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2017, with Notice of Entry thereof being filed and electronically served on May 26, 2017; and Plaintiff/Appellant also hereby appeals from:

B. That certain "Judgment" entered by the district court on August 29, 2017, which reiterated and incorporated the district court's prior dispositive Decision and Order, and which also contained a costs award included therein, with Notice of Entry thereof having been filed and electronically served on August 30, 2017.

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Appellant is as follows:

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Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COURT 1 **ACAS** G. MARK ALBRIGHT, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 001394 D. CHRIS ALBRIGHT, ESO. Nevada Bar No. 004904 ALBRIGHT, STODDARD, WARNICK & ALBRIGHT 801 South Rancho Drive, Suite D-4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89106 Tel: (702) 384-7111 Fax: (702) 384-0605 gma@albrightstoddard.com dca@albrightstoddard.com Attorneys for Appellant/Plaintiff **DISTRICT COURT** CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY, a CASE NO. A-16-744561-C North Carolina corporation, DEPT NO. XXVII Appellant/Plaintiff, DOUGLAS D. GERRARD, ESQ., individually; AMENDED CASE APPEAL and GERRARD & COX, a Nevada professional **STATEMENT** corporation, d/b/a GERRARD COX & LARSEN; JOHN DOE INDIVIDUALS I-X; and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES XI-XX, Respondents/Defendants. The name of the Appellant filing this Amended Case Appeal Statement is: 1. BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY, a North Carolina corporation, qualified and registered to do business in Nevada. 2. The following Judge issued the Decision and Order and the Judgment appealed from: The Honorable Nancy L. Allf, District Court Judge, Department 27, Clark County, Nevada. 3. The identity of each Appellant and the name and address of counsel for each

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7	4. The identity of each Res	spondent and the name and address of anticipated appellate
8		counsel, for each Respondent, is as follows:
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10	RESPONDENTS:	DOUGLAS D. GERRARD, ESQ.;
11		GERRARD & COX, a Nevada professional
12		corporation, d/b/a GERRARD COX & LARSEN
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20	the State of Nevada.	
21	6. Appellant was represente	ed by retained counsel in the district court.
22	7. Appellant is represented	by retained counsel on appeal.
23	8. Appellant has not soug	ght nor has it been granted leave to proceed in forma
24	pauperis.	
	9. The proceedings comme	nced in the district court on October 5, 2016.
25	10. A brief description of	the nature of the action and result in the district court,
26	including the type of order being appear	aled from and the relief granted by the district court is as
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This action is a legal malpractice suit against attorney Douglas D. Gerrard ("Gerrard") and his law firm Gerrard & Cox, a Nevada professional corporation d/b/a Gerrard Cox & Larsen ("GC&L"), stemming from those Defendants' representation of Plaintiff/Appellant Branch Banking & Trust Company ("BB&T") in an earlier Clark County, Nevada case, which was known as Case Number A-08-574852, consolidated with Case No. A-09-594512 (hereinafter the "underlying priority suit"). The underlying priority suit adjudicated the priority of two competing deeds of trust against commercial real property located in Henderson Nevada. Said suit was tried before the Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez in 2010. BB&T lost the underlying priority suit, and this loss was appealed to this Nevada Supreme Court (Nev. Sup. Ct. Case No. 56640) which upheld the lower court's decision. Thereafter, the outcome in the underlying priority suit was the subject of a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Supreme Court (the "Petition"), which Court ultimately denied that Petition.

Within two years of that denial, by the U.S. Supreme Court, of the Petition, this lawsuit was filed. This lawsuit is a legal malpractice claim against the attorneys who represented Plaintiff/Appellant BB&T before the trial court in the underlying priority suit. The loss suffered by BB&T in that suit was, it is alleged herein, not on the merits, but due to procedural and other errors, constituting legal malpractice, by the Defendants/Respondents. The Defendants in this legal malpractice suit filed an NRCP 12(b)(5) Motion to Dismiss, arguing among other contentions that this suit was time-barred under Nevada's statute of limitations for legal malpractice. That Motion was granted and this action has now been dismissed based on a Decision and Order entered on May 25, 2017 dismissing this suit as barred by the applicable statute of limitations. A subsequent Motion to Alter or Amend, by vacating the Decision and Order of dismissal, was denied. The Decision and Order of dismissal also resulted in a Judgment, entered on August 29, 2017, incorporating the Decision and Order, and awarding costs.

