorney’s fees, summarized as follows:

<i>The Schneider Defendants’ Unreasonable Fee Request</i>	\$80,495.00
<i>Adjustment Through Estimation of Hours Incurred</i>	(\$4,470.00)
<i>Reduction for Reasonable Hourly Rates</i>	(\$22,195.00)
<i>Reduction for Non-Recoverable Hours</i>	(\$40,375.00)
<i>Reduction for Unreasonable Billing Practices</i>	(\$6,727.50)
<i>Maximum Total Reasonable Award</i>	\$6,727.50

a. *The Court Should Estimate Hours Incurred by Potter Law Offices.*

The Schneider Defendants seek an award of attorney’s fees based on work performed by two attorneys (Cal Potter and CJ Potter) and two non-attorneys (Ms. Potter and Ms. Bain). (Schneider Mot., 3:4 – 5:5.) However, as noted above, because the 189.4 hours claimed are not allocated among attorneys and non-attorneys, for purposes of the Motion, the Court should use total hours claimed by certain members of McLetchie Shell for guidance. Specifically, the Court should assume as follows: Cal Potter billed 106.5 hours (akin to the total hours claimed by Ms. McLetchie); CJ Potter billed 55.5 hours (akin to the total hours claimed by Ms. Shell); and Ms. Bain and Ms. Potter, together, billed 26.8 hours (akin to the total hours claimed by Ms. Burchfield).

b. *The Court Should Adjust the Hourly Rates of Potter Law Offices.*

The Schneider Defendants seek an award of attorney’s fees based on hourly rates ranging from \$125.00 to \$500.00. (Schneider Mot., 3:4 – 5:5.) However, the Schneider Defendants failed to justify those rates for this matter.

For example, the Schneider Defendants describe – at length – Cal Potter’s experience in criminal law. (*Id.*, 3:4 – 4:3.) They also reference his experience in personal injury and legal ethics. However, nothing is said about his experience with civil matters involving defamation and related torts. Thus, while the Schneider Defendants have explained why Cal Potter may charge \$500.00 per hour for representing clients in criminal and personal injury cases, they have failed to explain why Cal Potter may charge \$500.00 per hour for representing clients in defamation cases. Nevada RPC

1 1.5(a)(3) (considering “[t]he fee customarily charged in the locality *for similar legal services*”)
2 (emphasis added); *see also Ingram v. Oroudjian*, 647 F.3d 925, 928 (9th Cir. 2011) (“In determining
3 a reasonable hourly rate, the district court should be guided by the rate prevailing in the community
4 for similar work performed by attorneys of comparable skill, experience, and reputation.”).

5 Similarly, the Schneider Defendants do not discuss CJ Potter’s prior experience, if any, with
6 civil matters involving defamation and related torts; instead, they highlight his “CALI Excellence for
7 the Future Award for Trial Advocacy” and his prior handling of appeals involving unknown areas of
8 the law. (Schneider Mot., 4:4-16.) Even if he has prior experience with First Amendment issues, CJ
9 Potter’s hourly rate is unquestionably high for a lawyer who has practiced law for less than four
10 years. *See, e.g., Kiessling*, No. 2:16-CV-00690-GMN-NJK, 2017 WL 1128605, at *3 (finding
11 \$200.00 per hour to be reasonable for an attorney with “three to four years of experience”).

12 Finally, nothing suggests that Ms. Potter and Ms. Bain have substantial experience with
13 defamation and related torts. The Potter Law Offices advertises as a “personal injury law firm,”
14 saying that it focuses on helping “those with personal injuries, those accused of a crime, and those
15 with serious brain, spinal and orthopedic injuries.”²⁴ Nothing is said about First Amendment work;
16 or even general civil litigation.

17 Based on the foregoing, using the rates recommended for members of McLetchie Shell, the
18 Court should calculate a reasonable attorney’s fee for the Schneider Defendants using an hourly rate
19 of \$350.00 for Cal Potter, an hourly rate of \$250.00 for CJ Potter, and an hourly rate of \$100.00 for
20 Ms. Potter and Ms. Bain.

21 c. *The Court Should Exclude Non-Recoverable Time and Apply a 50%
22 Across-the-Board Reduction to the Estimated Remaining Hours
Claimed.*

23 As noted above, the Court should estimate that the Schneider Defendants seek an award of
24 attorney’s fees based on 188.8 hours’ worth of work. That being said, “*there is no way on earth this*
25 *case justified the hours purportedly billed by [the Schneider Defendants] lawyers.*” *Harrington v.*
26 *Payroll Entm’t Svcs., Inc.*, 72 Cal. Rptr. 3d 922, 925 (Cal. Ct. App. 2008) (emphasis added).

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28 ²⁴ Home Page, Potter Law Offices, *available at* <https://www.potterlawoffices.com/>, attached as Exhibit 2; Firm
Overview, Potter Law Offices, *available at* <https://www.potterlawoffices.com/firm/>, attached as Exhibit 3.