This is an appeal from the May 25, 2017 Decision and Order of dismissal, and from the August 29, 2017 Judgment thereon, as the Appellant BB&T avers that this suit was timely brought within two years of the U.S. Supreme Court's rejection of the Petition, which Petition should be treated as an appeal for purposes of applying Nevada's litigation malpractice appeal tolling and delayed claim accrual rules, as recognized by this Nevada Supreme Court.

- 11. This instant legal malpractice case has not previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding to this Court. (The underlying priority suit was the subject of such a prior proceeding [Case No. 56640], as indicated above, but not this legal malpractice case.)
 - 12. This appeal does not involve child custody or visitation.
 - 13. This appeal may involve the possibility of settlement.

DATED this 30 day of August, 2017.

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CASE SUMMARY CASE No. A-16-744561-C

Branch Banking & Trust Company, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

08/29/2017

Douglas Gerrard, ESQ, Defendant(s)

Location: Department 27
Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy
Filed on: 10/05/2016

Case Number History:

Cross-Reference Case A744561

Number:

CASE INFORMATION

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Statistical Closures Case Type: Legal Malpractice

Case Flags: Appealed to Supreme Court

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DATE CASE ASSIGNMENT

Current Case Assignment

Motion to Dismiss by the Defendant(s)

Case Number A-16-744561-C
Court Department 27
Date Assigned 02/08/2017
Judicial Officer Allf, Nancy

PARTY INFORMATION

Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Albright, George Mark

Retained 7023847111(W)

Defendant Gerrard & Cox

Removed: 08/29/2017

Dismissed

Gerrard Cox & Larsen

Removed: 02/22/2017

Inactive

Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ

DATE	EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT	INDEX
10/05/2016	Summons Filed by: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Summons	
10/05/2016	Summons Filed by: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Summons	
10/05/2016	Complaint Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Complaint	
10/18/2016	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Affidavit of Service on Defendant Douglas D. Gerrard	
10/18/2016	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company	

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	Affidavit of Service on Defendant Gerrard Cox Larsen
11/21/2016	Request for Judicial Notice Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Request for Judicial Notice In Support of Defendant Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq., and Gerrard Cox & Larsen's Motion to Dismiss Complaint
11/21/2016	Motion to Dismiss Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Defendant Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq. and Gerrard Cox & Larsen's Notice of Motion and Motion to Dismiss Complaint; Memorandum Points and Authorities
11/21/2016	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Defendant's Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
12/02/2016	Demand for Jury Trial Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Demand for Jury Trial
12/02/2016	Stipulation and Order Filed by: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Stipulation and Order to Extend Briefing on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Complaint and to Reset Hearing Date
12/05/2016	Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order to Extend Briefing on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Complaint and to Reset Hearing Date
12/28/2016	Opposition Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss; and Alternative Countermotion for Leave to Amend
12/28/2016	Response Filed by: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Plaintiff's Response and Partial Opposition to Defendants' Request for Judicial Notice
12/28/2016	Request for Judicial Notice Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Plaintiff's Request for Judicial Notice in Support of Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Complaint
01/17/2017	Reply in Support Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Reply In Support Of Defendants Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq., And Gerrard Cox & Larsen's Motion To Dismiss Complaint And Opposition To Alternative Countermotion For Leave To Amend
01/17/2017	Request for Judicial Notice Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Request for Judicial Notice In Support Of Reply In Support Of Defendants Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq., And Gerrard Cox & Larsen's Motion To Dismiss Complaint
01/17/2017	

	CASE NO. A-10-744501-C
	Reply in Support Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Reply In Support Of Request For Judicial Notice In Support Of Defendants Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq., And Gerrard Cox & Larsen's Motion To Dismiss Complaint
01/17/2017	Response Filed by: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Response And Partial Objection To Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company's Request For Judicial Notice
01/18/2017	Stipulation and Order Filed by: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Stipulation and Order to Continue Hearing on Motion to Dismiss
01/18/2017	Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order to Continue Hearing on Motion to Dismiss
01/20/2017	Response Filed by: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Response to Defendants' [Second] Request for Judicial Notice Filed in Support of Defendants' Reply Points and Authorities Regarding Defendants' Motion to Dismiss
01/26/2017	Reply Points and Authorities Filed by: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Plaintiff's Reply Points and Authorities in Support of its Request for Judicial Notice
01/27/2017	Reply in Support Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Plaintiff's Reply in Support of Alternative Countermotion for Leave to Amend Complaint
02/06/2017	Stipulation and Order for Dismissal With Prejudice Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Stipulation and Order to Dismiss the Second Cause of Action from the Plaintiff's Complaint
02/06/2017	Order of Dismissal With Prejudice (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Debtors: Douglas D. Gerrard, ESQ. (Defendant), Gerrard Cox & Larsen (Defendant) Creditors: Branch Banking & Trust Company (Plaintiff) Judgment: 02/06/2017, Docketed: 02/13/2017 Comment: Certain Causes
02/07/2017	Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order to Dismiss the Second Cause of Action from the Plaintiff's Complaint
02/07/2017	Request (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.) Request for Judicial Notice In Support of Defendant Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq., and Gerrard Cox & Larsen's Motion to Dismiss Complaint
02/07/2017	Motion to Dismiss (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.) Defendant Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq. and Gerrard Cox & Larsen's Notice of Motion and Motion to Dismiss Complaint; Memorandum Points and Authorities
02/07/2017	Opposition and Countermotion (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.) Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss; and Alternative Countermotion for Leave to Amend

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02/07/2017	All Pending Motions (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.)
02/08/2017	Notice of Department Reassignment Notice of Department Reassignment
02/16/2017	Stipulation and Order Filed by: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Stipulation and Order to Withdraw Without Prejudice and Vacate Any Scheduled Hearings on Motion to Dismiss and Requests for Judicial Notice
02/17/2017	Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order to Withdraw Without Prejudice and Vacate any Scheduled Hearings on Motion to Dismiss and Requests for Judicial Notice
02/22/2017	First Amended Complaint Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company First Amended Complaint
03/08/2017	Motion to Dismiss Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Notice of Motion and Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint; Memorandum of Points and Authorities
03/08/2017	Request for Judicial Notice Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Request for Judicial Notice in Support of Defendants Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq. and Gerrard Cox & Larsen's Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint
03/21/2017	Response Filed by: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Plaintiff's Response and Partial Opposition to Defendants' March 8, 2017 Request for Judicial Notice and Counter-Request for Judicial Notice by Plaintiff
03/21/2017	Opposition Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint; and Alternative Countermotion for Leave to Amend
04/07/2017	Reply in Support Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Defendants Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq., and Gerrard Cox & Larsen's (1) Reply in Support of Defendants' Request for Judicial Notice; (2) Response and Partial Objection to Plaintiff's Counter-Request for Judicial Notice; and (3) Request for Judicial Notice on Reply
04/07/2017	Reply in Support Filed By: Defendant Gerrard Cox & Larsen Reply in Support of Defendants Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq., and Gerrard Cox & Larsen's Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint and Opposition to Alternative Countermotion for Leave to Amend
04/12/2017	Reply in Support Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Plaintiff's Reply in Support of its Counter-Requests for Judicial Notice and Response to

	CASE NO. A-10-/44501-C
	Defendnats New Requests
04/12/2017	Reply in Support Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Plaintiff's Reply in Support of Alternative Countermotion for Leave to Amend Complaint
04/19/2017	Motion to Dismiss (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Events: 03/08/2017 Motion to Dismiss Deft's Motion and Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint; Memorandum of Points and Authorities
04/19/2017	Opposition and Countermotion (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Events: 03/21/2017 Opposition Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint; and Alternative Countermotion for Leave to Amend
04/19/2017	All Pending Motions (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy)
04/28/2017	Supplemental Brief Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Supplemental Briefing of Points and Authorities on Statute of Limitation Issues in Support of Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint
04/28/2017	Supplement Filed by: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Supplemental Brief on Statute of Limitations Issues in Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint
05/16/2017	CANCELED Decision (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Vacated Decision: Defendant's Motion and Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint; Memorandum of Points and Authorities; Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint; and Alternative Countermotion for Leave to Amend
05/25/2017	Decision and Order Decision and Order Granting Defendants Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq. and Gerrard Cox & Larsen s Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint and Denying Plaintiff s Countermotion for Leave to Amend
05/25/2017	Order of Dismissal With Prejudice (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Debtors: Douglas D. Gerrard, ESQ. (Defendant) Creditors: Branch Banking & Trust Company (Plaintiff) Judgment: 05/25/2017, Docketed: 06/01/2017
05/26/2017	Notice of Entry Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ; Defendant Gerrard & Cox Notice Of Entry Of Decision And Order Granting Defendants Gerard D. Gerrard, Esq. and Gerrard Cox & Larsen's Motion To Dismiss First Amended Complaint And Denying Plaintiff's Countermotion For Leave To Amend
06/05/2017	Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ; Defendant Gerrard & Cox Defendants' Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements
06/05/2017	Motion Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Motion to Alter or Amend, by Vacating, Order of Dismissal, Pursuant to NRCP 59(e)