Specifically, a comparison of the work performed by the VIPI Defendants to the work performed by the Schneider Defendants proves that the Schneider Defendants' counsel grossly overbilled for their services. For example, excluding cover pages, tables of contents, tables of authorities, notices of hearings, certificates of service, and exhibits, the VIPI Defendants' 12(b)(5) motion and anti-SLAPP motion total 73 pages, while the Schneider Defendants' 12(b)(5) motion and anti-SLAPP motion total 14 pages—an 80% differential. Similarly, the VIPI Defendants filed a 33-page Omnibus Reply in support of their 12(b)(5) motion and anti-SLAPP motion, together with an 8-page Supplemental Omnibus Reply; the Schneider Defendants did not file a written response to either the Abrams Parties' Omnibus Opposition to the anti-SLAPP motions or the Abrams Parties' Supplement to their Omnibus Opposition. Finally, as the Court observed during the July 5, 2017 hearing, Ms. McLetchie “carried the day” in terms of presenting argument for the Defendants; Cal Potter spoke for approximately 2 minutes. (*See* Tr., June 5, 2017, 2:12, 19:9 – 21:10, 44:3-15, 66:16 – 67:4.) Though the Schneider Defendants prevailed before the Court (an issue to be addressed on appeal), they did so by riding the VIPI Defendants' proverbial coattails.

Although unknown, the Schneider Defendants' counsel likely spent a lot of time reviewing briefs filed by the other parties (both in this matter and in other, unrelated matters). Such excessive and unnecessary time should not be included in any award of reasonable attorney's fees because it did not assist the Schneider Defendants in preparing their own briefs. *See, e.g., Innovative Mold Sols., Inc. v. Cent. Mut. Ins. Co., Inc.*, No. 15-CV-40010, 2017 WL 4381666, at *4 (D. Mass. Sept. 29, 2017) (criticizing a party for excessive time reviewing documents).

Based on the foregoing, the Court should estimate that Cal Potter and CJ Potter spent one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the amount of time that Ms. McLetchie and Ms. Shell spent working on this matter, while Ms. Bain and Ms. Potter, together, spent one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the amount of time that Ms. Burchfield spent working on this matter. Doing so reduces the hours that may be considered in awarding a reasonable attorney's fee to the Schneider Defendants as follows:

Biller	Total Hours Claimed	Potentially Recoverable Hours
Cal Potter	106.5	26.6
CJ Potter	55.5	13.9
Tanya Bain/Linda Potter	26.8	6.7
Total	188.8	47.2

1 However, the Court should not award attorney’s fees to the Schneider Defendants based on
2 47.2 hours. Rather, akin to the unreasonable billing practices seen with the VIPI Defendants’
3 counsel, the Court should estimate that the Schneider Defendants likewise seek to recover attorney’s
4 fees for time that is “excessive, redundant, or otherwise unnecessary.” *Hensley*, 461 U.S. at 434.
5 Specifically, the Court should estimate that Potter Law Offices’ billing records reflect overbilling
6 and block-billing and contain vague and non-descriptive time entries.²⁵ As a result, for the same
7 reasons discussed above with regard to reducing the remaining hours claimed by the VIPI
8 Defendants, the Court should apply a 50% across-the-board reduction to the estimated remaining
9 hours claimed by the Schneider Defendants, thereby calculating a reasonable attorney’s fee for the
10 Schneider Defendants based on 23.6 hours. *See 569 E. Cty. Blvd. LLC*, 212 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 318.

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12 For these reasons, the Court should award no more than \$6,727.50 in reasonable attorney’s
13 fees to the Schneider Defendants.

14 **D. The Court Should Refuse to Sanction the Abrams Parties.**

15 1. Standard of Decision.

16 NRS 41.670(1)(b) provides that the Court “*may* award . . . an amount of up to \$10,000” to a
17 defendant who prevails on an anti-SLAPP motion. (Emphasis added.) Unlike an award of
18 “reasonable costs and attorney’s fees,” which is mandatory, *see* NRS 41.670(1)(a), an award of
19 sanctions is discretionary. NRS 0.025(1)(a) (“‘May’ confers a right, privilege or power.”).

20 NRS 41.670(1)(b) is silent in terms of the standard for obtaining sanctions. Although not
21 addressed by the Nevada Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada has
22 found that a defendant must show that an action was frivolous prior to receiving an award of up to
23 \$10,000.00. *See Jablonski Enter., Ltd. v. Nye Cty.*, Case No. 2:15-cv-02296-GMN-GWF, 2017 WL

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25 ²⁵ Because the Schneider Defendants withheld their counsel’s billing invoices – assuming (*arguendo*) that they
26 even exist – the Court should assume that those invoices would be detrimental to the Schneider Defendants if produced
27 in this matter. *Tupman Thurlow Co. v. S. S. Cap Castillo*, 490 F.2d 302, 308 (2d Cir. 1974) (“***The non-production of***
28 ***material evidence which is in the control of a party raises an inference that that evidence is unfavorable to that***
party.”) (emphasis added); *see also Interstate Circuit v. United States*, 306 U.S. 208, 226 (1939) (“The production of
weak evidence when strong is available can lead only to the conclusion that the strong would have been adverse. Silence
then becomes evidence of the most convincing character.”) (internal citation omitted).