06/22/2017	Opposition Defendants Douglas D. Gerrard and Gerrard Cox Larsen's Opposition to Motion to Alter or Amend, by Vacating, Order of Dismissal, Pursuant to NRCP 59(e)
06/26/2017	Recorders Transcript of Hearing Transcript of Proceedings, Defendant's Motion and Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint; Memorandum of Points and Authorities, Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint; and Alternative Countermotion for Leave to Amend, Heard on April 19, 2017
06/28/2017	Reply Points and Authorities Filed by: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Reply Points and Authorities in Support of Motion to Alter or Amend, by Vacating, Order of Dismissal, Pursuant to NRCP 59(e)
07/19/2017	Motion (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend, by Vacating, Order of Dismissal, Pursuant to NRCP 59 (e)
08/07/2017	Order Denying Motion Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Order Denying Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company's Motion to Alter or Amend, by Vacating, Order of Dismissal, Pursuant to NRCP 59(e)
08/08/2017	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ; Defendant Gerrard & Cox Notice of Entry of Order Denying Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company s Motion to Alter or Amend, By Vacating, Order of Dismissal, Pursuant To NRCP 59(e)
08/22/2017	Notice of Appeal Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Notice of Appeal
08/22/2017	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Case Appeal Statement
08/29/2017	Order of Dismissal With Prejudice (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Debtors: Branch Banking & Trust Company (Plaintiff) Creditors: Douglas D. Gerrard, ESQ. (Defendant), Gerrard & Cox (Defendant) Judgment: 08/29/2017, Docketed: 08/30/2017
08/29/2017	Judgment (Judicial Officer: Allf, Nancy) Debtors: Branch Banking & Trust Company (Plaintiff) Creditors: Douglas D. Gerrard, ESQ. (Defendant), Gerrard & Cox (Defendant) Judgment: 08/29/2017, Docketed: 08/30/2017 Total Judgment: 8,769.28
08/29/2017	Judgment Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ; Defendant Gerrard & Cox Judgment
08/30/2017	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ Notice of Entry of Judgment

08/30/2017	Amended Notice of Appeal Party: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Amended Notice of Appeal
08/30/2017	Amended Case Appeal Statement Party: Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company Amended Case Appeal Statement
DATE	FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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	Defendant Gerrard & Cox		
	Total Charges	14.00	
	Total Payments and Credits	14.00	
	Balance Due as of 8/31/2017	0.00	
	Defendant Gerrard Cox & Larsen		
	Total Charges	33.50	
	Total Payments and Credits	33.50	
	Balance Due as of 8/31/2017	0.00	
	Defendant Gerrard, Douglas D., ESQ		
	Total Charges	275.50	
	Total Payments and Credits	275.50	
	Balance Due as of 8/31/2017	0.00	
	Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company		
	Total Charges	297.50	
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	Balance Due as of 8/31/2017	0.00	
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DISTRICT COURT CIVIL COVER SHEET

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	Case No.	•	
I. Party Information (provide both ho	(Assigned by Clerk's		
Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone):	me unu maung aaaresses ij aijjerenij	Defendant(s) (name/address/phone):	
Branch Banking & Tr	rust Company	- ,	
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I. Nature of Controversy (please se	elect the one most applicable filing type	e below)	
Civil Case Filing Types			
Real Property		Torts	
Landlord/Tenant	Negligence	Other Torts	
Unlawful Detainer	Auto	Product Liability	
Other Landlord/Tenant	Premises Liability	Intentional Misconduct	
Title to Property	Other Negligence	Employment Tort	
Judicial Foreclosure	<u>Malpractice</u>	Insurance Tort	
Other Title to Property	Medical/Dental	Other Tort	
Other Real Property	Legal		
Condemnation/Eminent Domain	Accounting		
Other Real Property	Other Malpractice		
Probate	Construction Defect & Cont	tract Judicial Review/Appeal	
Probate (select case type and estate value)	Construction Defect	Judicial Review	
Summary Administration	Chapter 40	Foreclosure Mediation Case	
General Administration	Other Construction Defect	Petition to Seal Records	
Special Administration	Contract Case	Mental Competency	
Set Aside	Uniform Commercial Code	Nevada State Agency Appeal	
Trust/Conservatorship	Building and Construction	Department of Motor Vehicle	
Other Probate	Insurance Carrier	Worker's Compensation	
Estate Value	Commercial Instrument	Other Nevada State Agency	
Over \$200,000	Collection of Accounts	Appeal Other	
Between \$100,000 and \$200,000	Employment Contract	Appeal from Lower Court	
Under \$100,000 or Unknown	Other Contract	Other Judicial Review/Appeal	
Under \$2,500			
Civil	l Writ	Other Civil Filing	
Civil Writ		Other Civil Filing	
Writ of Habeas Corpus	Writ of Prohibition	Compromise of Minor's Claim	
Writ of Mandamus	Other Civil Writ	Foreign Judgment	
Writ of Quo Warrant		Other Civil Matters	
Business Co	ourt filings should be filed using th	re Business Court civil coyensifeet.	
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Date		Signature of initiating party or representative	
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NANCY L. ALLF DISTRICT JUDGE DEPT XXVII LAS VEGAS, NV 89155

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY, a North Carolina corporation,

Plaintiff(s)

DOUGLAS D. GERRARD, ESQ., individually; and GERRARD & COX, a Nevada professional corporation, d/b/a GERRARD COX & LARSEN; JOHN DOE INDIVIDUALS I-X; and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES XI-XX,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-16-744561-C

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DECISION AND ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS DOUGLAS D. GERRARD, ESQ. AND GERRARD COX & LARSEN'S MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DENYING PLAINTIFF'S COUNTERMOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND

This is a legal malpractice suit against attorney Douglas D. Gerrard ("Gerrard") and his law firm, Gerrard Cox & Larsen (individually "GCL") (collectively the "Defendants"). This case stems from the Defendants' representation of Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company ("BBT") in an earlier underlying case tried before the Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez in 2010. The underlying case involved the adjudication of the priority of two deeds of trust encumbering approximately thirty-eight acres of real property in Henderson, Clark County, Nevada. Colonial Bank, N.A. ("Colonial") originally held the beneficial interest under one of the deeds of trust, but its interest was acquired during the underlying litigation by BBT when Colonial was placed into receivership with the FDIC. It should be noted that

Defendants were originally retained to represent Colonial, but such representation transferred to BBT as Colonial's successor in interest.

In its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered June 23, 2010, the District Court in the underlying case ruled against BBT on the basis that BBT failed to establish, as a necessary prerequisite to its claims, that it had been assigned and owned the former Colonial Deed of Trust on which the claims it was pursuing were based. *See* Defendants' Request for Judicial Notice in Support of Defendants Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint, Exhibit B—Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Case #08-A-574852. BBT asserts that this ruling was based on the District Court's refusal to allow BBT's attorneys, the Defendants, to present evidence at trial relative to the assignment of the Colonial Deed of Trust to BBT due to the Defendants' alleged failure to timely disclose the pertinent documents prior to trial.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 5(b) of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am an employee of GORDON & REES LLP, and that on the 30th day of August, 2017, the foregoing **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT** was served upon those persons designated by the parties in the E-Service Master List in the Eighth Judicial District court eFiling System in accordance with the mandatory electronic service requirements of Administrative Order 14-1 and the Nevada Electronic Filing and Conversion Rules, upon the following:

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8/29/2017 2:49 PM Steven D. Grierson **CLERK OF THE COURT** 1 CRAIG J. MARIAM, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 10926 2 ROBERT S. LARSEN, ESO. Nevada Bar No. 7785 WING YAN WONG, ESQ. 3 Nevada Bar No. 13622 GORDON REES SCULLY MANSUKHANI, LLP 4 300 South Fourth Street, Suite 1550 5 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Telephone: (702) 577-9300 6 Facsimile: (702) 255-2858 E-Mail: cmariam@grsm.com rlarsen@grsm.com wwong@grsm.com 8 Attorneys for Defendants Douglas D. 9 Gerrard, Esq. and Gerrard Cox Larsen 10 Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT 11 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 300 S. 4th Street, Suite 1550 Las Vegas, NV 89101 12 BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY, a Case No.: A-16-744561-C 13 North Carolina corporation, Dept. No.: 27 14 Plaintiff, 15 VS. **JUDGMENT** 16 DOUGLAS D. GERRARD, ESQ., individually; and GERRARD COX & LARSEN, a Nevada 17 professional corporation, JOHN DOES I-X; and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES XI-XX, 18 Defendant. 19 20 21 This action came on for hearing before the Court, the Honorable Nancy L. Allf presiding, 22 and the issues having been duly heard. On May 25, 2017, the Court entered its Decision and 23 Order Granting Defendants Douglas D. Gerrard, Esq. and Gerrard Cox & Larsen's Motion to 24 lotion to Dismiss by Deft(s) Dismiss First Amended Complaint and Denying Plaintiff's Countermotion for Leave to Amend. involuntary Dismissal 25 On June 5, 2017, Defendants filed their Memorandum of Costs for costs in the amount of 26 \$8,769.28. Plaintiff has not filed any objections or oppositions. On August 7, 2017, the Court 27 entered its Order Denying Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company's Motion to Alter or 666X

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Amend, by Vacating Order of Dismissal, Pursuant to NRCP 59(e).

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The Decision and Order entered on May 25, 2017, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby expressly incorporated herein in full by this reference. In accordance with the Decision and Order entered on May 25, 2017 and the Defendants' Memorandum of Costs filed on June 5, 2017, the Court enters the following Judgment.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT Plaintiff takes nothing by way of its operative complaint in this matter, that the action be dismissed with prejudice, and that Defendants recover of the Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company their costs in the amount of \$8,769.28.

IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

DATED: aug 29/17

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE N

Respectfully Submitted By:

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NANCY L. ALLF DISTRICT JUDGE DEPT XXVII LAS VEGAS, NV 89155

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY, a North Carolina corporation,

Plaintiff(s)

DOUGLAS D. GERRARD, ESQ., individually; and GERRARD & COX, a Nevada professional corporation, d/b/a GERRARD COX & LARSEN; JOHN DOE INDIVIDUALS I-X; and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES XI-XX, Defendants.

Case No.: A-16-744561-C

Department 27

DECISION AND ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS DOUGLAS D. GERRARD, ESQ. AND GERRARD COX & LARSEN'S MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DENYING PLAINTIFF'S COUNTERMOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND

This is a legal malpractice suit against attorney Douglas D. Gerrard ("Gerrard") and his law firm, Gerrard Cox & Larsen (individually "GCL") (collectively the "Defendants"). This case stems from the Defendants' representation of Plaintiff Branch Banking & Trust Company ("BBT") in an earlier underlying case tried before the Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez in 2010. The underlying case involved the adjudication of the priority of two deeds of trust encumbering approximately thirty-eight acres of real property in Henderson, Clark County, Nevada. Colonial Bank, N.A. ("Colonial") originally held the beneficial interest under one of the deeds of trust, but its interest was acquired during the underlying litigation by BBT when Colonial was placed into receivership with the FDIC. It should be noted that

Defendants were originally retained to represent Colonial, but such representation transferred to BBT as Colonial's successor in interest.

In its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered June 23, 2010, the District Court in the underlying case ruled against BBT on the basis that BBT failed to establish, as a necessary prerequisite to its claims, that it had been assigned and owned the former Colonial Deed of Trust on which the claims it was pursuing were based. *See* Defendants' Request for Judicial Notice in Support of Defendants Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint, Exhibit B—Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Case #08-A-574852. BBT asserts that this ruling was based on the District Court's refusal to allow BBT's attorneys, the Defendants, to present evidence at trial relative to the assignment of the Colonial Deed of Trust to BBT due to the Defendants' alleged failure to timely disclose the pertinent documents prior to trial.