3775396, at *3 (D. Nev. Aug. 30, 2017). Such a requirement harmonizes with NRS 41.670(2)-(3), requiring a plaintiff who successfully opposes an anti-SLAPP motion to show that the motion was “frivolous or vexatious” prior to receiving an award of attorney’s fees, costs, and sanctions. *Allianz Ins. Co. v. Gagnon*, 109 Nev. 990, 993, 860 P.2d 720, 723 (1993) (“Whenever possible, this court will interpret a rule or statute in harmony with other rules and statutes.”).

The Court must undertake a “two-pronged analysis” in deciding whether the Abrams Parties’ claims were frivolous; that is, decide whether (i) the claims were grounded in fact and warranted by existing law and (ii) made with “reasonable and competent inquiry” prior to filing them. *Bergmann v. Boyce*, 109 Nev. 670, 676, 856 P.2d 560, 564 (1993).

2. The Abrams Parties’ Claims were Neither Frivolous nor Vexatious.

The Abrams Parties brought this action in good faith seeking redress for what they maintain is an actionable smear campaign orchestrated by the Defendants. The Court disagreed, finding that the VIPI Defendants’ alleged defamatory statements “were either true statements of fact, or were statements of opinion which were incapable of being false.”²⁶ (Order, July 24, 2017, 15:6-8.) ***Importantly, the Court did not also find that the Abrams Parties’ claims were unsupported in law or fact and made without a reasonable and competent inquiry. (See generally id.)***

The fact that the Court found that the Abrams Parties failed to establish “a probability of success” on their claims does not—without more—mean that the Abrams Parties’ claims were frivolous or vexatious. That ends the analysis in terms of sanctions.

Notwithstanding, the VIPI Defendants argue that the Abrams Parties sued them as a means of trying to silence their critics.²⁷ (VIPI Mot., 15:3-21.) If that was their intention (it was not), they were obviously unsuccessful—the VIPI Defendants continue to relentlessly denigrate members of the Nevada Bar through social media (e.g., on October 9, 2017, Mr. Sanson posted the following comment: “All you corrupt lawyers in Clark County Family Court that use your influence, by way of

²⁶ On August 4, 2017, the Schneider Defendants’ counsel sent to undersigned counsel for review – via email – a draft Order granting the Schneider Defendants’ anti-SLAPP motion. On August 17, 2017, undersigned counsel sent to the Schneider Defendants’ counsel – via email – proposed changes to the draft Order. Nothing further has occurred.

²⁷ The Schneider Defendants joined this argument. (*See Joinder*, Sept. 15, 2017.)

1 friendship, status in the community, and money. We are coming after You!”).²⁸ Because the VIPI
2 Defendants remain undeterred in waging “war” on the Family Court system,²⁹ the Court should
3 refuse to find that the Abrams Parties sued the VIPI Defendants solely as a means to chill the VIPI
4 Defendants’ First Amendment rights.

5 In effect, Mr. Sanson would have the Court find that he deserves sanctions because he is a
6 purist who seeks to educate the public about unscrupulous lawyers and judges. In truth and in fact,
7 he has an ulterior agenda in operating VIPI—i.e., seeking to “*manipulate, intimidate, and control*”
8 members of the Nevada Bar—and will pursue that agenda *by any means necessary*, including by
9 threatening an esteemed Family Court Judge who would not “succumb to [his] desired result.”³⁰

10 Mr. Schneider, too, is not without blame. He enlisted Mr. Sanson to target Ms. Abrams.³¹
11 Whether or not Mr. Sanson defamed Ms. Abrams (he did, repeatedly and unabashedly), the fact
12 remains that Mr. Schneider directed Mr. Sanson to publicly vilify Ms. Abrams. Mr. Schneider said,
13 in direct response to the filing of a motion for sanctions by the Abrams Parties in the *Saiter v. Saiter*
14 matter: “If your firm does not withdraw that motion, I will oppose it *and take additional action*
15 *beyond the opposition*.”³² His message rang loud and clear; he knew exactly what Mr. Sanson
16 would do with the September 29, 2016 video (despite feigning ignorance to his client).³³

17 Finally, the Court seemingly noted the complex nature of the issues presented in this matter
18 during the hearing on the anti-SLAPP motions. (*See* Tr., July 5, 2017, 54:3 (“I mean, the briefs were
19 very, very good.”).) As a result, it cannot be said that the Abrams Parties’ claims were frivolous or

21 ²⁸ See Sample VIPI Facebook Posts, available at <https://www.facebook.com/VIPIstavesanson/>, attached as
22 Exhibit 4; see also VIPI Website, available at [http://web-extract.constantcontact.com/v1/social_annotation?permalink_
uri=2g7ycbB&image_url=https%3A%2F%2Fmlsdc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com%2Ff4fde64c401%2Ff613f9f1-dd3c-4e58-b49e-cce2d0ec4c00.jpg%3Fver%3D1507924100000](http://web-extract.constantcontact.com/v1/social_annotation?permalink_uri=2g7ycbB&image_url=https%3A%2F%2Fmlsdc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com%2Ff4fde64c401%2Ff613f9f1-dd3c-4e58-b49e-cce2d0ec4c00.jpg%3Fver%3D1507924100000), attached as Exhibit 5.

23 ²⁹ See Exs. 4-5.

24 ³⁰ See Order of Recusal, Sept. 5, 2017, *Irina Ansell v. Douglas Ansell*, Case No. D-15-521960-D, attached as
Exhibit 6, at pgs. 6-9 (emphasis added).

25 ³¹ Despite repeated invitations during the briefing process and at oral argument, Mr. Schneider refused to deny
26 enlisting Mr. Sanson’s “services” to defame and disparage the Abrams Parties.

27 ³² Email from Mr. Schneider to Brandon Leavitt, Sept. 15, 2016, attached as Exhibit 7.

28 ³³ Email from Mr. Schneider to Tina Saiter, forwarded to Brandon Saiter, Oct. 6, 2016, attached as Exhibit 8
(claiming that he is “not happy about” Mr. Sanson posting the September 29, 2016 hearing video, saying, “There is
apparently some sort of war between [VIPI] and the other side”).)

1 vexatious. *See Baldonado v. Wynn Las Vegas, LLC*, 124 Nev. 951, 967-68, 194 P.3d 96, 106-07
2 (2008) (refusing to award attorney’s fees pursuant to NRS 18.010(2)(b), which likewise requires a
3 finding that a claim was frivolous or “brought or maintained without reasonable ground or to harass
4 the prevailing party,” saying, “[T]he law in this matter is complex and was unsettled. Since
5 appellants raised reasonably supportable, if not ultimately successful, arguments, the district court
6 did not abuse its discretion in determining that appellants’ claims were brought with reasonable
7 grounds and in denying the Wynn’s motion for attorney fees”).

8 For these reasons, the Court should refuse to award \$10,000.00 in statutory sanctions to any
9 of the Defendants.

10 3. The Court Should Reject the Schneider Defendants’ Request for Additional
11 Sanctions Pursuant to the Court’s Inherent Authority.

12 The Schneider Defendants ask the Court to go above and beyond awarding attorney’s fees,
13 costs, and statutory sanctions—they also ask the Court to exercise its inherent authority to sanction
14 the Abrams Parties for an additional \$80,495.00.³⁴ (Schneider Mot., 9:8-10.) In other words, the
15 Schneider Defendants seek “a total of \$170,990.00.” (*Id.*) Their request is beyond the pale.

16 The Court has the inherent authority to sanction a party for “litigation abuses not specifically
17 proscribed by statute.” *Young v. Johnny Ribeiro Bldg.*, 106 Nev. 88, 92, 787 P.2d 777, 779 (1990).
18 Such sanctions must be “reasonably proportionate to the litigant’s misconduct.” *Emerson v. Eighth*
19 *Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 127 Nev. 672, 681, 263 P.3d 224, 230 (2011) (quotation marks and citation omitted).

20 As a preliminary matter, because NRS 41.670(1)(b) specifically addresses the alleged wrong
21 giving rise to the Schneider Defendants’ request for sanctions (i.e., filing a SLAPP), the Court
22 should decline to separately consider exercising its inherent authority to sanction the Abrams Parties
23 for suing the Schneider Defendants. Regardless, the Abrams Parties did not abuse the litigation
24 process by seeking redress for what they maintain is a covert attempt by the Schneider Defendants
25 (in concert with the VIPI Defendants) to cause harm to the Abrams Parties.

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28 ³⁴ The VIPI Defendants did not seek sanctions beyond those permitted under NRS 41.670(1)(b).

1 The Schneider Defendants argue that sanctions are warranted because the Abrams Parties
2 named them “in all eleven causes of action.” (Schneider Mot., 7:3-4.) Of course they did; a co-
3 conspirator “is liable for any tortious act, even unknown, committed in furtherance of the
4 conspiracy, including acts not personally committed.” *Baker ex rel. Hall Brake Supply, Inc. v.*
5 *Stewart Title & Trust of Phoenix, Inc.*, 5 P.3d 249, 256 (Ariz. Ct. App. 2000). It did not matter
6 whether Mr. Schneider actually published the defamatory statements at issue in this matter, so long
7 as he conspired with Mr. Sanson to defame and disparage the Abrams Parties.

8 During the July 5, 2017 hearing, the Schneider Defendants’ counsel acknowledged that the
9 Schneider Defendants were alleged to be liable for the torts committed by the VIPI Defendants by
10 virtue of conspiring with the VIPI Defendants. (Tr., July 5, 2017, 19:11-18 (“The Court: Do you
11 agree that the allegations against your client arise out of the conspiracy? Mr. Potter: Yes . . . The
12 Court: But he is liable apparently through a civil conspiracy theory? Mr. Potter: Correct.”).)
13 Because their counsel conceded – in open Court – that the Abrams Parties had a basis in law to name
14 them “in all eleven causes of action,” the Schneider Defendants cannot now argue that the Abrams
15 Parties should be sanctioned for naming them “in all eleven causes of action.”

16 In the end, the Schneider Defendants’ request for sanctions pursuant to the Court’s inherent
17 authority *combined with* their request for sanctions pursuant to NRS 41.670(1)(b) is, ironically,
18 vindictive and designed to unfairly punish the Abrams Parties. Their request, which they freely
19 admit would be “duplicative,” (Schneider Mot., 8:2-3), should be denied.

20 III. CONCLUSION

21 The Defendants seek to capitalize on dismissal of this lawsuit by requesting an exorbitant
22 amount of attorney’s fees, costs, and sanctions. But dismissal of a SLAPP is not intended to result in
23 a financial windfall for the Defendants.

24 The Court must award “reasonable” attorney’s fees to the VIPI Defendants and the Schneider
25 Defendants (assuming (*arguendo*) that the Court excuses the Schneider Defendants’ inexplicable
26 failure to substantiate their Motion with detailed billing invoices). A “reasonable” attorney’s fee for
27 the VIPI Defendants is \$31,047.50 (plus \$2,754.33 in costs), and a reasonable attorney’s fee for the
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Schneider Defendants is \$6,727.50. Any awards in excess of those amounts would be contrary to language and intent of NRS 41.670(1)(a).

The Court should decline to award additional sanctions to any of the Defendants. The Abrams Parties' claims were neither frivolous nor vexatious; the Abrams Parties were publicly dragged across the metaphorical coals and sought redress for it. The Court determined that they had failed to show a probability of success in pursuing their claims against the Defendants. But dismissal of their lawsuit—without more—is not akin to a finding that their lawsuit was baseless.

For these reasons, the Court should deny the instant Motions.

DATED this 27th day of October, 2017.

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Date	Time Expended	Billor	Rate	Description	Total
1/23/2017	5.7	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Check docket and review and analyze materials. Review compiled research re Anti-SLAPP law procedural issues and begin preparing memo. Emails to opposing counsel. Communications with client.	\$2,565.00
1/23/2017	2.4	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Continue research re Anti-SLAPP statute, review sample motions, and Nevada Supreme Court case law. Research related procedural issues and recent case developments from California.	\$1,080.00
1/23/2017	0.2	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Draft Notice of Appearance to be filed tomorrow after attorney's review.	\$30.00
1/23/2017	0.3	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Organize electronic copy of files/documents received from Mr. Sanson.	\$45.00
1/24/2017	1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Call with Ms. Abrams to introduce self, discuss matter, and discuss stipulation to avoid work on 12(b)(5) motion in advance of determination on Anti-SLAPP motion. Attention to drafting of stipulation and follow-up re same.	\$450.00
1/24/2017	1.6	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Further review and analysis of file.	\$720.00
1/24/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Attention to NOA, IAFD	\$90.00
1/24/2017	0.7	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Draft preservation/freeze letter. Attention to compiling information from client.	\$105.00
1/24/2017	0.3	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Draft Stipulation and [Proposed] Order re extension to file Response to Complaint; email communications with Ms. Abrams re same.	\$45.00
1/24/2017	0.2	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Finalize and file Notice of Appearance; serve/mail re same. Draft and file Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure. Email communications with Mr. Sanson re same.	\$30.00

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Date	Time Expended	Biller	Rate	Description	Total
1/25/2017	0.8	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Edit stipulation and respond to email from Ms. Abrams. Review email refusing to stipulate (change of position); leave message for Ms. Abrams. Review her email response, continuing to refuse to reasonable stipulation and stating that she will not communicate except in email. Review NOA by Mr. Willick and direct staff to communicate with him.	\$360.00
1/25/2017	0.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Update Stipulation (substitute Plaintiffs' new counsel information) and email re same to Mr. Willick for review/approval.	\$15.00
1/25/2017	0.2	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Review emails from Mr. Sanson re texts, emails, and videos. Download and save accordingly.	\$30.00
1/26/2017	0.2	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Per Ms. McLetchie's request, review Eighth Judicial District Court Rules regarding motions for extensions of time. Confer with Ms. McLetchie re same.	\$70.00
1/26/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Email to Mr. Willick re directing communications since Abrams/ Abrams & Mayo now represented.	\$90.00
1/26/2017	3.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Continued research re Anti-SLAPP issues.	\$1,395.00
1/26/2017	1.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Draft Motion for Extension and Motion and Order for Order on Shortening Time re same.	\$165.00
1/27/2017	0.5	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Research regarding legislative history of NRS 41.650 - statute regarding immunity from civil action for statements re public matters. Edit motion for extension of time pursuant to research. Circulate edit to Ms. McLetchie.	\$175.00
1/27/2017	0.4	Gabriel Czop	\$25.00	Travel to Regional Justice Center, drop off Ex Parte Order to Judge Adair's chambers. [billed at lower rate]	\$10.00

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1/27/2017	1.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Call with Willick. Confer with Ms. Shell.	\$495.00
1/27/2017	0.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Research dockets of similar cases for Ms. McLetchie; download docket and latest Complaint for Damages against Mr. Sanson.	\$15.00
1/27/2017	2.3	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Editing and incorporating Ms. McLetchie's edits to Motion for Extension and Motion for an Order on Shortening Time re same. Prepare Declarations, exhibits, and proposed Orders re same. File and serve/mail/email/fax re same.	\$345.00
1/29/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Respond to email from Marshal Willick re scheduling, possible stipulation.	\$90.00
1/29/2017	0.3	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review case status.	\$135.00
1/30/2017	1.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review amended complaint; address issues re Order Shortening Time; call to chambers.	\$540.00
1/30/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Emails to client.	\$90.00
1/30/2017	1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Communications with client.	\$450.00
2/2/2017	2.3	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Draft freeze letter. Research regarding preservation.	\$1,035.00
2/2/2017	0.2	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Attention to preservation/freeze letters from opposing counsel.	\$30.00
2/3/2017	0.2	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Phone call with forensics expert. Sign freeze letter on behalf of Ms. McLetchie.	\$70.00
2/3/2017	0.1	Gabriel Czap	\$100.00	Research and locate a Nevada case that articulates the requirement to preserve evidence in anticipation of litigation.	\$10.00
2/3/2017	0.4	Gabriel Czap	\$100.00	Go to post office, mail certified letter, return receipt requested.	\$40.00

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Date	Time Expended	Biller	Rate	Description	Total
2/3/2017	2.6	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Draft response to freeze letter from Abrams. Attention to retention of forensic expert. Attention to factual issues and related work.	\$1,170.00
2/3/2017	0.3	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Finalize preservation/freeze letter. Send/email to Mr. Willick re same.	\$45.00
2/3/2017	0.5	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Finalize Ms. McLetchie's letter to Mr. Willick in response to Ms. Abrams' preservation/freeze letter.	\$75.00
2/3/2017	0.8	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Attention to preservation and document collection issues per direction from Ms. McLetchie.	\$120.00
2/3/2017	0.3	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Email and phone calls re scheduling.	\$45.00
2/4/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Call with client.	\$90.00
2/5/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review and consider email from Mr. Willick.	\$90.00
2/6/2017	3.5	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Meet with Ms. McLetchie and review research provided. [no charge.] Read Ms. Abrams' Complaint, read all website materials, review research re Anti-SLAPP law and precedent.	\$612.50
2/6/2017	0.6	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Work with team re preservation issues.	\$270.00
2/7/2017	4.9	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Draft outline of argument in Anti-SLAPP motion, draft statement of relevant facts pursuant to direction from Ms. McLetchie.	\$857.50
2/7/2017	0.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review documents.	\$45.00
2/7/2017	0.2	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Draft memo re case documentation.	\$30.00
2/8/2017	1.5	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Research and draft public interest Weinberg test section of Anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$262.50

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Date	Time Expended	Biller	Rate	Description	Total
2/8/2017	2.8	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue drafting Anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$490.00
2/9/2017	4.1	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue drafting Anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss, specifically public interest prong and good faith communications prong.	\$717.50
2/9/2017	0.8	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Direct work on briefing: Motion to dismiss.	\$360.00
2/9/2017	0.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Email communications to Mr. Sanson.	\$15.00
2/10/2017	2.2	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue Anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$385.00
2/11/2017	5.5	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Draft 12(b)(5) motion to dismiss.	\$962.50
2/12/2017	4	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue drafting motion to dismiss.	\$700.00
2/13/2017	6.8	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue drafting and editing 12(b)(5) motion to dismiss.	\$1,190.00
2/13/2017	0.6	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Emails re issues pertaining to Ms. Abrams' efforts to interfere with VIPI Facebook. Research re counter-claims.	\$270.00
2/13/2017	0.9	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Research. Work on motion to dismiss/ confer with Mr. Wolpert re same and check progress/ structure of brief. Update client.	\$405.00
2/14/2017	1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Direct research and writing of 12(b)(5) motion to dismiss.	\$450.00
2/14/2017	1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review info from client re information on Mr. Willick's site. Research regarding anti-SLAPP motions.	\$450.00
2/15/2017	1.8	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Craft motion to strike.	\$315.00
2/15/2017	5.3	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Craft and edit 12(b)(5) motion to dismiss.	\$927.50

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2/15/2017	8.5	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review related filings and drafts. Edit draft received from Mr. Wolpert and organize brief sections. Draft sections re court access and injunctive relief. Edit and expand introduction and fact section and begin editing defamation section. Research additional section re attorney's fees and sanctions and motion to strike.	\$3,825.00
2/16/2017	9.1	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Attention to Motion to Dismiss: edit / expand section re defamation per Ms. McLetchie's request. Draft separate section regarding sanctions. Edit motion to strike. Supervise finalization of tables and filing.	\$3,185.00
2/16/2017	0.8	Gabriel Czop	\$100.00	Begin legal cite checking the Motion to Dismiss.	\$80.00
2/16/2017	8.2	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Draft and edit RICO section of motion to dismiss, draft and edit motion to dismiss generally.	\$1,435.00
2/16/2017	2.1	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Draft motion to strike.	\$367.50
2/16/2017	0.3	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review correspondence.	\$135.00
2/16/2017	8.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Revisions to response to motion to dismiss (False light, emotional distress claims, legal standard, and brief in its entirety). Draft new section re general failure to plead with specificity/ Research re lack of corp. standing to pursue emotional distress and false light claims. Meet with Mr. Sanson.	\$3,690.00
2/16/2017	0.2	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Attention to documentation and files.	\$30.00

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Date	Time Expended	Biller	Rate	Description	Total
2/16/2017	4.5	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Draft Motion for Leave to Exceed Page Limits for attorneys' review. File and serve/mail re same. Finalize Motion to Dismiss (create table of contents and table of authorities); file and serve/mail re same. Finalize Motion to Strike; file and serve/mail re same.	\$675.00
2/17/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Conferences re case status.	\$90.00
2/17/2017	0.4	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Check file; calendaring.	\$60.00
2/25/2017	2.3	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue drafting/editing Anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$402.50
2/27/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review emails re status.	\$90.00
2/27/2017	0.5	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Check file, docket, and upcoming dates.	\$225.00
3/1/2017	0.5	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Research re protections for journalists.	\$225.00
3/2/2017	3.9	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue drafting anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$682.50
3/2/2017	0.4	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Provide direction re work on Anti-SLAPP motion.	\$180.00
3/3/2017	0.9	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Meeting with Steve; follow up with email to Steve.	\$405.00
3/6/2017	1.3	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Edit opposition to motion for order shortening time and, Mr. Sanson's declaration re same.	\$227.50
3/7/2017	0.5	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review response/ counter-motion. Follow up re transcription and striking Leavitt. Review email re calendaring.	\$225.00
3/7/2017	0.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Call Veritext Legal Solutions re quote to transcribe audio re Saiter hearing to use as exhibit.	\$15.00

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3/7/2017	0.2	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Review Opposition to Motion to Dismiss and Opposition to Motion to Strike with Countermotions for Attorneys' Fees; update and calculate calendar re same.	\$30.00
3/8/2017	1.1	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Per Ms. McLetchie's request, research regarding time for filing opposition to Anti-SLAPP motion. Draft memorandum re same.	\$385.00
3/8/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Research re burden plaintiff has in responding to Anti-SLAPP motion.	\$90.00
3/8/2017	1.6	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Research re attorney's fees requested in countermotions.	\$720.00
3/8/2017	0.7	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Attention to checking date calculations and to case management.	\$315.00
3/9/2017	0.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review notice of reassignment. Forward to client.	\$45.00
3/9/2017	0.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Attention to obtaining exhibits for use in anti-SLAPP motion.	\$45.00
3/9/2017	1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review research re "SLAPP back" provisions of NRS 41.670 and research various procedural matters.	\$450.00
3/11/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Attention to obtaining Saiter transcript.	\$90.00
3/13/2017	0.7	Admin Admin	\$25.00	Dropped off flash drive to be transcribed at Veritext: 2250 S Rancho Drive Suite 195	\$17.50
3/13/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Rule 11/sanctions research.	\$90.00
3/13/2017	0.3	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Review filings from Willick case.	\$135.00
3/13/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Follow up re obtaining transcript from Saiter case.	\$90.00
3/13/2017	0.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Call to client.	\$15.00

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3/13/2017	0.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Complete order form for transcription re Saiter divorce hearing with Veritext Legal Solutions.	\$15.00
3/14/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Research re Rule 11 sanctions.	\$90.00
3/16/2017	0.3	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Assist in preparation of Anti-SLAPP motion and supporting documents. Edit draft declaration of Steve Sanson.	\$105.00
3/16/2017	0.8	Gabriel Czop	\$100.00	Research for Ms. McLetchie re: applicable test in anti-SLAPP motions and whether public interest is the same as public concern.	\$80.00
3/17/2017	0.4	Gabriel Czop	\$100.00	Research anti-SLAPP statute and finish writing footnote comparing NV and CA statutes.	\$40.00
3/19/2017	2.3	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Edit anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$402.50
3/20/2017	1.9	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Edit declaration in support of Anti-SLAPP motion. Per Ms. McLetchie's request, edit Anti-SLAPP motion.	\$665.00
3/20/2017	3.0	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Direct work on Anti-SLAPP motion; review and revise drafts.	\$1,350.00
3/20/2017	0.7	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Draft additional section for Anti-SLAPP regarding historical background re opening proceedings.	\$245.00
3/20/2017	3.9	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue editing anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$682.50
3/20/2017	0.8	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Edit Mr. Sanson's declaration for inclusion with anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$140.00
3/21/2017	1.1	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Edit most recent draft of Steve Sanson declaration. Review exhibits to declaration with Ms. Burchfield to address gaps and errors. Discuss same with Ms. McLetchie and Mr. Wolpert.	\$385.00
3/21/2017	3.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Continued work on anti-SLAPP motion.	\$1,440.00
3/21/2017	2.8	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue editing anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss, implementing Ms. McLetchie comments.	\$490.00

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3/21/2017	3	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Cite check and edit anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$525.00
3/21/2017	0.4	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Prepare exhibits in support of Anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$60.00
3/27/2017	2	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Edit anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$350.00
3/28/2017	0.1	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Assist with finding full case cites for inclusion in anti-SLAPP motion.	\$35.00
3/28/2017	3.4	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Revisions to Anti-SLAPP Motion.	\$1,530.00
3/28/2017	0.2	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Locate template motion to file under seal for Mr. Wolpert to use in drafting motion to dismiss. Review and respond to email from Ms. McLetchie regarding issues pertaining to anti-SLAPP motions.	\$70.00
3/28/2017	2.3	Gabriel Czop	\$100.00	Review and cite check Special Motion to Dismiss pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. 41.660	\$230.00
3/28/2017	2.5	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Edit anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss and draft motion to file under seal.	\$437.50
3/28/2017	5.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Finalize exhibits and declarations re Anti-SLAPP motion. Prepare motion to file exhibit 13 under seal. Prepare table of contents and table of authorities re same. File and serve/mail Anti-SLAPP motion, motion to file under seal (exhibit 13) and declarations.	\$765.00
3/30/2017	2.3	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Begin drafting replies to oppositions to motion to dismiss and motion to strike	\$402.50
3/30/2017	0.1	Pharan Burchfield	\$150.00	Review recent pleadings in Abrams v. Schneider matter; calendar accordingly; email file-stamped copies to client.	\$15.00
3/31/2017	2.5	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue drafting reply to opposition to motion to dismiss.	\$437.50
4/4/2017	4.3	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Confer with Ms. McLetchie re reply to opposition to motion to dismiss; continue drafting reply.	\$752.50

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4/4/2017	0.1	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Check status of filings.	\$45.00
4/4/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Respond to client inquiry.	\$90.00
4/4/2017	0.4	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Direct work on reply.	\$180.00
4/5/2017	0.5	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Additional attention to reply to opposition to motion to dismiss.	\$87.50
4/5/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Check deadline for plaintiffs to respond to anti-SLAPP motion.	\$90.00
4/8/2017	0.9	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue drafting reply to opposition to motion to dismiss.	\$157.50
4/13/2017	0.8	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue drafting reply to opposition to motion to dismiss.	\$140.00
4/14/2017	0.2	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Attention to SAO; review same and emails with opposing counsel; update to client.	\$90.00
5/7/2017	2.5	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Review opposition to anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss, research regarding counter-arguments.	\$437.50
5/7/2017	0.4	Margaret McLetchie	\$450.00	Attention to work on reply to omnibus opposition.	\$180.00
5/10/2017	3.5	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Research and draft motion to dismiss appeal.	\$612.50
5/24/2017	1.2	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Research and draft reply to non-opposition to motion to seal.	\$210.00
5/25/2017	0.7	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Edit request to unseal Exhibit 13 to anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.	\$245.00
5/25/2017	2.7	Alina Shell	\$350.00	Read Anti-SLAPP opposition. Review cases cited in opposition and research additional cases. Begin drafting reply.	\$945.00
5/25/2017	2.3	Leo Wolpert	\$175.00	Continue working on reply to opposition to 12b5 motion to dismiss (1.5), rewrite reply to non-opposition to seal (.75)	\$402.50

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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JENNIFER V. ABRAMS and
THE ABRAMS & MAYO LAW FIRM,

Appellant,

vs.

LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER; LAW OFFICES
OF LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, LLC; STEVE
W. SANSON; VETERANS IN
POLITICS INTERNATIONAL, INC;

Respondent.

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vs.

STEVE W. SANSON; VETERANS IN
POLITICS INTERNATIONAL, INC; LOUIS
C. SCHNEIDER; AND LAW OFFICES
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Respondent.

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