BBT initiated this legal malpractice suit against Defendants on October 5, 2016. BBT filed its First Amended Complaint on February 22, 2017, asserting a single cause of action for Professional Negligence/Legal Malpractice.

Now before the Court is Defendants' Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint ("Motion") filed on March 8, 2017 concurrently with Defendants' Request for Judicial Notice, wherein Defendants asked this Court to take judicial notice of numerous documents related to the underlying dispute. BBT filed its Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss on March 21, 2017, along with a Counter-Request for Judicial Notice. The Court set Defendants' Motion to Dismiss for a hearing on motions calendar on April 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., wherein this Court denied Defendants' Motion to Dismiss as to standing, but took the issue as to whether the statute of limitations has expired under advisement. The Court

continued the matter to Chambers Calendar on May 16, 2017 for a decision as to the running of the statute of limitations.

After having read the pleadings and papers on file, including the supplemental briefs filed by both parties, and for good cause appearing therefore:

THE COURT FINDS after review, in Nevada, an action for legal malpractice does not begin to accrue until the "plaintiff's damages are certain and not contingent upon the outcome of an appeal." Semenza v. Nevada Med. Liab. Ins. Co., 104 Nev. 666, 668, 765 P.2d 184, 186 (1988). "It is only after the underlying case has been affirmed on appeal that it is appropriate to assert injury and maintain a legal malpractice cause of action for damages." Id. The statute of limitations for legal malpractice claims is four years from the damages or two years from when the plaintiff discovers, or could discover, the damages, whichever is earlier. N.R.S. 11.207.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS after review that on March 31, 2013, the Nevada Supreme Court affirmed the district court's ruling in the underlying case, and issued its remittitur. "The reversal and remittitur comprise the judgment by which the parties and the district court are thereafter bound." In re Estate & Living Trust of Miller, 125 Nev. 550, 553, 216 P.3d 239, 242 (2009). The remittitur "terminated the case below as to all issues settled by the judgment" and formally informs the district court of appellate court's final resolution of the appeal. Cerminara v. Eighth Jud. Distr. Ct., 104 Nev. 663, 665, 765 P.2d 182, 184 (1988); Dickerson v. State, 114 Nev. 1084, 1087, 967 P.2d 1132, 1134 (1998).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS after review, that Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure 41(a)(3)(A) provides that "[a] party may file a motion to stay the remittitur pending application to the Supreme Court of the United States for a writ of certiorari."

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS after review, that a writ of certiorari is separate and distinct from an appeal. While an appeal to an appellate court is a matter of right, a writ of certiorari is not a matter of right, but of judicial discretion. Sup. Ct. R. 10.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS after review that because BBT did not have a right to a writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court, and because BBT failed to file a motion to stay the remittitur under NRAP 41(a)(3)(A), the Nevada Supreme Court's May 31, 2013 decision to affirm the district court's ruling and its remittitur to the district court, constitutes an final adverse appellate ruling for BBT. Therefore, the statute of limitations was not tolled when BBT filed a petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court. Accordingly, the statute of limitations began to run on or about May 31, 2013, making BBT's deadline under the statute of limitations for its legal malpractice claim two years later on or about May 31, 2015.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS after review BBT filed its Complaint in this case on October 5, 2016, some 493 days past the expiration of the statute of limitations.

THEREFORE, THE COURT ORDERS for good cause appearing and for the reasons stated above, Defendants Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint is GRANTED as the statute of limitations ran on or about May 31, 2015.

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3	Plaintiff's Countermotion for Leave to Amend is likewise DENIED . HEARING set for		
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13	electronically served pursuant to EDCR 8.05(a) and 8.05(f), through the Eighth Judicial District Court's electronic filing system, with the date and time of the electronic service		
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NANCY L. ALLF DISTRICT JUDGE DEPT XXVII LAS VEGAS, NV 89155

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-16-744561-C Branch Banking & Trust Company, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
Douglas Gerrard, ESQ, Defendant(s)

February 07, 2017 10:00 AM All Pending Motions

HEARD BY: Kishner, Joanna S. **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 12B

COURT CLERK: Kory Schlitz

RECORDER: Rachelle Hamilton

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT: Albright, D. Chris Attorney

Albright, George Mark Attorney
Larsen, Robert S. Attorney
Mariam, Craig J. Attorney
Wong, Wing Yan Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- DEFENDANT DOUGLAS D. GERRARD, ESQ. AND GERRARD COX & LARSEN'S NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT; MEMORANDUM POINTS AND AUTHORITIES... PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS; AND ALTERNATIVE COUNTERMOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND... REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT DOUGLAS D. GERRARD, ESQ., AND GERRARD COX & LARSEN'S MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT...

Although the Court could and would rule fairly and without bias, recusal is appropriate in the present case in accordance with Canon 2.11(A)(3) of the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct in order to avoid the appearance of impartiality or implied bias as the Court disclosed IN OPEN COURT. Thus, the Court recuses itself from the matter and requests that it be randomly reassigned in accordance with appropriate procedures.

PRINT DATE: 08/31/2017 Page 1 of 4 Minutes Date: February 07, 2017

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-16-744561-C Branch Banking & Trust Company, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
Douglas Gerrard, ESQ, Defendant(s)

April 19, 2017 10:00 AM All Pending Motions

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

COURT CLERK: Nicole McDevitt

RECORDER: Traci Rawlinson

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT: Albright, D. Chris Attorney

Albright, George Mark Attorney
Larsen, Robert S. Attorney
Mariam, Craig J. Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- DEFENDANT'S MOTION AND MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES...PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT; AND ALTERNATIVE COUNTERMOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND

Upon inquiry of the Court whether or not Mr. Mark Albright intended to speak to day, Mr. Mark Albright stated he did not. Arguments by Mr. Mariam and Mr. Chris Albright regarding the merits of and opposition to the pending motions. Mr. Chris Albright stated with regard to the U.S. Supreme Court rule 13 which is not in his briefs he could provide a supplement for. COURT ORDERED, Defendant s Motion and Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint; Memorandum of Points and Authorities, as to Standing motion is DENIED, Statute of limitation TAKEN UNDER SUBMISSION and CONTINUED TO CHAMBERS CALENDAR for determination as to whether or not the matter can go forward, both parties may submit supplemental briefs no later than April 28, 2017; Plaintiff s Opposition to Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint; and Alternative Countermotion for Leave to Amend CONTINUED TO CHAMBERS for decision.

PRINT DATE: 08/31/2017 Page 2 of 4 Minutes Date: February 07, 2017

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5/16/2016 (CHAMBERS) DECISION: DEFENDANT'S MOTION AND MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT; AND ALTERNATIVE COUNTERMOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND

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A-16-744561-C Branch Banking & Trust Company, Plaintiff(s)
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July 19, 2017 9:00 AM Motion

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

COURT CLERK: Nicole McDevitt

RECORDER: Brynn Griffiths

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PARTIES

PRESENT: Albright, George Mark Attorney

Larsen, Robert S. Attorney Wong, Wing Yan Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Arguments by counsel regarding the merits of and opposition to the pending motion. Court stated it findings and ORDERED, Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend, by Vacating, Order of Dismissal, Pursuant to NRCP 59(e) DENIED. Mr. Larsen to prepare the order and submit it to opposing counsel for approval as to form.

PRINT DATE: 08/31/2017 Page 4 of 4 Minutes Date: February 07, 2017

Certification of Copy

State of Nevada
County of Clark

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

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL; AMENDED CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; DECISION AND ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS DOUGLAS D. GERRARD, ESQ. AND GERRARD COX & LARSEN'S MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DENYING PLAINTIFF'S COUNTERMOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF DECISION AND ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS GERARD D. GERRARD, ESQ. AND GERRARD COX & LARSEN'S MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DENYING PLAINTIFF'S COUNTERMOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND; JUDGMENT; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES

BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

DOUGLAS D. GERRARD, ESQ.; GERRARD & COX dba GERRARD COX & LARSEN,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-16-744561-C

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 31 day of August 2017.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk