

Case No. 74275

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**In the Supreme Court of Nevada**

GEORGE STUART YOUNT, individually and in his capacity as owner of George Yount IRA,

Appellant,

vs.

CRISWELL RADOVAN, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; CR CAL NEVA, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; ROBERT RADOVAN; WILLIAM CRISWELL; CAL NEVA LODGE, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; POWELL, COLEMAN AND ARNOLD, LLP; DAVID MARRINER; MARRINER REAL ESTATE, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; and DOES 1-10.,

Respondent.

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The Honorable JEROME POLAHA

The Honorable EGAN WALKER

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1           Now, it has been argued hypothetically that it may  
2 not have been Mr. Yount's desire to buy the founders shares  
3 from CR, but from some other party, but it is no different  
4 than getting a Cadillac from Jones West Ford or a Cadillac  
5 from Don Weir. Mr. Yount ended up with a Cadillac.  
6 Therefore, he has not been able to prove damages in this case  
7 and the second cause of action is dismissed.

8           Third cause of action, fraud, all defendants with  
9 the exception of Powell, Coleman. This requires a high  
10 standard to prove, clear and convincing evidence. It is  
11 asserted against Mr. Criswell, Mr. Radovan, CR Cal Neva LLC,  
12 Criswell Radovan LLC, Cal Neva Lodge LLC, David Marriner Real  
13 Estate LLC, and New Cal Neva Lodge. The elements of fraud  
14 are a false representation. There has been no evidence  
15 presented here that any of the material facts were proven to  
16 be false or known to be false by any of the parties. In  
17 fact, the testimony is completely opposite.

18           Second claim is made with the knowledge or belief  
19 that it is false or without a sufficient basis of  
20 information. There's no evidence that anybody knew that this  
21 was false. He had the information provided by third parties,  
22 they were verified again by CPAs, by members on site, the  
23 architect, the construction manager. The third element is  
24 there's an intent to induce reliance on those false

1 statements.

2 In this case, the defendant had ample  
3 opportunities to inspect this and didn't have to rely on,  
4 indeed, didn't rely solely on the information provided by the  
5 defendants in this case. He gave the information to his CFO.  
6 He gave the information to his CPA. He asked his CPA if this  
7 was a good investment, whether to proceed, and the CPA gave  
8 him a green light he could.

9 And as far as damages is concerned, well, we go  
10 back to the fact that Mr. Yount owns a founders shares in the  
11 Cal Neva LLC and has not proven that he has suffered any  
12 damages. And the Nevada Supreme Court has also said that the  
13 false representation must have played a material and  
14 substantial part in leading the defendant to adopt his  
15 particular course.

16 Now, in this case, the allegations are that some  
17 of those false statements was the opening date moved back  
18 from December 12th to the spring. Well, that was known  
19 several days before Mr. Yount invested in it.

20 Also, that Mr. Yount was buying a founders share  
21 under the PPM. Well, the evidence shows that Mr. Yount holds  
22 a founders shares that was distributed under the \$20 million  
23 PPM and constitutes a founders shares.

24 And that it played a material and substantial part

1 in leading the defendant to adopt his present course. Well,  
2 it appears that Mr. Yount, a sophisticated investor, reached  
3 out, conducted due diligence, independent investigation, and  
4 decided to invest knowing full well under Exhibits 3, 4 and 5  
5 that there were risks associated, which included losing his  
6 entire investment.

7 Now, the Blanchard case, I think this is dicta,  
8 because it really doesn't square with the facts of this case,  
9 states that if a defendant was unaware of the complaint of  
10 making an independent investigation will be charged with  
11 knowledge of facts, which reasonable diligence would have  
12 disclosed, such a plaintiff is deemed to have relied upon his  
13 own judgment and not on the defendant's representation.

14 That doesn't really apply in this particular case.  
15 I know the defense relies upon this. Because in that case,  
16 it was a husband and wife arguing over the dissolution of a  
17 marriage and the dissolution of the marital estate and the  
18 property settlement agreement.

19 The Court in that case denied the wife's motion --  
20 actually, dismissed the lawsuit, Judge Lee Gates dismissed  
21 the lawsuit, finding that the wife couldn't prove that there  
22 was a misrepresentation, a false misrepresentation as to  
23 where the assets were.

24 The Nevada Supreme Court stated that the



1 appellate's actions for intentional misrepresentation imposes  
2 a burden on the plaintiff to show the following elements,  
3 that the defendant made a false representation to him with  
4 knowledge and belief that the representations were false  
5 without a sufficient basis for making the representation.  
6 Further, the plaintiff must establish that the defendant  
7 intended to induce the plaintiff to act or refrain from  
8 acting on the representation and that the plaintiff  
9 justifiably relied on the representation. Finally, the  
10 plaintiff must establish that he was damaged as a result.

11 In this case, the Nevada Supreme Court found that  
12 the husband had superior knowledge of the location of the  
13 assets and that the wife did not possess. That there were  
14 many assets, there were complex transactions, and that the  
15 wife should not bear the loss of the opportunity to prove  
16 that representation, because the husband had superior  
17 knowledge.

18 In this particular case, the defendant was just as  
19 knowledgeable as everybody else. He was a sophisticated  
20 investor, he was a contractor, well-aware of cost overruns,  
21 well-aware of the problems in rehabing an old development.  
22 Indeed, the testimony is that Mr. Yount has spent almost ten  
23 years in building a home on the shores of Lake Tahoe, which  
24 is an outstanding addition to the community. That he was

1 operating from the same facts and circumstances everybody  
2 else was.

3 That he didn't just rely on the defendants, he  
4 relied on his CPA, he relied on his CFO, he relied on the  
5 architect, Mr. Grove. He took a tour. He had possession of  
6 the reports.

7 So the Court finds that Blanchard doesn't  
8 absolve -- doesn't provide a shield to the defendants, but  
9 that the plaintiff has not proven false statements or  
10 unjustifiable reliance. And, finally, as stated before,  
11 received just what he wanted, which was a founders share, and  
12 therefore has not proven damages.

13 The fourth cause of action, which was negligence  
14 against PCA contains the following elements, that the  
15 plaintiff must show that the defendant owed a duty of care to  
16 the plaintiff and that the breach of duty has caused  
17 plaintiff to suffer damages.

18 Now, in Nevada, the issues of negligence are  
19 factual issues decided by the trier of fact. But  
20 synthesized, it's simply that there's a duty, there's a  
21 breach, there's causation, there's legal causation, there's  
22 actual causation and there's damages.

23 In this case, negligence against PCA was a mistake  
24 and does not rise to the level of negligence. Also, once

1 again, Mr. Yount received what he asked for, a founders  
2 share, which there is no damages shown. The fourth cause of  
3 action is dismissed.

4 Fifth cause of action, conversion. The Nevada  
5 Supreme Court has defined conversion as a distinct act of  
6 dominion wrongfully exerted over another's personal property  
7 in denial of or inconsistent with his title rights therein or  
8 in derogation, exclusion or defiance of such title or rights.  
9 Conversion is not an act of general intent. The  
10 determination of whether a conversion has occurred is a  
11 question of fact. In this particular case, the documents  
12 show the money went into the project to pay off the debts.  
13 Because of that, the fifth of the cause of action is  
14 dismissed.

15 The sixth cause of action, which is punitive  
16 damages. Well, punitive damages require a finding that the  
17 conduct of the party is outrageous and beyond the pale. The  
18 evidence must be convincing by clear and convincing evidence  
19 that the defendants have been engaged in oppression, fraud,  
20 malice, express or implied, and that the plaintiff in  
21 addition to compensatory damages may seek to recover damages  
22 as -- for the sake of an example in punishing the defendants.

23 There's no evidence whatsoever that the conduct of  
24 the defendants in this case was outrageous, beyond the pale,

1 or fraudulent, and, therefore, the sixth cause of action is  
2 dismissed.

3 The seventh cause of action, securities fraud.  
4 First, under Exhibit 3, there's a disclaimer. Second,  
5 pursuant to NRS 90.530, this is not a security. Third, under  
6 Rule 4 A of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1933, this is  
7 a private placement agreement and not a security. And,  
8 therefore, the seventh cause of action is dismissed.

9 Because those actions have been dismissed against  
10 the defendant, the counterclaim by the defendant, David  
11 Marriner, against the other defendants must be dismissed as  
12 moot.

13 The defendants' counterclaim is unclean hands. In  
14 determining whether a party's improper conduct bars relief,  
15 the Nevada Supreme Court applies a two-factor test. One, the  
16 egregiousness of the misconduct at issue; and, two, the  
17 seriousness of the harm caused by the misconduct against the  
18 granting of the requested relief. And that the District  
19 Court has broad discretion in awarding damages.

20 In this case, but for the intentional interference  
21 with the contractual relations between Mosaic and Cal Neva  
22 LLC, this project would have succeeded. That is undisputed.  
23 Mr. Chaney agrees, Mr. Yount agrees, everybody agrees that  
24 money would have covered all the costs and the debts.

1           This Court has documented dozens of e-mail  
2 exchanges between Mr. Yount and the IMC and their efforts to  
3 undermine the Mosaic loan and there is no more solid evidence  
4 of that than in Exhibit 124. That deal was done. That deal  
5 had been executed. That deal was in place. Mosaic had  
6 evidenced its enthusiasm to close this deal. And yet the day  
7 that individuals from the IMC went to the Mosaic offices  
8 without the knowledge of CR, that deal was dead. And the  
9 testimony is unequivocal, there was never an attempt by the  
10 IMC to resurrect it, despite the open invitation by Mosaic to  
11 reintroduce the loan.

12           This Court finds that it was the intent of the IMC  
13 to kill this loan, divest CR from its shares on the threat of  
14 legal, civil, criminal actions for their own benefit and not  
15 the benefit of the project.

16           Indeed, if you look at the e-mails from Molly  
17 Kingston afterwards, she's reaching out saying, who is going  
18 to manage this? What's plan B? We need CR in there until  
19 such time as we find some substitutes. They had no foresight  
20 in this. It's tragic. So the counterclaim from the  
21 defendants is granted.

22           It will be the order of the Court, Ms. Clerk, that  
23 judgment is in favor of all defendants. Damages awarded  
24 against the plaintiff on behalf of Mr. Radovan, Mr. Criswell

1 STATE OF NEVADA           )  
                                  ) ss.  
2 County of Washoe        )

3       I, STEPHANIE KOETTING, a Certified Court Reporter of the  
4 Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in and  
5 for the County of Washoe, do hereby certify;

6       That I was present in Department No. 7 of the  
7 above-entitled Court on September 8, 2017, at the hour of  
8 9:00 a.m., and took verbatim stenotype notes of the  
9 proceedings had upon the trial in the matter of GEORGE S.  
10 YOUNT, et al., Plaintiffs, vs. CRISWELL RADOVAN, et al.,  
11 Defendants, Case No. CV16-00767, and thereafter, by means of  
12 computer-aided transcription, transcribed them into  
13 typewriting as herein appears;

14       That the foregoing transcript, consisting of pages 1  
15 through 1142, both inclusive, contains a full, true and  
16 complete transcript of my said stenotype notes, and is a  
17 full, true and correct record of the proceedings had at said  
18 time and place.

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20       DATED: At Reno, Nevada, this 13th day of October 2017.

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22                                   S/s Stephanie Koetting  
23                                   STEPHANIE KOETTING, CCR #207  
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# EXHIBIT 2

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# EXHIBIT 2

**AFFIDAVIT OF MARK G. SIMONS IN SUPPORT OF  
OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW,  
FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT, TO ALTER AND AMEND THE JUDGMENT,  
TO AMEND THE FINDINGS, AND FOR NEW TRIAL**

STATE OF NEVADA       )  
                                  )ss.  
COUNTY OF WASHOE    )

I, Mark Simons, being duly sworn, depose and state under penalty of perjury the following:

1. I am an attorney licensed in Nevada and am counsel representing Defendants David Marriner and Marriner Real Estate, LLC (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Marriner") in this matter. I am a shareholder with the law firm of SIMONS LAW, PC.

2. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this affidavit, and if I am called as a witness, I would and could testify competently as to each fact set forth herein.

3. I submit this affidavit in support of Plaintiff's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment as a Matter of Law, for Relief from Judgment, to Alter and Amend the Judgment, to Amend the Findings, and for New Trial ("Opposition"), to which this affidavit is attached as Exhibit 2.

4. Exhibit 1 to the Opposition are true and correct excerpts of the trial transcript in this matter.

5. Exhibit 3 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of the Judgment.

6. Exhibit 4 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of the Amended Order.

7. Exhibit 5 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of Trial Exhibit 121.

8. Exhibit 6 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of Trial Exhibit 125.

9. Exhibit 7 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of Trial Exhibit 126.

10. Exhibit 8 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of Trial Exhibit 127.


11. Exhibit 9 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of Trial Exhibit 130.



12. Exhibit 10 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of Trial Exhibit 131.  
 13. Exhibit 11 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of Trial Exhibit 132.  
 14. Exhibit 12 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of Trial Exhibit 133.  
 15. Exhibit 13 to the Opposition is a true and correct copy of Trial Exhibit 134.

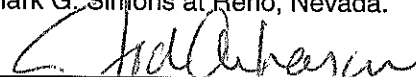
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018.

  
 MARK G. SIMONS

STATE OF NEVADA )  
 )ss.  
 COUNTY OF WASHOE )

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
 on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018 by  
 Mark G. Simons at Reno, Nevada.

  
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THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE  
COUNTY OF WASHOE

GEORGE STUART YOUNT, Individually  
and in his Capacity as Owner of GEORGE  
STUART YOUNT IRA,

CASE NO. CV16-00767

DEPT NO. B7

Plaintiff,

v.

CRISWELL RADOVAN, LLC, a Nevada  
limited liability company; CR Cal Neva,  
LLC, a Nevada limited liability company;  
ROBERT RADOVAN; WILLIAM  
CRISWELL; CAL NEVA LODGE, LLC, a  
Nevada limited liability company;  
POWELL, COLEMAN and ARNOLD  
LLP; DAVID MARRINER; MARRINER  
REAL ESTATE, LLC, a Nevada limited  
liability company; NEW CAL-NEVA  
LODGE, LLC, a Nevada limited liability  
company and DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

**JUDGMENT**

This matter came before the Court for a bench trial on August 29, 2017, through  
September 8, 2017, the late Hon. Patrick Flanagan, District Judge, presiding. Plaintiff George  
Stuart Yount, individually and in his capacity as owner of George Stuart Yount IRA, appeared

1 by and through his counsel of record, Richard G. Campbell, Jr., Esq. Defendants Criswell  
2 Radovan, LLC, CR Cal Neva, LLC, Robert Radovan, William Criswell, and Powell, Coleman  
3 and Arnold, LLP, appeared by and through their counsel Martin A. Little, Esq., of Howard &  
4 Howard Attorneys PLLC. Defendants David Marriner and Marriner Real Estate, LLC,  
5 appeared by and through their counsel of record, Andrew N. Wolf, Esq., of Incline Law Group,  
6 LLP.

7 On September 8, 2017, at the conclusion of the trial and following the close of the  
8 evidence, Judge Flanagan, ruling from the bench, orally stated his findings of fact, conclusions  
9 of law and decision on the record in open court pursuant to NRCP 52. Judge Flanagan also  
10 adopted the proposed findings of fact submitted by the defendants prior to trial. Transcript  
11 1131:14-16.

12 On or about September 15, 2017, a transcript of the trial was filed, containing Judge  
13 Flanagan's ruling from the bench. On September 15, 2017, the same day, Judge Flanagan  
14 issued an *AMENDED ORDER* clarifying his award of damages to the various Defendants.

15 At the conclusion of his ruling from the bench, Judge Flanagan requested that  
16 defendants' counsel prepare the judgment. Thereafter, Judge Flanagan suddenly fell ill and  
17 passed away on October 6, 2017. Thereafter, on October 30, 2017, defense counsel jointly  
18 submitted a proposed form of findings of fact, conclusions of law and judgment.

19 Subsequently, the matter was assigned to the undersigned District Judge. On November  
20 13, 2017, the court held a status conference wherein the court directed the parties to file briefs  
21 regarding the appropriate procedure to be followed after Judge Flanagan's untimely passing.  
22 This briefing was completed on or about February 2, 2018. Based on the briefing, the court  
23 determines that the primary rules which govern further proceedings by the undersigned  
24 successor judge are NRCP 52 (findings by the court; judgment on partial findings), NRCP 58  
25 (entry of judgment) and NRCP 63 (inability of a judge to proceed).

26 In this case, Judge Flanagan left an extensive record of his decision, including  
27 summaries of witness testimony, the credibility of certain witnesses, his analysis of various trial  
28 exhibits, and his determination of each claim for relief.

1 The court has reviewed the trial transcript in its entirety and the exhibits referenced in  
2 the transcript and in Judge Flanagan's ruling. Pursuant to NRCP 63, the court hereby certifies  
3 its familiarity with the record. Moreover, given the status of the case at the time of Judge  
4 Flanagan's passing (evidence closed, closing arguments completed, and a completed ruling  
5 from the bench on the merits, followed by his written Amended Order), and the detailed extent  
6 of Judge Flanagan's ruling from the bench and his subsequently filed Amended Order dated  
7 September 8, 2017, the court has determined, pursuant to NRCP 63, that the proceedings in this  
8 case may be completed as set forth herein without prejudice to the parties.

9 Under NRCP 63, the court has discretion to recall witnesses. The court finds no need or  
10 reason to recall witnesses. See: *Smith's Food King v. Hornwood*, 108 Nev. 666, 836 P. 2d 1241  
11 (1992); and, *Canseco v. United States*, 97 F.3d 1224, 1227 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996) [successor judges  
12 need only certify their familiarity with those portions of the record that relate to the issues  
13 before them]. Compare: *Mergentime Corporation v. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit*  
14 *Authority*, 166 F.3d 1257 (DC Cir. 1999). Accordingly, the court now enters judgment as  
15 follows:

16 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiff's Second  
17 Amended Complaint, and each of the causes of action stated therein, are dismissed with  
18 prejudice as to all Defendants.

19 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Marriner's  
20 and Marriner Real Estate's crossclaim against the other defendants is moot and is dismissed  
21 with prejudice.

22 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that plaintiff  
23 GEORGE STUART YOUNT, Individually and in his Capacity as Owner of GEORGE  
24 STUART YOUNT IRA, shall pay William Criswell the sum of **\$1.5 Million** in compensatory  
25 damages.

26 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that plaintiff  
27 GEORGE STUART YOUNT, Individually and in his Capacity as Owner of GEORGE  
28 STUART YOUNT IRA, shall pay Robert Radovan the sum of **\$1.5 Million** in compensatory

1 damages.

2 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that plaintiff  
3 GEORGE STUART YOUNT, Individually and in his Capacity as Owner of GEORGE  
4 STUART YOUNT IRA, shall pay DAVID MARRINER, individually, the sum of **\$1.5 Million**.

5 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that GEORGE  
6 STUART YOUNT, Individually and in his Capacity as Owner of GEORGE STUART YOUNT  
7 IRA, shall pay each defendant its costs of suit as allowed by law. Each Defendant shall file and  
8 serve its verified memorandum of costs as required by Chapter 18 NRCP.

9 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that defendants  
10 may seek recovery of their attorney's fees by an appropriate motion pursuant to NRCP 54(d)  
11 and NRS 18.010, or as otherwise allowed by law.

12 DATED this 9 day of March 2018.

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14 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

15 Submitted by:

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17 INCLINE LAW GROUP, LLP

18 Andrew N. Wolf, Esq.

19 264 Village Boulevard, Suite 104

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21 Telephone: (775) 831-3666

22 *Attorneys for Defendants*

23 *David Marriner and Marriner Real Estate, LLC*  
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# EXHIBIT 4

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

GEORGE STUART YOUNT,  
Individually and in his Capacity as  
Owner of GEORGE YOUNT IRA,

Case No.: CV16-00767

Dept. No.: 7

Plaintiff,

vs.

CRISWELL RADOVAN, LLC, a  
Nevada limited liability company; CR  
CAL NEVA, LLC, a Nevada limited  
liability company; ROBERT  
RADOVAN; WILLIAM CRISWELL;  
CAL NEVA LODGE, LLC, a Nevada  
limited liability company; POWELL,  
COLEMAN and ARNOLD, LLP;  
DAVID MARRINER; MARRINER  
REAL ESTATE, LLC, a Nevada  
limited liability company; and DOES  
1-10,

Defendants.

**AMENDED ORDER**

On September 8, 2017, after hearing testimony and taking evidence in a seven-day bench trial, this Court dismissed Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint, dismissed the crossclaims by Defendants David Marriner and Marriner Real Estate, LLC as moot and entered judgment against Plaintiff and in favor of Defendants. In its oral ruling, the Court awarded damages on Defendants' counterclaim.

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Patrick Flanagan  
PATRICK FLANAGAN  
District Judge

<sup>6</sup> Only to the extent that they are not duplicative of any award or fees to David Marriner individually.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe; that on this 15 day of September, 2017, I electronically filed the following with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

Richard G. Campbell, Jr., Esq., attorney for Plaintiff George Stuart Yount;  
Andrew N. Wolf, Esq., Attorney for Defendants David Marriner and Marriner Real Estate, LLC; and  
Martin A. Little, Esq., attorney for Defendants Criswell Radovan, LLC; CR Cal Neva, LLC; Robert Radovan; William Criswell; Cal Neva Lodge, LLC; Powell, Coleman, and Arnold, LLP.

  
Judicial Assistant

# EXHIBIT 5

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**From:** Stuart Yount  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 30, 2016 4:56 PM  
**To:** Paul Jameson  
**Cc:** Geri Yount  
**Subject:** Talk w/Jeremy

1. He said 3 of the EC is having a mtg w/Mosaic in Sac on Mon, without CR. Is that legit without CR without their advance permission?
2. He said he's been told that Mosaic are "sharks" & will want the project to go broke, flush us investors out & take it for themselves.
3. He said there's no way the redone appraisal will come up to what's needed to get the needed \$71m funding, we'll still be underfunded.
4. If we miss summer, as now expected, \$71m won't be adequate either.

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# EXHIBIT 6

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**From:** Stuart Yount  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2016 10:08 AM  
**To:** 'Molly Kingston'; Geri Yount  
**Subject:** RE: utterly confused....

The disaster seems to not only continue, but also to escalate in severity!

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**From:** Molly Kingston [<mailto:mkingston@arrowinvest.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2016 10:06 AM  
**To:** Stuart Yount <[syount@fortifiber.com](mailto:syount@fortifiber.com)>; Geri Yount <[geriattahoe@fortifiber.com](mailto:geriattahoe@fortifiber.com)>  
**Subject:** utterly confused....

Morning Younts,

I was unaware of the meeting with Mosaic in Sac yesterday. I do not currently understand the strategy being pursued to 'rescue the project.' I remain unsupportive of burdening the project with additional debt. Any buyer will prefer a clean slate to bring in their own financing partners. The concept of borrowing money and developing the project by committee is completely unappealing and a poor strategy for success, in my opinion.

I have reached out to Arthur by voicemail and text and mentioned our collective interest in meeting with him. I also offered to talk by phone if we can manage that more quickly.

Still losing sleep and immensely stressed over this....

Thanks,

Molly

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**From:** Molly Kingston <mkingston@arrowinvest.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2016 1:26 PM  
**To:** Stuart Yount; Geri Yount  
**Subject:** novel approach? [Confidential]

Hi S & G,

I spoke with Paul this morning. I learned that the EC (minus CR) met with Mosaic and had a "good meeting." We remain aligned in terms of our ultimate objective (saving our invested capital).

I agree with you that this is an escalating disaster and have been thinking about a communication that goes to all investors (but to each individually not as a group) before tomorrow's call. I wanted to run it by the two of you to see what you think.

My suggested approach is one designed to come across as fair to CR and to all of us, and not speaking of their bad deeds and not trying to play politics. In summary, the letter would state:

It is not my objective to convince anyone of anything. The facts speak for themselves and people may do their own research and seek their own legal counsel, as I have. I cannot continue to devote hours of uncompensated time to this faltering deal and nor do I see the benefits of continued meetings and conference calls with CR. They have failed the project and us, to put it kindly.

Our invested capital is seriously at risk. The best option to avoid losing money is to sell the project as efficiently as possible. Based on my seasoned analysis and several conversations with industry colleagues, I cannot support loading the project with additional debt. I believe new debt hinders the ability to sell the project. I am equally non-supportive of development by committee or a tightly-controlled continued developer role for CR.

To that end, CR must immediately resign and cede their 20%. This will allow a realistic marketing effort of the project. CR can find investors and make an offer to buy the project, just as anyone else can. Those of you who support them can assist them to recapitalize and make an offer with CR.

The alternative to an immediate voluntary face-saving resignation is that CR faces swift civil and criminal action.

Thanks for your time....

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# EXHIBIT 9

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**From:** Paul Jameson <pjameson@elevateig.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2016 11:15 AM  
**To:** Stuart Yount  
**Cc:** Geri Yount; Paul Jameson  
**Subject:** Sharing Roger info... perhaps boulder bay summary

Stuart,

Ahead of Roger calling me, do you (or do you think he) has some info on his background? I'd like to get some over to the potential investor today as they are actively reviewing. Heck, they may want to invest in Boulder Bay when it launches.

A quick way to get there would be for me to share the business plan for Boulder Bay (which I have, but under strict NDA) would be a big acceleration of their vetting him as a good candidate, and showing the strength of the CalNeva and surrounding area. I can reach out to him but wanted to get your pulse.

Thanks,

Paul Jameson

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# EXHIBIT 10


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From: Stuart Yount  
 Sent: Friday, February 5, 2016 2:24 PM  
 To: 'Paul Jameson'  
 Cc: Geri Yount  
 Subject: RE: RESPONSE REQUESTED: potential new developers

Thanks. Just trying to be extra careful, Paul.

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From: Paul Jameson [mailto:pjameson@elevateig.com]  
 Sent: Friday, February 5, 2016 2:14 PM  
 To: Stuart Yount <syount@fortifiber.com>  
 Subject: Re: RESPONSE REQUESTED: potential new developers

Roger is comfortable with me sharing him as someone on my target list. He said North Light is just a source of capital and he would work with others. Thanks again for flagging this as something I should double check!

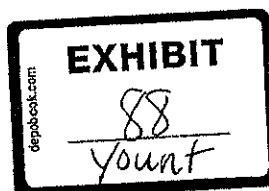
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On Fri, Feb 5, 2016 at 12:41 PM, Stuart Yount <syount@fortifiber.com> wrote:

Wow! Paul, do you have Roger's permission to put his name out here like this?

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On Feb 5, 2016, at 11:12 AM, Paul Jameson <[pjameson@elevateig.com](mailto:pjameson@elevateig.com)> wrote:

All,

**The potential new mezz partner is now spending time and money reviewing the project with credit committee - they could not be more serious about this potential investment.**

I am looking for a list of potential developers that would come in and finish the project to completion. So far I have (1) Roger Wittenberg, owner of the Tahoe Biltmore, thanks to the Younts and (2) Howard Karawan, introduced to us by Mosaic and a respected consultant in the industry. Howard would likely be a supplemental team member, making the list really one person.

**Today if possible, please send me any other potential developers that would complete the project, with 1-2 sentences on their fit and experience.** Molly, I believe you have a couple, even though they also may be capital partners. Please send a list over and recognize this is 100% confidential and the team receiving this data is under strict NDA.

Obviously this request is confidential for all of us as well. Please do not discuss with others outside of this email list. There are other highly sensitive aspects of the path forward that I would like to discuss with everyone at a later date. For now, I would not discuss any bad acts that have occurred to date or potential remedies that could be considered.

Thank you,

Paul Jameson  
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# EXHIBIT 11

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**From:** Paul Jameson <pjameson@elevateig.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 14, 2016 9:55 AM  
**To:** Stuart Yount  
**Cc:** Geri Yount  
**Subject:** Re: paramount-inv

They typically do deals with other investors in tranches of at least 10MM per investor. What they would want is to organize the project so there is a representative of the other members as one voice, maybe two since we are 20MM.

Have I spoken to partners of theirs? No, not yet. Once they give the green light to going full speed ahead on the due diligence, I will start the same diligence on them. Their principal is transparent and not hiding his story or approach thus far... the opposite of this 104MM buyout we are exploring.

Paul Jameson

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On Sun, Feb 14, 2016 at 9:47 AM, Stuart Yount <[syount@fortifiber.com](mailto:syount@fortifiber.com)> wrote:  
On the surface based on their website, they look excellent. What is the REAL story on their experience in dealing with investors on projects they've taken on?

No, I do not know of them.

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On Feb 14, 2016, at 9:37 AM, Paul Jameson <[pjameson@elevateig.com](mailto:pjameson@elevateig.com)> wrote:

The one I am working on for a larger mezz, yes. Are you familiar with them?

—  
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On Sun, Feb 14, 2016 at 10:00 AM, Stuart Yount <[syount@fortifiber.com](mailto:syount@fortifiber.com)> wrote:

Is this the potential investment group?

<http://www.paramountinv.com/>

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# EXHIBIT 12

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**From:** Paul Jameson <pjameson@elevateig.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2016 8:01 PM  
**To:** Stuart Yount  
**Cc:** Geri Yount  
**Subject:** Re: Another day!?!?!?

We finalized the agreement and moved mountains doing so. The attorney (ours) is doing a final review in the morning to confirm there are no 'gotchas' that we haven't covered off... then Robert is signing.

I have the whole thing teed up. If they do not fund 5M by Thursday, it cancels. In parallel, we can pursue debt options. We have accepted every term they came back with... keep in mind the money is very, very good. The rest is legal things to protect us.

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paul jameson  
elevate investment group  
pjameson@elevateig.com



On Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 7:12 AM, Paul Jameson <pjameson@elevateig.com> wrote:  
Thank you!

On Feb 25, 2016, 22:53 -0800, Stuart Yount <syount@fortifiber.com>, wrote:

You're our hero!

Stuart Yount

Chairman & CEO



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From: Paul Jameson [mailto:[pjameson@elevateig.com](mailto:pjameson@elevateig.com)]  
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 10:34 PM  
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Subject: Re: Another day!?!?!?

Indeed. I received their documents midday. They made big changes... not to the price, but to the legal structure and it would put us at major risk if they didn't keep funding.

Tonight we let it cool down, and tomorrow there will be a final document. It will either be signed or void by end of the day.

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**From:** Paul Jameson <pjameson@elevateig.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 28, 2016 11:00 AM  
**To:** Paul G. Jameson  
**Cc:** Brandon Chaney; Les Busick; Phil Busick; Robert Radovan; William Criswell; Heather Hill; Lisa Pacey-Willis  
**Subject:** Cal Neva EC Report on Financing - February 28, 2016  
**Attachments:** Cal Neva EC Membership Update 160228.pdf

Members of the Cal Neva,

An EC report to the Membership relating to the financing efforts underway is attached. It is with great pleasure that I get to announce that Robert has signed the PSA with GBCI. Today, it was sent to their group awaiting their review and signature.

In addition to the work performed by the EC this week and weekend, we all owe a very large thank you to Molly Kingston is in order for her (1) building the summary of the gaming and Starwood agreements for the Purchaser and (2) crafting a fantastic cover letter to go along with the executed document to express our excitement over this transaction. Thank you Molly for your commitment to our collective success.

The next all-hands EC meeting is scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday, March 16th in Incline Village. The location for those local, and dial-in for those remote, shall be circulated along with the agenda and supporting documentation ahead of the meeting.

Thank you

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Date: Sunday, February 28, 2016  
 From: Cal Neva Executive Committee ("EC")  
 To: Members of the Cal Neva Lodge, LLC redevelopment project  
 Subject: Financing Update

**GBCI buyout.** Today, Criswell-Radovan signed a PSA for 100% of the project that requires a 5M payment no later than next Thursday, March 3, 2016. GBCI has the document and plans to review for signature Monday.

The GBCI team changed the legal aspects of the PSA at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, but we made minor edits to protect our investment from being tied up in some legal battle if they do not fund. Financial terms were all accepted and it is now time to sit and wait.

We will keep you apprised of the status.

**Condo financing.** Robert will be finalizing the security agreement Monday. Several of you have indicated you will put in \$50,000 or more to keep the project afloat.

These funds will be paid back upon the closing of any financing deal being pursued at this time. Purchase by GBCI requires a free and clear property. Mezz and construction debt will pay this back as well. The multiple is increased from 1.25x to 1.50x, independent of time outstanding, to further induce our collective support of the project.

**Other financing.** We are allowed to pursue debt options while under contract with GBCI. In order to have necessary backups in place, we have several underway still. Mosaic is passing at this time for reasons unrelated to the project, but rather for their own internal challenges. The remaining options are:

- **Replacement mezzanine lender.** Invested heavily in developing model, talking to Penta, drafting LOI
- **Newly engaged parties.** Robert and others have engaged several debt parties who are fast and real
- **Gamma (Trump).** Holding off on signing LOI until next week. Expensive, but a good last resort option

**Non-financing items.**

- **Next all-hands meeting.** Tentatively scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in-person in Tahoe. Details to be confirmed prior to the meeting and will include a dial-in for remote members
- **Accounting review.** Still underway, details to be provided on the next Executive Committee call
- **Questions and comments.** Outside of the all-hands meetings, Paul Jameson can be available as lead member representative to discuss the financing efforts or other aspects of the project

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jameson and Robert Radovan on behalf of the EC

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

GEORGE STUART YOUNT, Individually and  
in his Capacity as Owner of GEORGE  
STUART YOUNT IRA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CRISWELL RADOVAN, LLC, a Nevada  
limited liability company; CR Cal Neva, LLC, a  
Nevada limited liability company; ROBERT  
RADOVAN; WILLIAM CRISWELL; CAL  
NEVA LODGE, LLC, a Nevada limited  
liability company; POWELL, COLEMAN and  
ARNOLD LLP; DAVID MARRINER;  
MARRINER REAL ESTATE, LLC, a Nevada  
limited liability company; NEW CAL-NEVA  
LODGE, LLC, a Nevada limited liability  
company; and DOES 1 through 10, Inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: CV16-00767  
DEPT. NO.: B7

**EXHIBITS TO  
DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR  
JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW,  
FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT, TO  
ALTER AND AMEND THE JUDGMENT,  
TO AMEND THE FINDINGS, AND FOR  
NEW TRIAL**

Defendants Criswell Radovan, LLC (Criswell Radovan), CR Cal Neva, LLC ("CR Cal Neva"), Robert Radovan ("Radovan"), William Criswell ("Criswell"), and Powell, Coleman and Arnold LLP ("PCA") (collectively "Defendants"), by and through their undersigned counsel, submit their Exhibits to Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment as



1 a Matter of Law, for Relief from Judgment, to Alter and Amend the Judgment, to Amend the  
2 Findings, and for New Trial ("Opposition").

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4 DATED this 24th day of May, 2018.

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I hereby certify that I am employed in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action. My business address is that of Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC, 3800 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 1000, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89169.

On this day I served the foregoing **EXHIBITS TO DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW, FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT, TO ALTER AND AMEND THE JUDGMENT, TO AMEND THE FINDINGS, AND FOR NEW TRIAL** in this action or proceeding electronically with the Clerk of the Court via the E-File and Serve system, which will cause this document to be served upon the following counsel of record:

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1	September 8, 2017 Transcript of Proceedings Trial, (Volume 7)
2	Amended Order, dated September 15, 2017
3	Defendants' August 25, 2017 Proposed Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law
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1 RENO, NEVADA, September 8, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

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4 THE COURT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.  
5 Thank you for your indulgence. As I was reviewing the files  
6 and exhibits last night, I had some questions that I thought  
7 perhaps I'd start them off and it may assist counsel in  
8 narrowing its arguments to the Court. I'll start with  
9 Mr. Campbell. Is Cal Neva Lodge LLC in bankruptcy?

10 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, it is, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Is it subject to the automatic stay?

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: So the charge against it should be  
14 dismissed?

15 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't know about dismissed. I  
16 think it probably or have to be litigated as a claim in the  
17 bankruptcy court.

18 THE COURT: I'm just talking about in this Court.

19 MR. CAMPBELL: Here this court, yeah.

20 THE COURT: Second question, the subscription  
21 agreement, is that between Cal Neva Lodge LLC and the  
22 plaintiff?

23 MR. CAMPBELL: That's correct, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Would you concede, then, that CR Cal

1 Neva LLC, Criswell Radovan LLC are not parties to this  
2 contract?

3 MR. CAMPBELL: To the subscription agreement?

4 THE COURT: Yes.

5 MR. CAMPBELL: I believe its managers and members  
6 of the LLC, they are parties to the contract. They were the  
7 agents and operating on behalf of the Cal Neva. They were  
8 the managing entities.

9 THE COURT: Have you pled an alter ego theory in  
10 this case?

11 MR. CAMPBELL: I pled that the defendants have  
12 individual liability.

13 THE COURT: The next question I had dealt with the  
14 seventh cause of action, which is the securities fraud  
15 pursuant to NRS 90.570. Mr. Campbell, are these securities?

16 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, they are, your Honor. If you  
17 look at Exhibit Number 3, which is the private placement  
18 memorandum.

19 THE COURT: I've looked at it.

20 MR. CAMPBELL: The very first page says it's a  
21 securities offering with the exception that applies under the  
22 statute as far as registration of the security with either  
23 the federal or state government, but it doesn't mean it's not  
24 a security. It is a security. That's what was being sold



1 under the PPM.

2 THE COURT: But isn't this one, don't those  
3 disclaimers state that this is essentially a real estate  
4 investment and securities?

5 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't think a person would get  
6 a -- beyond being on the deed or be entitled to a real  
7 property interest here. They're a member of an LLC and hold  
8 a share, so to speak, in that, in that LLC. If they were --  
9 if you were buying a piece of real estate, you would get, you  
10 know, it would be designated as an owner of that piece of  
11 real estate.

12 THE COURT: Doesn't this qualify as a private  
13 placement under section 482 of the Securities Act of 1933? I  
14 mean, we have less than 35 investors, because we have 20.  
15 These are sophisticated investors, as defined in the statute  
16 itself, and it's not for public solicitation.

17 MR. CAMPBELL: Your Honor, I don't think that  
18 means as far as registration statements, a security is a  
19 security under my understanding and that's what's represented  
20 in the PPM. This securities offering is what the language  
21 says.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Let me see if there's any other  
23 questions I have here before we begin. I think that answers  
24 some of the questions I have. Thank you. Mr. Campbell, you

1 have the floor.

2 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you, your Honor. During the  
3 course of this trial, the defendants have really attempted to  
4 shift the focus of this case on what happened after  
5 October 13th of 2015. I think they've done that in an  
6 attempt to not have this Court focus on what happened to  
7 Mr. Yount.

8 What I see are the inexcusable acts of the  
9 defendants prior to or about the time that he made his  
10 investment. The real focus on this, your Honor, should be  
11 what happened prior to October 13th or at about that same  
12 time frame.

13 THE COURT: Just a minute here. Go ahead.

14 MR. CAMPBELL: They shifted that focus. What I  
15 believe the facts have shown in this case, I think, let's go  
16 back and focus on what really happened on the October 13th  
17 time frame. Let's start with the Powell Coleman law firm.  
18 Despite what Mr. Coleman said, he was acting as an escrow  
19 agent. You don't take money in a two party transaction, put  
20 it into your trust account as for no other reason, it's --  
21 it's an escrow. You're holding money in an escrow.

22 And even more in this case, he was holding it in  
23 his trust account. And as your Honor knows, there's sacred  
24 duties related to a trust account. You just don't have money

1 go into your trust account and willy-nilly send it out the  
2 next day. Those rules are pretty consistent both under the  
3 Texas Bar Rules, and in addition in our trial brief, I cited  
4 what the Texas rules consider an escrow holder.

5 THE COURT: How did he breach the instructions?  
6 He did exactly what he was instructed.

7 MR. CAMPBELL: There were no instructions. That's  
8 the problem. There was no writing whatsoever.

9 THE COURT: This is a new age, people write  
10 contracts in cyberspace instead of paper.

11 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm not talking about paper. I'm  
12 not talking about anything in cyberspace. There was no  
13 indication in there that Mr. Yount agreed to purchase a CR  
14 share.

15 THE COURT: That's true.

16 MR. CAMPBELL: So he gets money into his trust  
17 account. He's got no documentation as to what this money is  
18 for or whether there's any kind of an agreement. And then he  
19 just willy-nilly releases it the next day based on his  
20 client's word.

21 THE COURT: Instructions.

22 MR. CAMPBELL: His client's word, nothing else.  
23 We've got the approval. What's really important, though,  
24 your Honor, is that he was telling his clients before that

1 time that they needed to get some documentation regarding  
2 this. He was assuming it was a CR share, but he still said,  
3 you need to document this, you need to get the approval.

4 THE COURT: Well, it was a CR share.

5 MR. CAMPBELL: That's what purportedly they tried  
6 to sell. That's certainly not what Mr. Yount agreed to.

7 THE COURT: No. But that's what they sold. They  
8 sold a CR share.

9 MR. CAMPBELL: So he's got a duty to Mr. Yount.  
10 He's got a duty, I think, to the members of the LLC. He's  
11 representing the LLC, ostensibly, even though Mr. Yount is  
12 buying something different than what he thought he bought, he  
13 will become a member of the LLC, so he is owed duties both as  
14 a member and as an escrow holder and as someone who has  
15 deposited a million dollars into Mr. Coleman's trust account.

16 And I think that duty becomes even more evident,  
17 your Honor, when we look at what happened back in January and  
18 February of 2016 both. That's Exhibit Number 33, which is  
19 the -- well, first, if you go back to what he told his  
20 clients in Exhibit Number 33, which is the e-mail string with  
21 his clients about what needed to be done.

22 And if you fast forward to Exhibit Number 64,  
23 which are the documents that Mr. Coleman sent to Mr. Yount,  
24 and aside from the misrepresentations and the untruths in

1 these documents, it's very telling that when he drafted a  
2 purchase agreement, albeit in this case he was trying to  
3 paper the transaction back from CR -- from Mr. Yount back to  
4 CR, he drafts a purchase agreement. He knows that you --  
5 he's a sophisticated transactional attorney. He knows you do  
6 transactions with documents.

7 And he put in the purchase agreement, section  
8 four, the closing of this transaction described herein is  
9 contingent upon the agreement receiving the approval of the  
10 members who collectively own 67 percent. Such approval must  
11 be in writing and pursuant to the terms of the operating  
12 agreement. And he knows, and on his examination, when I  
13 questioned him, he understands what a closing is. You get  
14 the documents all signed, you get everybody signed up, then  
15 you release the funds.

16 That didn't happen here. He gets a million  
17 dollars into his trust account. He has no documentation. He  
18 has no corroboration at all as to what Mr. Yount has agreed  
19 to or not agreed to and he willy-nilly releases the funds. I  
20 don't think that could be a clearer breach of the duty he  
21 owed to Mr. Yount and the duty he owed to the other members  
22 of the Cal Neva Lodge LLC.

23 It's astounding to me to do something like that  
24 without some writing. And why in the first place, why would

1 the money ever go to the trust account if there was a side  
2 deal? There was no reason for that to go into his trust  
3 account. So he obviously gave him some kind of notice as, is  
4 there something going on. He tells his clients, you got to  
5 have documents to paper this deal. He doesn't. And then we  
6 know what documents he knows he thinks need to paper that  
7 deal, because he sends them.

8 THE COURT: His testimony is that this was a  
9 private transaction, an owner selling to a buyer, happens  
10 every day.

11 MR. CAMPBELL: Sure, it does, but not without  
12 notice to the other party, not without some agreement either  
13 oral, some kind of an agreement. He had no indication  
14 whatsoever that there was any agreement with Mr. Yount and  
15 CR, Criswell Radovan or any of those entities. And he's got  
16 a clear conflict of interest here. He's been representing CR  
17 or Mr. Criswell for a number of years and now he's  
18 representing the entity, which includes its members. Why  
19 isn't he looking out for those members?

20 Why isn't he -- why is he so adamant about just  
21 trusting his client's word to go ahead, we got approval, send  
22 me the money, and then he doesn't send it to CR. He sends it  
23 to CR's attorney when CR is buying the shares. The whole  
24 thing doesn't make any sense, your Honor. I think Mr.

1 Coleman's law firm has breached the duties, and under the  
2 breach of the fiduciary duty and the negligence claims we  
3 asserted, I think the facts in this case and the evidence are  
4 squarely on point to prove that he's guilty of those two  
5 counts.

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 MR. CAMPBELL: Moving to Mr. Marriner was merely a  
8 facilitator. I think the evidence shows otherwise. He was  
9 deeply involved in getting Mr. Yount to invest under the PPM,  
10 where are you, let me help you get a trust agent. Mr.  
11 Marriner was the feet on the ground, boots on the ground, and  
12 he was in charge of getting the investors into the fold. The  
13 evidence doesn't show that it was a handoff deal, here's  
14 Mr. Yount, I'm not going to have anything more to deal with  
15 him, it's yours, Mr. Radovan, you take care of it.

16 THE COURT: What about the e-mail from your  
17 client, I'm dealing now with Robert?

18 MR. CAMPBELL: He's dealing with him related to  
19 getting documents on the pro formas. That's what that  
20 related to.

21 THE COURT: What about the e-mail from Mr.  
22 Marriner, which says, if you have any -- after your client  
23 sends a list of questions, the e-mail from Mr. Marriner says,  
24 I'm sending these on to Robert for him to answer, and then

1 Mr. Radovan answers those questions.

2 MR. CAMPBELL: But that doesn't excuse or change  
3 Mr. Marriner's role in this function. I think a real telling  
4 indication of what he really was doing, despite his  
5 representations that he was merely a facilitator is, you  
6 know, Exhibit 8. He says, our signature pages, we would like  
7 to have you on our team is what he says in that exhibit.

8 Exhibit Number 11, he says, we expect the hotel to  
9 sell within seven years. We project that the net profit may  
10 be 100 million or more. He goes on, we project to have the  
11 hotel refinanced. He's representing himself as a member of  
12 the team. Even Exhibit 14, he goes on to say the same type  
13 of thing.

14 And then, importantly, in Exhibit 45, he's  
15 writing -- Mr. Marriner is writing to Mr. Radovan and Mr.  
16 Criswell, he says, please keep in mind these are my friends  
17 and neighbors and they look to me for advice and protection.  
18 Those are his own words. He's telling Mr. Radovan,  
19 Mr. Criswell as what he saw as his role in getting people  
20 into this project.

21 THE COURT: Isn't his role to find -- in  
22 Exhibit 1, he's a broker real, estate broker for this  
23 project.

24 MR. CAMPBELL: But Exhibit 1 also includes his



1 role as selling shares of the PPM and it says in that exhibit  
2 that he has full authority to do so. I mean, you've seen the  
3 language in it.

4 THE COURT: I agree. It said that he was and I  
5 think he testified that he had been asked to raise \$5 million  
6 for the PPM.

7 MR. CAMPBELL: And that he had full authority to  
8 do whatever is necessary. I don't have the exact quote.  
9 You've seen it. It's not limited to a handoff. And I think  
10 his testimony is just trying to walk away from the  
11 responsibilities he had under this, the duties he had, and  
12 what he actually did in the project.

13 So when you look at that Exhibit 45, Mr. Marriner  
14 says he's the advisor and protector.

15 THE COURT: Well, these were his friends. He's  
16 been involved in that community for, what did he testify, 20,  
17 25 years. And I'm sure he's imploring Mr. Radovan to make it  
18 right. He's got to live in that community. He's got to go  
19 to the grocery store. He sees the people at the post office.

20 MR. CAMPBELL: Sure. And I think he felt bad.  
21 Did he really protect his client when he knew the change  
22 orders were \$9 million and didn't tell Mr. Yount? Did he  
23 protect his clients when he was buying his share under the  
24 PPM and instead Mr. Radovan says, no, no, they both know the

1 PPM isn't full, with Mr. Busick's investment? Did he protect  
2 him when he failed to tell him?

3 And I believe Mr. Marriner's testimony on this  
4 point is that when Mr. Radovan said, don't tell him that, I  
5 believe he probably said that, because Mr. Radovan didn't  
6 want him to know. But that doesn't excuse not telling him.

7 As you heard Mr. Criswell's testimony, there was  
8 nothing in the nondisclosure agreement that would somehow  
9 limit Mr. Marriner from telling Mr. Yount, hey, just want to  
10 let you know, the PPM has been fully subscribed and Robert  
11 has a different deal for you, so you should talk to him. You  
12 know, that's a simple phone call, that's a simple e-mail, and  
13 we probably wouldn't even be here today. Because it was a  
14 material change and it was not what Mr. Yount had been  
15 negotiating with both Mr. Marriner and Mr. Radovan since  
16 July, mid July. So for all the chatter and all the  
17 correspondence that took place in that two and a half month  
18 time frame, we're selling you a PPM share, that's a material  
19 change when they're not selling him a PPM share.

20 THE COURT: One of CR's shares.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: So I really think that it's amazing  
22 that Mr. Marriner painted himself as the victim in this case  
23 at the end of his direct testimony. The victim here is  
24 Mr. Yount. He's the one that is out \$1 million. Mr.

1 Marriner is the one that his firm made half a million dollars  
2 from selling the shares under the PPM. Yeah, that simple  
3 phone call, and I don't think there would have been any  
4 prohibition from him doing that. I think it was a clear  
5 breach of his duty, it was fraud, it was fraud by omission.

6           You don't tell someone that they're going to buy  
7 something for a two-and-a-half-month-period and it comes to  
8 your attention that's not the case, and you walk away from  
9 it. That's a material -- that's an omission of a material  
10 fact that was very, very important.

11           THE COURT: I understand your argument.

12           MR. CAMPBELL: I think if Mr. Marriner had done  
13 what he should have done, like I say, we wouldn't be here.

14           I'll touch on the securities fraud issue, your  
15 Honor. My interpretation of NRS Chapter 90 is even if it is  
16 a private placement, the 90.570, about fraudulent or  
17 prohibited acts, 90.570, with the offer to sell a security a  
18 person shall not directly or indirectly make an untrue  
19 statement of a material fact or omit the material fact, not  
20 misleading in light of the circumstances.

21           THE COURT: What's misleading about the  
22 statements?

23           MR. CAMPBELL: It's a material omission.

24           THE COURT: What is material?

1           MR. CAMPBELL: That Les Busick filled out the PPM  
2 and the negotiations we've had for the last two and a half  
3 months, we don't have a -- we don't have a share of the PPM  
4 to sell you, so Mr. Radovan will sell you one of his shares.

5           THE COURT: Would you concede that CR held two  
6 founders shares?

7           MR. CAMPBELL: There's no doubt that they held two  
8 founders share.

9           THE COURT: Would you concede that CR sold one of  
10 those founders shares to Mr. Yount?

11          MR. CAMPBELL: In their mind. There was never a  
12 meeting of the minds.

13          THE COURT: Yes or no, did Mr. Yount acquire one  
14 of CR's founders shares, yes or no?

15          MR. CAMPBELL: That's a tough question to answer.  
16 What I learned in contract languages is both parties had to  
17 agree to a deal. This was a one-sided transaction.

18          THE COURT: Take a step back. Did Mr. Yount want  
19 to buy a founders share?

20          MR. CAMPBELL: He wanted to buy a founders share  
21 under the PPM.

22          THE COURT: That's fine. PPM covers 20 shares,  
23 million dollars a share. CR had two shares. The Ladera loan  
24 required CR to have at least 1 million invested, skin in the

1 game, as has been bantered about in this courtroom. They had  
2 2 million, 2 founders shares. When Mr. Yount was able to  
3 free up the cash from his IRA, his 401K and had the million  
4 dollars to invest, and he wanted a CR -- I mean, he wanted a  
5 founders share. Did he not pay \$1 million for a founders  
6 share? The answer is yes, that's what he wanted. Isn't one  
7 of CR's two shares a founders share?

8 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, it is, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Didn't he then acquire a founders  
10 share which he sought from the beginning?

11 MR. CAMPBELL: If you consider only one party  
12 agreeing to a transaction and making a contract, I guess he  
13 did, but it's --

14 THE COURT: This is not one party's agreement. He  
15 wanted a founders share -- let's just take CR out. Let's  
16 reverse this. Let's just say that Mr. Yount had two founders  
17 shares and the subscription had been sold out. And  
18 Mr. Criswell says, this Cal Neva Lodge is a beautiful  
19 project. It's going to launch the North Shore of Lake Tahoe  
20 internationally and whoever is on the ground floor is going  
21 to be making a lot of money. I want in. I want a founders  
22 share.

23 And Mr. Marriner says, I'd love to help you, but  
24 they're all sold out, however, I happen to have heard that

1 Mr. Yount has two shares, two founders shares. Let me ask  
2 him if he's willing to sell it to you. Goes to Mr. Yount,  
3 Mr. Yount says, for a million bucks, you bet.

4 So Mr. Criswell sends a million dollars to  
5 Mr. Yount's attorney's trust account and says, upon the  
6 execution of the transfer of the share, send the million  
7 dollars to Mr. Yount. That transaction occurred. Didn't  
8 Mr. Criswell acquire a founders share?

9 MR. CAMPBELL: Again, your Honor, if you have  
10 Mr. Criswell assuming he is buying under the PPM.

11 THE COURT: There's 20.

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Moneys go into the project when  
13 you're buying under the PPM, your money goes into the  
14 project. It isn't taken out of the project. You do a  
15 transaction like that, there's conditions to get it approved.

16 THE COURT: All right. At the next shareholder  
17 meeting or in writing?

18 MR. CAMPBELL: It's just a different situation.  
19 You can't tell someone you're selling them a Cadillac and  
20 then -- a new Cadillac and then without telling -- when you  
21 drive up in the car, it's a ten-year-old Cadillac. It's a  
22 different deal than what Mr. Yount assumed he was buying  
23 into.

24 THE COURT: But in this case, Mr. Yount has the

1 two brand-new Cadillacs. There's 18 brand-new Cadillacs out  
2 there. Mr. Yount says, I can only drive one at a time and  
3 I'll sell mine to Mr. Criswell. Doesn't Mr. Criswell get a  
4 brand-new Cadillac?

5 MR. CAMPBELL: Not if he wasn't delivered a  
6 brand-new Cadillac, not if he was delivered a ten-year-old  
7 Cadillac.

8 THE COURT: Tell me, and nobody has explained it  
9 to me, tell me if I laid that founders share from  
10 Mr. Criswell and Mr. Radovan right next to the founders share  
11 of Mr. Busick, what difference is there?

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Well, there's a big difference with  
13 it if there's no shareholder approval as we saw in the  
14 document.

15 THE COURT: I'm not talking about the process, the  
16 shareholder approval set out in the operating agreement.  
17 What's the difference between those two shares?

18 MR. CAMPBELL: Functionally, there is no  
19 difference.

20 THE COURT: So didn't Mr. Yount get what he  
21 wanted, which was a founders share?

22 MR. CAMPBELL: No. He wanted a founders share  
23 under the PPM, and that's the difference, and that's the  
24 material difference.

1 THE COURT: If there's 20 shares under the PPM and  
2 he gets one of them, where are the damages?

3 MR. CAMPBELL: Because Mr. Yount would have never  
4 invested \$1 million if he knew that he was buying a CR share.  
5 His testimony was pretty clear on that. He would not have --

6 THE COURT: But he wanted a founders share.

7 MR. CAMPBELL: But he would not have bought a  
8 share from CR that would indicate to him that CR was taking  
9 money out of the project instead of a million dollars going  
10 in to help the Cal Neva get to the finish line.

11 THE COURT: I understand that argument, but nobody  
12 as yet told me -- I guess you have. There is no difference  
13 between the CR share, founders share and Mr. Busick's  
14 founders share.

15 MR. CAMPBELL: Assuming you have shareholder  
16 approval.

17 THE COURT: Correct.

18 MR. CAMPBELL: Which never happened in this case.

19 THE COURT: Well, that's a matter of opinion. Go  
20 ahead. Next argument.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: Let's move to CR.

22 THE COURT: With respect to Mr. Criswell as to the  
23 causes of action three, six and seven, isn't it Mr. Yount's  
24 testimony that the first time he ever met William Criswell



1 was at the December 12th, 2015 meeting after he had already  
2 invested his money?

3 MR. CAMPBELL: That's correct, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. Go ahead.

5 MR. CAMPBELL: But Mr. Criswell was a partner and  
6 knew about the sale of the CR share to Mr. Yount.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MR. CAMPBELL: His testimony was pretty clear on  
9 that. So I think, your Honor, you've heard a bunch of  
10 different people talk about that December 12th meeting and I  
11 think there's only one conclusion, that if you link it  
12 altogether, that Mr. Yount was shocked and dismayed and upset  
13 and by then he didn't even know about the sale from CR to him  
14 instead of under the PPM.

15 THE COURT: I think Mr. Yount characterized it as  
16 rousing.

17 MR. CAMPBELL: That doesn't happen if all the  
18 members and Mr. Yount had already known what was conveyed to  
19 them. So I think the proof is in the pudding there as to  
20 what happened in that meeting and what was disclosed in that  
21 meeting and what had not been disclosed prior to that time.

22 I don't think there's any evidence that it was a  
23 staged revolt. It was a reaction to what they had heard both  
24 from Mr. Radovan and Mr. Criswell trying to smooth it over

1 when people were so upset.

2           They were rightly upset. These people together  
3 had a collective \$18 million into this project and the  
4 project was going forward without new financing. It was  
5 considerably over budget. The construction budget alone was  
6 probably, if you round it to 10 million out of a 17 million  
7 construction budget, that's a 60 percent increase, close to a  
8 60 percent increase in a budget that was in the documents  
9 that said was ironclad and we've vetted it.

10           THE COURT: That's the price.

11           MR. CAMPBELL: That's a big shock to me. It would  
12 be a big shock to anybody, I would believe.

13           Let's move to the fraud as to the CR's entity.  
14 You know, active omission of a material fact can be fraud.  
15 There's no doubt about that under the law. And I think in  
16 this instance, especially in light of the recommendations and  
17 assurances that were provided to Mr. Yount prior to making  
18 the investment and the change in circumstances or the  
19 information that Mr. Radovan knew, I think this was  
20 actionable fraud.

21           As we know about the change order in September, if  
22 you look at the actual change orders that were signed and the  
23 documents that show the change orders that have at least been  
24 approved by the construction manager, but had not been signed

1 off, there was close to over \$10 million in change orders  
2 that were approved or were in the works.

3 And Mr. Yount's testimony and I think it was clear  
4 and it was corroborated by the evidence is he never knew that  
5 there was that kind of change orders. That's a material  
6 omission. You know, what's the problem in calling Mr. Yount,  
7 there's a lot of chatter, a lot of e-mail going back and  
8 forth with Mr. Marriner and Mr. Radovan at this time, just  
9 want to let you know we confirm the change orders we talked  
10 about in July are now pushing up to \$10 million.

11 THE COURT: Wasn't he informed of that not only in  
12 the July construction report --

13 MR. CAMPBELL: No, your Honor. I'll address that.  
14 That's the argument that Mr. Marriner, he made that early on  
15 in the project. It's the argument that we've heard  
16 repeatedly through this that somehow Exhibit Number 18 tells  
17 Mr. Yount that the project is \$9 million over. And in  
18 exhibit -- we have all memorized Exhibit 18 pretty much, and,  
19 you know, surprisingly, Mr. Chaney had a very similar  
20 recollection of what happened in that July time frame in that  
21 investors meeting.

22 The exhibit says, okay, we're going to refinance  
23 this mezzanine for 15 million with a less costly loan. So  
24 the mezzanine is six, but we know there's interest on top of

1 that, so that's seven plus, who knows, it's not quantified,  
2 but it's not just \$6 million. He goes on, we have some code  
3 issues that we have to deal with, we have to use some of this  
4 15 million refinance for that. Doesn't quantify that.

5 So what are those code issues? Mr. Yount believed  
6 them to be \$5 million plus at that time. That's what was in  
7 his e-mails and that's what was told to him. So he whether  
8 it was told then or before, he knew that there was some  
9 change orders and it was going to be in his -- what he's  
10 documented as \$5 million plus.

11 We know that the same e-mail says, now we're going  
12 to release some funds for the condo development, not  
13 quantified, but --

14 THE COURT: They had it down to the square foot.

15 MR. CAMPBELL: It wasn't quantified from a dollar  
16 amount. What does that mean, the condo development? If you  
17 look at Exhibit 4, the condo development in the second box in  
18 Exhibit 4, where it says, once we get 20 million, we're going  
19 and start doing the condos.

20 THE COURT: Correct.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: That was a \$2 million number. How  
22 much was that condo development? So there's all these  
23 things, and then Mr. Radovan and Mr. Marriner tried to lump  
24 in Exhibit 10 as kind of the tandem notice that if you look

1 at 10 with all the litany of change orders, again, not  
2 quantified in dollars, and the Exhibit Number 18, which says  
3 we're going to refinance for 15 million, you can't just add 6  
4 million of the Ladera loan and assume that 9 million means  
5 there's a \$9 million change orders.

6 If that was the case, that e-mail should have said  
7 that. It should have said, we're going to have 8 or  
8 \$9 million and the entirety of the difference of paying  
9 Ladera off is going to the change orders. But it doesn't say  
10 that. It says we're going to do a bunch of things we're  
11 going to do and no one ever quantifies it. And what we know  
12 is that Mr. Yount was told it was 5 million plus.

13 And he also was told, well, Mr. Radovan said we'd  
14 like to have some cushion. Well, great, we'll have some  
15 cushion. We don't know what that is, but it's at least a  
16 little extra money if you consider all of the other things.

17 As we know, refinancing alone is not free. You  
18 have upfront costs. What was that 15 million going to go  
19 for? Certainly never in any document said that 15 million  
20 refinance -- nine of it was going to change orders that were  
21 never in existence. So that's a material change from that  
22 was told in July to what Mr. -- from what Mr. Marriner and  
23 Radovan knew come September, weeks before he invested in this  
24 project.

1           And, in addition, that refinance of the mezzanine  
2 loan, that was the only time that anybody told Mr. Yount  
3 about a refinance, those terms that we were going to get a  
4 better terms. But we know Mr. Radovan testified here and,  
5 again, in deposition that he knew in September, maybe even as  
6 early as August, that they needed to refinance the entire  
7 project. And if they didn't refinance that entire project,  
8 they were not going to finish this deal.

9           And he never told Mr. Yount that. Telling  
10 Mr. Yount that we're going to do a 15 million mezz refinance,  
11 which, six plus will go to payoff, and going to a total  
12 refinance of the project with substantial additional funds,  
13 somewhere between 16 million more than the budget, that's a  
14 material fact. I mean, if I was an investor, anybody who was  
15 an investor, they would want to know that the project was now  
16 going to have to be refinanced and it's not going to go  
17 forward.

18           THE COURT: But wasn't this discussed amongst the  
19 EC for months? I mean, they had been in negotiations with  
20 Mosaic in November. Those individuals were clearly aware  
21 that that was one of the options, the total refi was one of  
22 the options, the mezz was another, a capital call was a  
23 third. Would you argue that having all of those options on  
24 the table is a dereliction of the duty of the management,

1 that they would be deficient in their duty if they didn't  
2 explore all these options and lay it out.

3 As a matter of fact, I think the testimony from  
4 everybody was that the EC was actively involved and  
5 knowledgeable, particularly with the Mosaic loan, because  
6 they asked tough questions of Mr. Radovan. Asked him to go  
7 back, see if he couldn't negotiate a way that the bank would  
8 waive the fee, asked him to go back, tell Mosaic to hold off  
9 while they explore other options, asked him to go back to see  
10 if he couldn't raise the limit of the money. Doesn't seem to  
11 me that the EC was operating in the dark at all.

12 MR. CAMPBELL: I tend to agree with you somewhat.  
13 I know from some of the e-mails that one of the late exhibits  
14 we introduced yesterday, that the EC was asking for a lot of  
15 information.

16 THE COURT: And that's their duty.

17 MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have a problem with that.  
18 But Mr. Yount is not on the EC. He's not even an investor at  
19 that time. He's leading up to his investment. If that  
20 knowledge is out there, and certainly Mr. Radovan knew and,  
21 perhaps I don't know when the EC actually knew, the e-mail we  
22 looked at the late exhibit yesterday was late October 27th, I  
23 believe. Exhibit 78, I believe it was.

24 Yeah, they knew, but Mr. Yount never knew. He

1 wasn't privy to the EC communications. He wasn't  
2 negotiating. He didn't even know probably who was on the EC  
3 at that time. He was talking to Mr. Marriner and Mr. Radovan  
4 and those are the guys that tell him that -- that need to  
5 tell him, that have a duty to tell him in light of the  
6 previous representations that, hey, we're now -- we're  
7 closing in on 10 million in change orders. If we don't get a  
8 refinance, we're not going to go forward on this thing.

9           That just astounds me that you couldn't consider  
10 that as a material omission of fact before Mr. Yount puts a  
11 million dollars into this project, that an investor wouldn't  
12 want to know those kinds of facts and it wouldn't affect his  
13 decision. He testified it certainly would have affected his  
14 decision. He would not have gone forward or he would have  
15 figured out more.

16           The mere fact that you have a budget increase of  
17 that magnitude and a potential stop work unless you get some  
18 refinancing, those are things that Mr. Marriner, Mr. Radovan  
19 knew and were not disclosed to Mr. Yount. And those were  
20 important, important facts that would have been a very big  
21 part of his decision making.

22           So when you add that into the total lack of any  
23 communications regarding the switching of the sale, the PPM  
24 being full up, I mean, those are three pretty big facts that



1 would have factored into Mr. Yount's decision making process  
2 and which he testified he would not have gone forward with  
3 those facts in mind.

4           So I think it's very telling as to what Mr. Yount  
5 knew and didn't know. I mean, there's no mistake that when  
6 Mr. Yount was sent those documents in February by Mr.  
7 Coleman, that he had never agreed to any of this stuff.

8           Furthermore, I think, your Honor, I think there's  
9 a couple of different arguments that they've made that, the  
10 defendants have made through trial that I think are real  
11 important, too, is somehow the language in the PPM documents  
12 exonerates the reliance argument. And I think your Honor has  
13 already ruled on that issue in the Marriner order on summary  
14 judgment where you said that the Court does not find that the  
15 PPM and subscription agreement effectively disclaim reliance.  
16 Rather, that notice is limited to the disclosure with the  
17 risk associated with the investment.

18           You're right. Those risks set forth in the PPM  
19 are risks that once you're in the project, you could have a  
20 capital call, you could be diluted.

21           THE COURT: You could lose your entire investment.

22           MR. CAMPBELL: You could lose your entire  
23 investment, but that's not the same as fraudulent omission or  
24 misrepresentations. Those language does not excuse actions

1 of someone to sell a security to someone prior to that you  
2 can't rely on that kind of exculpatory language. Sure, if it  
3 was after the fact, that's a little different situation.

4 I think defendants also take the position that I  
5 think is untenable is that Mr. Yount could have done more due  
6 diligence on this project. First of all, Mr. Yount did due  
7 diligence. You saw that July e-mail string. There was a lot  
8 of due diligence. There were questions and there were  
9 questions answered.

10 THE COURT: He talked to his CPA, he took a tour  
11 of the site.

12 MR. CAMPBELL: Sure. He did a lot of due  
13 diligence. And he was told in that time frame, he was told  
14 we're about 5 million over budget. We're going to do a  
15 refinance of the mezz to cover some of these costs without  
16 any particularization of what they were. So he did do due  
17 diligence.

18 THE COURT: Talked to the architect.

19 MR. CAMPBELL: So when he gets those answers from  
20 the developer, I don't think he has a duty to follow up a  
21 couple of weeks before his investment and say, well, you  
22 know, have the change orders -- has the number of the change  
23 orders? Are we still on schedule? In fact, he did ask, are  
24 we still on schedule?

1           And according to Mr. Yount's contemporaneous  
2 documents, the schedule was going to be a soft opening, but  
3 the only schedule change was because of a light winter and  
4 the lack of revenue if they opened in December.

5           For all intents and purposes, he was told several  
6 times, yeah, we're ready to open. We can do it on the 12th.  
7 We're not going to, because of the bad winter that might  
8 occur that we've had in the past years and the lack of  
9 revenue. We'll do a soft opening and move on. But, you  
10 know, that's far different than what he's told.

11           So I don't think as an investor, he's made those  
12 representations, those representations are made to him, he  
13 relies on them, I don't think the day before he makes his  
14 investment he has a duty to follow up. I think the duty lays  
15 on the people that gave him the representations in the first  
16 place to follow up and say, hey, look, those things we told  
17 you back in July, it's not true anymore. Things have  
18 changed. And we want to let you know before you make your  
19 investment. That's the duty.

20           And, finally, as to due diligence, how do you do  
21 due diligence when someone switches what you bargained for to  
22 buy something under the PPM and instead you get a CR. I  
23 don't know how you do due diligence on something like that.  
24 By the way, is there room under the PPM? Can I still buy?

1 That's a duty to tell Mr. Yount that Busick closed out the  
2 PPM.

3 Again, we have Mr. Radovan painting himself as a  
4 victim in this case. While they were able to put a million,  
5 Mr. Radovan and Mr. Criswell, their entities were able to put  
6 a million dollars in that, Mr. Yount is that out a million  
7 dollars. I don't see how they are the victims.

8 Again, this would have been so easy to avoid this  
9 whole trial. Mr. Radovan picks up the phone and says, hey,  
10 Stuart, guess what, Busick just closed out the PPM, but if  
11 you still want a share, I can sell you one of my shares. Is  
12 that okay with you? Can we agree to that? You want to sign  
13 a document or I'll confirm it in an e-mail? That never  
14 happened, your Honor. That never happened. I find that  
15 inexcusable.

16 And then what makes it even worse is that they  
17 don't tell him at all.

18 THE COURT: Well, that's an interesting point that  
19 you bring up, Mr. Campbell, because the uncontroverted  
20 testimony is that Mr. Radovan thought Mr. Marriner told  
21 Mr. Yount, and Mr. Marriner thought Mr. Radovan told  
22 Mr. Yount. In fact, neither of them told Mr. Yount, but it  
23 doesn't seem to have any evidence in the record that either  
24 Mr. Marriner or Mr. Radovan got together and said, let's not

1 tell Mr. Yount.

2 MR. CAMPBELL: Well, Mr. Marriner testified that  
3 Mr. Radovan told him not to tell, not to discuss it. And I  
4 believe Mr. Marriner on that, because I think Mr. Radovan  
5 needed that million dollars and he saw an opportunity here to  
6 sell one of the shares.

7 THE COURT: I believe the testimony from Mr.  
8 Radovan is that he wanted Mr. Yount to participate, founder  
9 of Napa Valley, unquestioned pillar of the community, a  
10 sterling character.

11 MR. CAMPBELL: Sure.

12 THE COURT: Absolutely a gem and somebody you  
13 would want on your board or involved in your company no  
14 matter what the enterprise is, a board member of the TRPA.  
15 Who wouldn't bend over backwards to help Mr. Yount be part of  
16 the Cal Neva, an iconic project like that on the North Shore  
17 some 300 feet from his property?

18 MR. CAMPBELL: Wouldn't you ask? Wouldn't you ask  
19 that person?

20 THE COURT: Well, sure, you want to be part, you  
21 want a founders share?

22 MR. CAMPBELL: You want to buy one of my shares?

23 THE COURT: Do you want to buy a founders share?  
24 We diverge on that point. I respect that decision.

1           MR. CAMPBELL: I mean it would have been an easy  
2 fix.

3           THE COURT: Clearly.

4           MR. CAMPBELL: And it would have been the right  
5 thing to do and it would have been the easy thing to do. And  
6 as Mr. Criswell testified, he's been in a -- he's done a ton  
7 of deals in his day. And when you get an agreement,  
8 especially a million dollar transaction, you at least get a  
9 handshake. We don't have a handshake. We don't have a wink  
10 or a nod in this case, your Honor.

11          THE COURT: Didn't even go furniture shopping.

12          MR. CAMPBELL: Let's move to the conversion next,  
13 your Honor. I think what CR did in this fits all the  
14 elements of conversion also. They took the money. There was  
15 no agreement to take the money. Once this ruse was found  
16 out -- and it's interesting, I think that's an important  
17 point to make, your Honor, is that, you know, Mr. Yount took  
18 a tour with Mr. Radovan, I think they had breakfast together,  
19 a week or so after he closed. Does he tell him, hey, I'm  
20 going to confirm, you know, I'm going to send you a share, a  
21 certificate or confirmation that the deal has gone through.  
22 Doesn't tell him anything.

23               Doesn't tell him at all. In fact, Mr. Yount  
24 doesn't even know until if you look at Exhibit Number 60, at

1 page 172, Mr. Yount says, I'm looking at this cap table and  
2 the cap table has a footnote, Stuart Yount holds 1 million  
3 within the CR 2 million. Mr. Yount says, this is in error.  
4 If you look back of the communications up to the sale, as  
5 well as who my IRA check went to, I was buying 1 million of  
6 the original founding investment, which I was told out of the  
7 15.5 available out of the 20. Please correct the cap table  
8 and show my preferred interest as one of the original  
9 investors.

10 We know what Mr. Yount is thinking. This is the  
11 first time, we're talking about three or four months after  
12 his investment, that any indicia comes to him that he's told  
13 that he may have bought a CR share instead of one of the PPM.  
14 To me, that silence just proves to me what Mr. Radovan was  
15 doing was trying to hide the ball on this deal.

16 And when they got caught, when they had that  
17 meeting at the Hyatt on the 27th, they talked about, okay,  
18 we're going to buy back your share. We'll get some money to  
19 buy back your share.

20 THE COURT: Once we get reimbursed.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: We'll send you some documents to do  
22 that. What documents do they send him? They send him these  
23 documents that are totally inaccurate. There's no mistake.  
24 They're trying to get Mr. Yount to sign a document that he

1 was mistaken in his belief that he was buying a PPM or he  
2 mistakenly signed the subscription agreement and that the  
3 parties' real intent was to have him buy a CR share.

4           Why would you put something in that document so  
5 untrue and try to get Mr. Yount to sign a document like that  
6 other than to cover what you had done back in October.  
7 Because they knew, they knew they didn't have an agreement  
8 and they were trying to paper this transaction, trying to get  
9 another falsehood into the document, that we've had a  
10 shareholder meeting and all the shareholders have approved  
11 that.

12           That just didn't take place. That is egregious.  
13 And I think it goes to prove the point they were never going  
14 to tell him unless they got caught. And when once they got  
15 caught, they tried to paper the deal that Mr. Yount never  
16 agreed to get involved in.

17           Back to the conversion, your Honor. I think, your  
18 Honor, the tenor of the members, I don't think they would  
19 have ever approved this transaction that was supposed to be  
20 required, whether it be at a special meeting or the annual  
21 meeting. Mr. Chaney's block, I don't think -- he was  
22 certainly upset, and I think from the e-mail chatter we've  
23 seen, so were the other investors pretty upset over this  
24 whole thing.



1           You can't buy Mr. Radovan's testimony that the  
2 members would have approved this. They never did. Mr. Yount  
3 demanded his money back. There was no approval from the  
4 members. There was no contract. When they refused to give  
5 him his money back, that's conversion, plain and simple.  
6 Couldn't be any clearer, I think. So that's just to me, it's  
7 a classic case.

8           Your Honor asked earlier about the individual  
9 liability, and my understanding of the pleading rules is that  
10 piercing the veil is not an actual pleading requirement. But  
11 we did say that Criswell Radovan individually were liable  
12 under the case, and I think the facts in this case have  
13 demonstrated under Nevada law as far as piercing the  
14 corporate veil, we're there. These businesses were not  
15 capitalized. CR and Cal Neva -- CR Cal Neva, Criswell  
16 Radovan LLC, Mr. Criswell said these are really just shell  
17 entities.

18           THE COURT: To the projects, to the various  
19 projects.

20           MR. CAMPBELL: We don't have any employees. Your  
21 Honor knows the elements. They're pretty well spelled out in  
22 the McCleary Cattle Company case and I think the Lumos, the  
23 LLC Marketing versus Lumos. As your Honor knows, there's  
24 three or four things you had to do, and there's a whole

1 checklist that the courts have looked at to help them in  
2 making a determination.

3           The three elements are whether the corporation is  
4 influenced or governed by the stockholders, there's such a  
5 unity of interest that the company and the stockholders are  
6 the same, and adhere to a corporate fiction or separate  
7 entity to sanction fraud or promote a manifest injustice.

8           If your Honor renders a judgment against one of  
9 these entities here, he'll never be able to collect. These  
10 are not capitalized. They have no assets. And that's --  
11 there's a 14-part test that the courts have used kind of to  
12 help them in the determination, again, capitalization,  
13 non-observance of corporate formalities, insolvency of the  
14 corporation at the time of the litigation, intermingling of  
15 funds.

16           Here's a great example of intermingling of funds.  
17 If CR sells a share and their attorney sends it to Criswell  
18 Radovan, clearly ignoring corporate formality, the money back  
19 and forth, the bank accounts were intermingled. So, yeah, I  
20 think the use of the same address, employment of the same  
21 attorneys and employees for all different entities.

22           So I think in this case, what we've got here is  
23 that the Court should ignore the corporation and pierce the  
24 veil, if it's so inclined to enter a judgment and both Mr.

1 Criswell and Mr. Radovan are individually liable in this  
2 case.

3 I'm going to move to the Mosaic loan issue.

4 THE COURT: We want to make sure that we give the  
5 other side sometime as well.

6 MR. CAMPBELL: I can wrap this up pretty quick,  
7 your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Go ahead.

9 MR. CAMPBELL: I think the Mosaic loan issue is a  
10 red herring. That happened way after the fact. There was no  
11 counterclaim against Mr. Yount for somehow derailing that  
12 loan and there's no evidence that he was involved in any  
13 discussions with Mosaic. Obviously, all the investors were  
14 concerned. We've got the e-mails. They're trying to work  
15 out a strategy. Mr. Yount has no -- what incentive would he  
16 have to undermine the Mosaic loan? Mr. Criswell tells him in  
17 exhibit --

18 THE COURT: Clearly none.

19 MR. CAMPBELL: 51.

20 THE COURT: I think everybody testified that  
21 Mosaic was the best option. Mr. Chaney said it as well. It  
22 was the best option to rescue the project.

23 MR. CAMPBELL: We have the best evidence in this  
24 case as to what happened with Mosaic, their own words in the

1 e-mail, which are --

2 THE COURT: 124.

3 MR. CAMPBELL: The new one yesterday, the Mosaic  
4 termination letter that surprisingly wasn't produced.

5 THE COURT: February 24th.

6 MR. CAMPBELL: Very material to these facts. I  
7 think it is a sideshow. That doesn't apply to what happened  
8 in October 13th. There's no evidence that Mr. Yount  
9 interfered in that. Mr. Radovan says he thought he did and  
10 the loan would close. Even that tape recording yesterday or  
11 the message, Mr. Radovan tried to tell the Court that voice  
12 message said we can close at the end of the month. You heard  
13 it twice.

14 THE COURT: At the end of the year.

15 MR. CAMPBELL: You heard it twice. It didn't say  
16 that. It said, we've got other things to do and we've got  
17 other deals to close, where are we on this deal? We haven't  
18 heard from you for a while. So it's a sideshow. It  
19 shouldn't at all be considered as to whether Mr. Yount was  
20 defrauded, whether his money was converted from him, whether  
21 there was a breach of duties. A total sideshow that I don't  
22 think is relevant to this case.

23 Same with Mr. Chaney's credibility. We spent a  
24 lot of time yesterday on his credibility. He came here

1 forward, because he was mad, too, and rightly should be mad.  
2 I think he does have a prejudice. Who wouldn't? And so I  
3 think his testimony was helpful to the Court. It confirmed  
4 how the Mosaic meeting was set up. Certainly told the Court  
5 that Mr. Yount wasn't involved and corroborated the evidence  
6 as to what actually happened to the Mosaic loan.

7 I think also the July meeting was very  
8 informative, because the testimony Mr. Chaney gave and in  
9 comparison with Exhibit 18, almost identical, same thing.  
10 We're over budget, no quantification. We're going to get a  
11 mezz loan refinance, get better terms, and we'll have to pay  
12 off the original one. We're going to release some money for  
13 the condos. We've got some code issues that we've got to  
14 deal with. And we're going to have a little cushion. So,  
15 you know, very consistent. So, again, Mr. Chaney's  
16 credibility I don't think goes to the heart of this matter.

17 Again, I think the best evidence in this case is  
18 the e-mail exchange with Mosaic and Mr. Radovan and the other  
19 members of the EC.

20 Two more issues to briefly address. I think  
21 attorney's fees in this case are proper both under the  
22 operating agreement that provides for prevailing party  
23 attorney's fees and also under NRS Chapter 90 -- I think it's  
24 660, that provides prevailing party attorney's fees for

1 securities fraud, which I think fits this bill.

2 Finally, punitive damages. I think CR's actions  
3 to take Mr. Yount's money under false pretenses was proven by  
4 clear and convincing evidence and that those individuals were  
5 guilty of egregious conduct. Again, the best evidence here,  
6 I think, is, your Honor, Exhibit Number 34.

7 Exhibit 34 is that e-mail string that was -- where  
8 Mr. Little tried to point, where there was some confusion or  
9 some notice to Mr. Yount that he was buying a CR share. So  
10 we get some differing instructions. And what does Mr.  
11 Radovan do?

12 He sends a message to Mr. Yount, actually, the  
13 funds, and this is October 3rd, so the Busick deal is closed,  
14 he sends an e-mail to Mr. Yount, actually, the funds, your  
15 million dollars should be wired into our attorney's account  
16 which was, you know, which would have been evident from the  
17 subscription agreement that Mr. Yount says -- that Mr. Yount  
18 signed.

19 And he says, in accordance with the documents,  
20 those documents are the subscription agreement. He  
21 intentionally says, send the money in accordance with the  
22 subscription agreement, the subscription agreement to buy  
23 under the PPM. Why doesn't this say, here's a new set of  
24 documents for you to buy one of our shares. I think it was

1 an intentional, malicious act so they could hide this from  
2 Mr. Yount and keep that money for themselves.

3 And it's corroborated by the fact that they don't  
4 tell him at all until he finds out in late January and then  
5 they try to paper the transaction that they easily could have  
6 done in this e-mail by saying, here's the documents you  
7 really need to sign, because the PPM is filled up.

8 So I think punitive damages are -- should be  
9 awarded in this case to punish that kind of egregious  
10 activity. Again, simple fix, little teeny notice, just too  
11 bad it didn't happen.

12 In summary, your Honor, I want to conclude, I want  
13 to thank the Court for its patience, a lot of testimony, a  
14 lot of documents to look at. And as the Court well knows,  
15 the best evidence in a case is the contemporaneous documents  
16 that were made at or about the time of when events  
17 transpired.

18 And if you look to what the documents in this  
19 case, and especially Mr. Yount's documents, those documents  
20 were made at that time. I think they're very honest and  
21 forthright. It tells a very true and accurate story of what  
22 Mr. Yount was told, what he believed, what transpired at that  
23 time in that time frame.

24 On the flip side, the defendant's documents,

1 there's a paucity of documents to support their position.  
2 Mr. Radovan says, I told Ken Tratner in a telephone  
3 conversation about the amount of the change orders and the  
4 schedule change. Never happened. No documents to support  
5 that. Mr. Tratner totally contradicts that.

6 Marriner e-mails back and forth who told what,  
7 when like school kids in third grade. No documentation of  
8 that. In fact, the documents they do have, which I just went  
9 over, was Mr. Radovan telling Mr. Yount, sign the  
10 subscription agreement and send the money to our attorney as  
11 to what is set forth in the PPM.

12 I think the same with the Marriner documents.  
13 Those documents tell the story of what Marriner thought he  
14 was doing and what kind of a team he was on and what his  
15 responsibilities were at the time.

16 So I think even yesterday on the message, there's  
17 such a paucity of evidence from their side and such a strong  
18 story from the real documents, the best evidence in this case  
19 as to what happened. And I think if the Court focuses on  
20 this, it's an easy way to make a decision that what actually  
21 happened to Mr. Yount, how Mr. Yount was really defrauded out  
22 of his money and should not have been. Thank you, your  
23 Honor.

24 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Campbell. Let me get



1 my notes up-to-speed here. I think I've got everything down.  
2 Thank you. Mr. Little.

3 MR. LITTLE: Thank you, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Hang on a second. Everybody, stand  
5 up. Those are tough chairs back there.

6 All right. Thank you very much, ladies and  
7 gentlemen. Mr. Little.

8 MR. LITTLE: Thank you, your Honor. This is a  
9 very serious case and there are some very serious allegations  
10 made or levied against my clients and because of that, I need  
11 to spend sometime going through their cause of action and  
12 the evidence, and I appreciate the Court's indulgence in  
13 advance for allowing me to do that.

14 Before we get into the weeds, I think it's  
15 important to step back and really wrap our arms around not  
16 only what happened at this trial, but what didn't happen. In  
17 fact, your Honor, I think it is absolutely critical to step  
18 back and look not only at who was called by Mr. Yount to  
19 support his claims, but who wasn't called.

20 Now, we know and I won't waste a lot of time on  
21 it, that the only witness that Mr. Yount put forward other  
22 than himself is Mr. Chaney. However, Mr. Chaney was not only  
23 shown to have a massive axe to grind, he was at the helm of a  
24 corporation that was found to have intentionally destroyed

1 evidence and intentionally withheld evidence.

2 Counsel tried to rehabilitate him by saying, wait  
3 a minute, they were just a victim of some rogue employee.  
4 But we went back through that. That federal judge  
5 meticulously went through the facts and went to great lengths  
6 to show his company's detailed involvement. Such  
7 involvement, your Honor, that they were sanctioned \$331,000,  
8 and as lawyers, we know that is a significant sanction.

9 Now, Mr. Chaney was also personally found liable  
10 for intentionally interfering with a contract. Your Honor,  
11 that is a eerily similar to what we heard and seen happen in  
12 this case with respect to the Mosaic loan.

13 Mr. Chaney aside, your Honor should be asking  
14 yourself, where was the unbiased members of the executive  
15 committee testifying at this trial on behalf of Mr. Yount  
16 saying they were defrauded, kept in the dark, duped, things  
17 of that nature? Where was Mr. Busick, a member of the  
18 executive committee, a man that Mr. Yount admittedly knew  
19 very well, a man with a construction background who invested  
20 another million and a half dollars into this project after  
21 going on the site with Penta and going through the change  
22 orders.

23 Mind you, this happened a couple of weeks before  
24 Mr. Yount invested his money. Where was Mr. Busick

1     testifying that he was mislead, duped, kept in the dark.

2             More importantly, where was Mr. Busick or any of  
3     the investors to support Mr. Yount's supposition that this  
4     project was failing when he made his investment? After all,  
5     your Honor, this supposition, this belief by Mr. Yount that  
6     the project was tanking is the one fact that is necessarily  
7     holding up his causes of action. If you take away that fact,  
8     they crumble.

9             You should also be asking yourself not only where  
10    was Mr. Busick and the other investors, where was Penta,  
11    where was Peter Grove the project architect? If this project  
12    was truly crumbling when he invested, where was the Penta or  
13    the architect here saying they weren't being paid, they were  
14    threatening to walk off the job, or they lacked confidence in  
15    the project.

16            Your Honor, none of those people were here and  
17    that should sound a massive red flag to this Court that the  
18    things in this case were not as Mr. Yount believed them to be  
19    with the benefit of hindsight and after drinking IMC's  
20    Kool-Aid.

21            Now, Mr. Campbell may come back in his redirect  
22    and say, why didn't you call these people? The answer is  
23    simple, your Honor, we did not need to. This is their case,  
24    not ours. It's their burden of proof, not ours. We knew

1 what these people were going to say. There is no evidence  
2 that this project was crumbling and I'll go through that.

3 Your Honor, as lawyers, we know that jurors are  
4 instructed to bring their common sense to evaluating the  
5 evidence and I would ask your Honor to do the same thing.  
6 Let's step back before I get into the weeds, let's look at  
7 the case from a 30,000-foot level.

8 Common sense, your Honor, says a sophisticated  
9 investor like Mr. Busick, who is on the executive committee,  
10 he's not going to put a million and a half into the project a  
11 mere week or so before Mr. Yount does if he believes, mind  
12 you after walking the project, not with Robert Radovan, after  
13 walking the job with Penta, he's not going to make that kind  
14 of investment if there's some belief out there that this  
15 project is failing.

16 Moreover, nobody in their right mind, your Honor,  
17 believes this project isn't going to get funded after hearing  
18 that phone message that we heard twice yesterday. That is a  
19 majorly deflating piece of evidence to Mr. Yount's case.  
20 That is the CEO of Mosaic saying, both sides, Mr. Radovan and  
21 them, had been working very hard on securing that loan. That  
22 didn't happen overnight. That happened over a period of  
23 time, your Honor.

24 That phone call was in mid November. They had

1 been working hard for some period of time. And he told you  
2 on the -- or he told us on the phone that Mosaic was very  
3 enthusiastic about closing that loan. Your Honor, that is a  
4 critical piece of evidence that shows you have to step back  
5 and put yourself in our minds and you're being asked to -- by  
6 the plaintiffs to say that they knew this project was  
7 tanking, this was a bait and switch. Put yourself back in  
8 that context. This is what is happening with the Mosaic  
9 loan. They didn't believe that. Common sense says that.

10 Common sense also says, my clients aren't going to  
11 be putting money back in the project in October as the  
12 evidence is undisputed that they did if they felt that the  
13 project was tanking.

14 Common sense also says, if my clients were a  
15 fraction as bad as Mr. Chaney and Mr. Yount would have you  
16 believe, they would have been removed as managers a long time  
17 ago. And guess what, we're two years forward and that hasn't  
18 happened and there's a simple procedure under the operating  
19 agreement to do that.

20 Your Honor, common sense also says that we're not  
21 going to keep offering to give this man tours, updated tours  
22 of this project, including a tour three days before he  
23 invested, so he could see with his own eyes and hear from his  
24 own ears how this project is going if we believe it's

1 tanking. Common sense doesn't support that, your Honor.

2 Common sense also says, why are we hiring a  
3 general manager and bringing him over from the Bahamas the  
4 same period he's investing if we think this project is going  
5 down the tubes? That's all evidence that you heard, your  
6 Honor. That evidence is undisputed and it does not support  
7 their theory that we knew this project was tanking, which,  
8 again, is the critical fact underlying their claims.

9 Now, before we talk about what this case is really  
10 about, I think we need to step back and talk about what it is  
11 not. This is not a fraud and punitive damage case, your  
12 Honor. Mr. Yount has not proven fraud elements by any  
13 standard much less the heightened clear and convincing  
14 evidence standard.

15 In fact, you'll recall whenever he was asked what  
16 evidence or proof he had to support his fraud claims, he  
17 uniformly admitted he had none. He just said, it's my own  
18 personal information and belief.

19 And just so your Honor knows, I'm not making that  
20 up. If you go to page 93, line 18 through 22 of his  
21 deposition, he was asked, question, do you have any evidence  
22 that Criswell Radovan sold you one of their shares because  
23 they knew the project was in trouble? Answer, no, it just  
24 seems obvious to me. Your Honor, supposition and belief is

1 not evidence. It's certainly not clear and convincing  
2 evidence.

3 Now, contrary to this belief, the evidence in his  
4 own case in chief clearly demonstrated that the true facts  
5 were not as he believed. He simply got caught up in a rumor  
6 mill that was intentionally being promulgated by the IMC  
7 folks to get rid of Criswell Radovan. And he rushed to  
8 judgment at a later point in time when the project was in  
9 trouble, but only because the Mosaic loan was being  
10 subverted.

11 Now, your Honor, Mr. Yount, again, from the  
12 30,000-foot level only has himself and IMC to blame for his  
13 plight in this case and that's where his fingers should be  
14 pointed.

15 Let's step back and let's talk about the evidence  
16 in connection with the fraud and punitive damage claims.  
17 And, you know, I don't want to waste too much time on it. I  
18 want to start with the seventh cause of action for securities  
19 fraud. Your Honor hit the nail on the head, this is not a  
20 securities case. Absolutely not.

21 NRS 90.530 provides a list of transactions that  
22 are exempt from the registration requirements; in other  
23 words, exempt from that statute from the Nevada's Uniform  
24 Securities Act 90.530, 10 provide, quote, an offer to sell or

1 the sale of a security to a financial or institutional  
2 investor is an exempt transaction. That regulation further  
3 specifies that an institutional investor includes, a, quote,  
4 accredited investor as defined under rule 501 of reg D.

5 Now, if we go to Exhibit 42, your Honor hit the  
6 nail on the head, the subscription agreement, it's very clear  
7 that this was a private offering, this was a real estate  
8 transaction, and it was only open to accredited investors.  
9 Now, the company paid some very expensive securities lawyers  
10 to make sure that founders shares were exempt from federal  
11 and state securities laws. They did it.

12 Mr. Yount admitted he signed those documents, he  
13 admitted he was an accredited investor when he made his  
14 investment, and that statute has no applicability to this  
15 case. So any claims under NRS 90, which is Nevada's  
16 securities fraud claim, need to be dismissed.

17 Let's talk about the common law fraud and punitive  
18 damages claims, which are the third and sixth causes of  
19 action. I think we have to start this analysis with several  
20 key pieces of evidence in mind, your Honor. First, although  
21 counsel has tried to downplay its significance, the legal  
22 disclaimers in the private placement memorandum and the  
23 subscription agreement, they are very important, your Honor.  
24 They're there for a reason and they gut his fraud claims.



1           Mr. Yount's is a sophisticated investor. He's a  
2 sophisticated man. He doesn't need the protections of this  
3 Court. He's not some unsuspecting, innocent person. He's a  
4 very sophisticated man. He admits to such. He's been on  
5 boards. You heard the testimony. He acknowledged having an  
6 opportunity to review these documents, to review the  
7 disclaimers, to have his CPA and legal counsel look at it and  
8 he told you that he understood and agreed to some very  
9 important facts. He knew this is a risky, speculative  
10 investment. He knew the project couldn't be analyzed in a  
11 vacuum based on some budget that was outdated and provided in  
12 2014.

13           Rather, he understood that circumstances could and  
14 in fact did change by the time he was getting involved and  
15 that costs could increase, the budget could increase, and  
16 that those things could affect his investment and the  
17 project's ultimate success.

18           He also understood and agreed that the project was  
19 seeking financing that may not be secured, and if they didn't  
20 get that financing, guess what, the project could fail and he  
21 could lose his investment. He understood that. He told you  
22 that under oath.

23           He also understood and agreed that he could only  
24 rely on his own due diligence and not representations made by

1 the defendants. And, you know, in fact, your Honor, we know  
2 that he didn't blindly rely on any of the defendants in this  
3 case. He went directly to the project's architect, his own  
4 personal architect, for guidance on cost overruns and the  
5 schedule.

6 Exhibits 13 and 28, I'm not going to go through  
7 them, but your Honor is very familiar with those. But he  
8 asked the architect, hey, what are the project's chances of  
9 success? And he was cautioned at that point in time that the  
10 costs were exceeding the budget, they were trying to get  
11 their arms around it and get it in check. He wasn't told  
12 that it was in check. He was told it wasn't in check, but  
13 they were trying to do that. He also was told by the  
14 architect they're in a fund raising mode, same thing he was  
15 told by Mr. Radovan.

16 Now, it's important, the architect told him, look,  
17 I have no problem keeping you informed of the progress of  
18 this job. And you heard me ask Mr. Yount, he couldn't  
19 remember conveniently whether he had further conversations  
20 with the architect, but one thing he did make clear is that  
21 there's nothing the architect told him that dissuaded him  
22 from investigating in this project.

23 Aside from the architect, we know he solicited the  
24 advice of his CFO, his chief financial officer, and his

1 Los Angeles based CPA. He asked them to evaluate the  
2 investment on his behalf. He sent them all the documents he  
3 got. We heard from his CPA, I think, time is getting foggy,  
4 I think it was yesterday, and you heard the CPA say he was  
5 given everything he asked for. There were no questions that  
6 he asked that went unanswered. And you know what, you didn't  
7 hear the CPA say there was anything misleading in any of the  
8 documents or information that had been provided to him.

9 We also know and I mentioned that Mr. Yount knew  
10 Les Busick very well. And, in fact, he was impressed by the  
11 fact that Mr. Busick was an investor on this project.  
12 Mr. Yount even asked Mr. Marriner for a list of the  
13 investors. Why do that unless you want to see who they are  
14 and possibly go talk to them? And that's a significant  
15 point, there's nothing that prevented Mr. Yount from going to  
16 talk to these people, Mr. Busick who is on the executive  
17 committee, and getting more information.

18 Now, we know from Exhibit 10, your Honor, he got  
19 that report, which detailed all these cost impacts that were  
20 adversely impacting the budget and the schedule. And his  
21 testimony was, I didn't ask anything specific about that.  
22 Well, whose fault is that, your Honor?

23 Although he conveniently left the fact out of his  
24 direct testimony, we know he walked the job for two hours

1 with a Penta representative in July. He had every  
2 opportunity to ask whatever questions he wanted about cost  
3 overruns, the schedule.

4           Importantly, your Honor, we know that Dave  
5 Marriner asked Mr. Yount a number of times in August,  
6 September, and even a few days before he made his investment,  
7 hey, do you want to come have a walk, walk the job with me  
8 and see the progress of it, again, so his own eyes and ears  
9 he could see where the project was, your Honor. Does that  
10 sound like we're trying to conceal facts from him? But yet  
11 we're somehow to blame because he was too busy to take Dave  
12 Marriner up on those offers.

13           We also know from his testimony that there was not  
14 a single thing he asked for that he wasn't provided. And, in  
15 fact, we know from the e-mails and the testimony that Dave  
16 Marriner and Robert Radovan asked him multiple times, hey,  
17 Mr. Yount, is there anything else you need from us? And he  
18 didn't respond. He didn't ask for anything.

19           In fact, the only thing he asked for between mid  
20 August and when he invested on October 13th was to ask Mr.  
21 Radovan one question, how is the project schedule holding up?  
22 And he was truthfully told that the soft opening was April  
23 and the grand opening was Father's Day.

24           Your Honor, nobody held a gun to his head and

1 prevented him from walking the job site and seeing the  
2 progress with his own eyes, from asking questions of us or  
3 the construction team, the architect, Penta, Mr. Busick. In  
4 fact, he was encouraged to do so and he didn't take anyone up  
5 on that offer.

6           So, your Honor, when you put all of these facts  
7 together, he cannot prove by any standard, much less a clear  
8 and convincing evidence standard, that he justifiably relied  
9 upon any representations made by the defendants. And your  
10 Honor knows very well that justifiable reliance is a  
11 necessary element of any fraud claim.

12           Now, your Honor, I would draw the Court's  
13 attention to the Nevada Supreme Court case of Blanchard  
14 versus Blanchard, which is 108 Nevada 908. The case says  
15 something very important. It says, if you're a plaintiff and  
16 you undertake an independent investigation, as we know  
17 Mr. Yount did, you will be charged with knowledge of all  
18 facts which reasonable diligence would have disclosed. Very  
19 important, your Honor.

20           Had Mr. Yount bothered to go on updated progress  
21 tours or asked more questions, he would have clearly seen  
22 that the facts were exactly as they had been represented to  
23 him by Mr. Marriner and Mr. Radovan.

24           The schedule, he would have seen that the soft

1 opening was April, the grand opening was back on Father's  
2 Day, June, whatever that is, and he would have been told that  
3 was done not only to accommodate weather or tourism, but  
4 because of all the added work that Penta was doing. Do you  
5 think that page 16, all that work, you don't think there's  
6 going to be more days associated with doing that? That's a  
7 significant amount of work. If he had gone on the tours,  
8 asked questions, he would have seen that financing had not  
9 been secured yet, but as you heard in the phone message  
10 yesterday, it was seemingly imminent and everybody had  
11 positive vibes that was coming through.

12 He would have also seen, your Honor, that the  
13 project costs were almost to the penny, to the penny what  
14 Robert Radovan had represented way back in July that he  
15 forecasted it would be. Robert said, they're five to \$6  
16 million and they're escalating, and that's why we're going  
17 out and getting an additional ten and a half million dollars,  
18 \$9 million debt, another million dollars in equity. We're  
19 right there when he invests, your Honor.

20 So, your Honor, he cannot prove justifiable  
21 reliance. He undertook an investigation and had he done  
22 more, he would have discovered -- I guess the point is, he  
23 would have discovered what was already the case and what he  
24 already knew. In other words, there were no

1 misrepresentations, but regardless, because of all this, he  
2 can't prove justifiable reliance.

3 I want to go through the specific allegations and  
4 show you that they're not supported by clear and convincing  
5 evidence. Before I do, I want to draw your attention to two  
6 points. One, your Honor hit the nail on the head. Bill  
7 Criswell fraud claims absolutely have to fail against him for  
8 the additional reason that Mr. Yount never met, spoke to or  
9 relied upon anything that Mr. Criswell did or said before  
10 investing.

11 Now, your Honor, it's a fundamental tenant of  
12 corporation law that members of an LLC like Mr. Criswell are  
13 not -- are shielded from personal liability unless you have  
14 proof of an independent claim against that person.

15 In other words, you can't impute any sort of bad  
16 acts by the company or another member to one member. And  
17 that's what they're trying to do here, your Honor. There's  
18 no evidence. Bill Criswell didn't get involved until after.  
19 Claims have to be dismissed against him.

20 I found it a bit troubling when I read counsel's  
21 findings of facts and conclusions of law based on claims in  
22 there that have never been plead. One of those claims is a  
23 fraud cause of action against Bruce Coleman's law firm. Your  
24 Honor, they never pled fraud against Bruce Coleman. We can

1 look at their third and seventh causes of action and there's  
2 nothing there. Obviously, Nevada doesn't allow trial by  
3 ambush. There is no fraud claim pled against Bruce Coleman  
4 and that should be dismissed.

5 Let's talk about the specific misrepresentation or  
6 omissions that were --

7 THE COURT: Just a minute, Mr. Little. As to  
8 Powell, Coleman and Arnold, we have three causes of action.  
9 We have the breach of fiduciary duty, we have negligence, and  
10 punitive damages.

11 MR. LITTLE: I think that's it.

12 THE COURT: I didn't see any fraud being pled.

13 MR. LITTLE: Correct.

14 THE COURT: In the second amended complaint.

15 MR. LITTLE: It's in their findings of fact and  
16 conclusions of law.

17 THE COURT: Understood.

18 MR. LITTLE: Interestingly, there's also a fraud  
19 finding against New Cal Neva Lodge LLC, which, of course, is  
20 in bankruptcy and counsel could be sanctioned for violating  
21 the automatic stay for that. I'm guessing those things were  
22 mistakes.

23 Stepping back to the specific allegations, let's  
24 talk about the budget or cost overrun first. Now, you heard



1 during testimony, Mr. Yount and Mr. Campbell were trying to  
2 split hairs, basically, over what Robert Radovan said in  
3 July, but what you heard him say he knew that those costs  
4 were at least 5 to \$6 million, they were going to be more,  
5 that there -- I think the words were there was more on the  
6 horizon, and that's why they were seeking \$9 million in debt  
7 and an additional million and a half in equity.

8           If you look at his owns notes, your Honor,  
9 Exhibit 21, he understood that the cost overruns were  
10 \$10 million. I pulled out his deposition, page 149. In the  
11 interest of time, I won't go through that, but he said, yes,  
12 I understood the project was over budget by \$10 million.

13           Your Honor, we know that he didn't bother to ask  
14 another question about costs of the budget before he  
15 invested. But the evidence again proves that Robert's  
16 forecast, and mind you, this was a forecast that Robert was  
17 relying on Penta to provide him with, that turned out to be  
18 pretty darn accurate, your Honor.

19           We went through the pay applications, Exhibit 153,  
20 end of July, change orders 2.5 million, end of August  
21 4.6 million, end of September, \$9.2 million. Right there.  
22 We went over the change orders, Exhibit 43, same thing.

23           We went over the Mark Zakuvo third party report,  
24 which is Exhibit 149, same thing. At the time that Mr. Yount

1 closed his investment, the project was over budget by  
2 \$9 million.

3 He's made a big fuss, even though Robert's  
4 representations were accurate, he's made a big fuss over the  
5 fact that we didn't tell him the cost had gone up from 5 or 6  
6 to 9. Let's not forget the fact that Mr. Yount was radio  
7 silent for the better part of two months. The testimony you  
8 heard, we had no faith that he was going to be able to close  
9 and that's why we turned our sights elsewhere, your Honor.

10 But during this two months, he was being asked if  
11 he had other questions. He was being asked by Dave Marriner  
12 to take progress tours, your Honor. So the reality is the  
13 costs were exactly as predicted. So there was no reason  
14 we're going to rush out and update them. They're right where  
15 Robert told them they would be.

16 Now, your Honor, they're trying to point that to  
17 December budget and try to allude to the fact that it was  
18 really \$20 million over budget. Your Honor, respectfully,  
19 that's a misleading argument. We went over the facts. The  
20 budget was over by \$9 million when he invested. That's the  
21 change orders, the pay application.

22 If you look at the \$70 million figure in that  
23 December budget that they used to say we're \$20 million over,  
24 of course you have to subtract the \$55 million in financing

1 that we had in place back in 2014.

2           So that means you're really only 15 to \$16 million  
3 over budget in December, and of that, he knew ten and a half  
4 million dollars of it. So we're really talking about 4 or  
5 \$5 million extra in December. And what did you hear about  
6 that, your Honor? You heard the executive committee wanted  
7 to increase the budget, that's their decision, to deal with  
8 new change orders that saw that came in in November,  
9 December. They wanted more money to do some elective things  
10 to make the project better. Not that we're required to do  
11 it, but it's better to do it now when the walls are open than  
12 two years from now.

13           THE COURT: The show kitchen.

14           MR. LITTLE: Yeah. They wanted some extra  
15 cushion. Look what we've been faced with. This was an old  
16 project.

17           THE COURT: It's a new project.

18           MR. LITTLE: It's a new project, but an old  
19 building and we faced some hurdles, clearly, and they wanted  
20 more cushion. So, your Honor, there was no evidence that  
21 there were any material misrepresentations about cost  
22 overruns, budget that he can show that we knew or believed  
23 were untrue and there certainly was no justifiable reliance.

24           Second, his big claim is we misrepresented the

1 schedule. Trying to understand his claim, he claims, yeah, I  
2 knew it was being pushed off into 2016, but I thought that  
3 was because of tourism.

4 Your Honor, respectfully, that argument is -- it  
5 almost borders on the absurd. The only evidence he's relying  
6 on is an e-mail he sent his own accountant, purportedly  
7 documenting a conversation he said he had with Robert. You  
8 heard Robert's testimony. Robert said, tourism was a factor,  
9 but construction costs were, too. That's common sense. We  
10 have all of these changes that is affecting the schedule.

11 I won't go into too much detail, but you remember  
12 in his cross, I think showed that argument made no sense.  
13 Specifically, he's claiming the premise for this belief was  
14 this conversation he had with Robert in August. But if you  
15 step back and look at the notes from July that he had, he  
16 knew that the project was already bumped out to April by then  
17 and he hadn't had this conversation with Robert. So how did  
18 that change? And then if it's really because of tourism, why  
19 is tourism moving it out even further? It doesn't make a lot  
20 of sense, your Honor.

21 The reality is he didn't -- that's another point,  
22 the reality is he didn't rely on anything that Robert said.  
23 We saw Exhibit 28, a week after he claims he and Robert had  
24 this call, he went to the architect and said, hey, what's the

1 deal with the schedule? And, conveniently, he doesn't  
2 remember what the architect said. But, again, whatever he  
3 told him didn't dissuade him from investing.

4 And, your Honor, most importantly, we have  
5 Exhibit 36, the October 10th e-mail from Robert where he  
6 asked him about the schedule and Robert says, soft opening in  
7 April and grand opening on Father's Day. It doesn't say  
8 anything about tourism or weather.

9 Again, your Honor, why would we misrepresent the  
10 reason for schedule changes at the same time we're inviting  
11 him to come walk the project where he's going to learn that  
12 information? It makes no sense, your Honor.

13 In short, no material misrepresentation about the  
14 schedule, no justified reliance, no proof that we knew or  
15 believed any such statement was false.

16 He says we misrepresented the status of financing,  
17 however, the evidence shows he knew from multiple sources,  
18 not just us, that the project was in fund raising mode,  
19 meaning we didn't have fund raising. He admitted he never  
20 asked a single question. He didn't ask who we were talking  
21 to. He didn't ask what the terms of the loan are. Nothing.  
22 He's a sophisticated businessman and investor, and obviously  
23 knows that financing on a project of this complication and  
24 this scale, there's no sure shots there.

1           In fact, if you go back to the agreements he  
2 signed, it says very clearly, you understand that we may seek  
3 financing and there's no certainties or guarantees there, and  
4 if it doesn't happen, you can lose your investment. He said  
5 he understood that.

6           Again, he was prompted throughout this process,  
7 even though he was radio silent, they kept getting back in  
8 touch with him, hey, how are things going? Do you need any  
9 information from us?

10           But, your Honor, you heard it from the horse's  
11 mouth yesterday in that phone message. Both sides, not only  
12 our side, but Mosaic, according to the CEO, had been working  
13 hard on that loan. They were enthusiastic about closing as  
14 they believed. This is the same time period. Now, there is  
15 no fraud about financing here. We believe that we have  
16 secured good long-term financing for the investment.

17           If you look at page 202 of his deposition, he  
18 admits he has no evidence that we misrepresented the status  
19 of financing. Rightly so, because we didn't.

20           Lastly, your Honor, in terms of fraud, he claims  
21 we misrepresented the financial health of the project, that  
22 we knew it was tanking when he invested, and this was a fire  
23 sale, and his so-called bait and switch theory. Of course,  
24 with 20, 20 hindsight, it's pretty easy to make an argument

1 that we must have known that the project was tanking when he  
2 invested, but that's not the standard by which we're to be  
3 judged.

4           You have to look at what did we reasonably believe  
5 back when he invested? And, again, all we have to do is put  
6 our common sense hats on and that question is easily  
7 answered, Les Busick investing. That doesn't happen if this  
8 project is believed by people to be tanking. The phone  
9 message about the status of the Mosaic loan, that's our  
10 mindset, your Honor. That doesn't support any sort of their  
11 theory that we know the project is tanking.

12           We know from Exhibit 13 the architect is  
13 optimistic about the project. We know there's plenty of  
14 money left on the Hall loan to pay contractors. In fact, we  
15 know that Penta and subs were current on all payments at the  
16 time that Mr. Yount invested. We know they were working  
17 hard. There were no threats that had been made for a slow  
18 down or a work stoppage at that point in time.

19           We know that CR Cal Neva put money back into the  
20 project. Why do that if it's tanking? And we know that the  
21 costs were in line with what Robert had projected they would  
22 be back in July.

23           So all of this evidence, your Honor, points to the  
24 fact that the project was believed to be on track when

1 Mr. Yount invested. And there's simply no evidence that the  
2 project was failing and this was any sort of a fire sale.

3 And, importantly, Mr. Yount admitted this on page  
4 93 of his deposition. I asked him, question, do you have any  
5 evidence that Criswell Radovan sold you one of their shares  
6 because they knew the project was in trouble? No, it just  
7 seems obvious to me. Your Honor, that's not clear and  
8 convincing evidence.

9 Now, you hit on a good point with Mr. Campbell,  
10 and that's with respect to the sale. The evidence is we only  
11 intended to have a million dollar skin in the game. I mean,  
12 that's in multiple places. It's in the private placement  
13 memorandum, it's in one of the cap tables, Exhibit 101, it's  
14 in the Ladera loan. Everybody had this information. They  
15 knew that we were going to have \$1 million skin in the game  
16 and at some point in time we were going to sell one of our  
17 shares. So there's no red flag in us selling Mr. Yount one  
18 of our shares.

19 You pointed out, he's a highly influential member  
20 of Lake Tahoe community. He lives right next door. He's  
21 prominent. Who wouldn't want him involved in the project?  
22 And the guy had just spent the better part of the four months  
23 trying to get funded.

24 For all of these reasons, your Honor, Mr. Yount's



1 fraud and punitive damage causes of action must fail. There  
2 there's no clear and convincing evidence of any material  
3 misrepresentations or omissions. There's no clear and  
4 convincing proof that we intended to deceive him. There's no  
5 clear and convincing proof that he justifiably relied.

6 Let's switch gears and talk about the two causes  
7 of action against Mr. Coleman. That's the seventh and the  
8 fourth claims for relief. And both of those claims, your  
9 Honor, assume a duty and a breach of duty, neither of which  
10 exist in this case, your Honor.

11 In fact, if you look at their trial statement and  
12 paragraph three of their proposed findings of fact, you'll  
13 see their entire claim against Mr. Coleman's firm is premised  
14 on an untrue fact. It's premised on the fact that he  
15 received a copy of Mr. Yount's subscription package and those  
16 escrow instructions and he disregarded them.

17 But that wasn't the evidence at trial, your Honor.  
18 The evidence was unequivocal that he never received this  
19 package on the escrow instructions. And they didn't have any  
20 evidence to controvert that.

21 In fact, the only thing that Mr. Coleman was told  
22 was that Mr. Yount was buying one of CR Cal Neva's shares and  
23 he had a good faith basis for that belief. We have  
24 Exhibit 33, which was the e-mails. This isn't something that

1 we're making up. There's an e-mail to him saying, CR Cal  
2 Neva is going to sell Mr. Yount one of its shares and we  
3 would like to use your trust account. This was a normal  
4 purchase and sale agreement. He's a transactional lawyer.  
5 This stuff happens all the time. He had no evidence to the  
6 contrary. And the facts played out exactly like this.  
7 There's no red flags whatsoever in this case that would lead  
8 his firm to believe that the transaction was anything  
9 different.

10 Now, let's talk about Mr. Yount's breach of  
11 contract claim. It's the first cause of action. It's  
12 against two bankrupt entities, which he doesn't have relief  
13 from stay, so there is a stay there. It's also against CR  
14 Cal Neva and Criswell Radovan LLC. Now, according to his  
15 testimony, and counsel agreed, he believed his contract was  
16 with Cal Neva Lodge, which obviously is in bankruptcy and  
17 subject to the stay. It's fundamental that you can't have a  
18 breach of contract against a person or entity that is not  
19 party to that contract, which necessarily means this cause of  
20 action doesn't fit as pled against the Criswell Radovan  
21 entities. He's basically trying to put a square peg in a  
22 round hole. It just doesn't fit.

23 THE COURT: Can you address the alter ego argument  
24 made by Mr. Campbell?

1           MR. LITTLE: Absolutely. This is the first time  
2 we're hearing about that. Alter ego is something that is  
3 required to be pled, your Honor. It's nowhere in his second  
4 amended complaint. There are no allegations. This is trial  
5 by ambush. You cannot bring up an alter ego theory at trial.  
6 If he wants to make some alter ego theory, he needs to get a  
7 judgment and then go file a lawsuit claiming that.

8           You can't spring that at somebody at trial.  
9 There's no expert testimony. No accountant came in and said  
10 they ignored corporate formalities. They had separate LLCs  
11 that were formed for each transaction, normal things that  
12 real estate companies do in the investment business. There's  
13 no evidence of that. And more importantly, it hasn't been  
14 pled. It's trial by ambush. You can't do that.

15           But counsel has argued that, well, what about the  
16 fact that Mr. Yount thought he was buying a different  
17 founders share? Your Honor, that doesn't give him recourse  
18 or the right to unwind his sale, because this had no material  
19 effect on the underlying exchange of performance. It's form  
20 over substance.

21           He wanted to buy a founders share in Cal Neva, and  
22 I think you backed counsel into agreeing, that's exactly what  
23 he got. There is no difference. Testimony was, they are  
24 equivalent. There's 20 shares, each of them have the same

1 rights and obligations. He got one of those founders shares,  
2 so he has no damages in this case to the extent that there is  
3 any rights under a cause of action, which we don't think  
4 there are. There are no damages, because he got everything  
5 that he wanted to. He's in the identical position he would  
6 have been had he beaten Mr. Busick to the punch and bought  
7 that share instead of one from CR Cal Neva.

8 And under the operating agreement, which he read  
9 and understood, paragraph 4.7, Exhibit 5, he knew he had no  
10 right to demand to be bought out. Once you buy a share,  
11 you're a shareholder, and you're in there. We think his  
12 breach of contract cause of action fails.

13 Which brings us to the last cause of action for  
14 conversion. That has been pled against CR Cal Neva, Criswell  
15 Radovan LLC and the two individuals. Of course, your Honor,  
16 this is an intentional tort that requires proof of a wrongful  
17 exercise of dominion and control of property, which cannot be  
18 justified or legally excused.

19 I'm going to talk about those elements in a  
20 minute, but before I do so, I want to point out and make  
21 clear that this cause of action has zero basis against the  
22 two individuals. The evidence at trial showed that CR Cal  
23 Neva had Mr. Yount's money wired to Criswell Radovan LLC to  
24 satisfy a loan and several hundred thousand dollars and were

1 put back into the project.

2 No evidence was presented in this trial that  
3 Robert or Bill got any part of that and irrespective of that,  
4 even if they did, that's not a legal basis to sue them for  
5 conversion over money that went to an entity Criswell Radovan  
6 LLC.

7 If they could be sued because money hypothetically  
8 flowed from the share to them, theoretically you could follow  
9 that change everywhere, and see whatever bills did Criswell  
10 Radovan pay with it. Did they pay for their land? You can't  
11 bring those people in. His cause of action for conversion is  
12 against the person who got the money, Criswell Radovan LLC.  
13 That's the law, your Honor.

14 Now, let's talk about the meat and bones of this  
15 cause of action. We've already shown that irrespective of  
16 the elements, he suffered no damages, because he got a  
17 founders share and that's exactly what he wanted. So I think  
18 right now there you win the analysis and the claim must be  
19 dismissed. But if you go past that, we've already disproved  
20 the bait and switch theory, which is the entire premise for  
21 this sale being wrongful and not justified.

22 And let's examine that for a moment, your Honor.  
23 You talked about it and you're right, the testimony was clear  
24 that Robert thought that David told him and Dave thought

1 Robert had told him. There's no evidence that there was any  
2 intent there to conspire and defraud Mr. Yount. Each just  
3 thought the other did it.

4 If we look at Exhibit 33, there's evidence in the  
5 record to support the fact that that was our good faith  
6 belief. Exhibit 33, the e-mail to -- from Criswell Radovan  
7 to Mr. Coleman, it shows that we genuinely believed we were  
8 selling him one of our shares. And it also asks, how do  
9 we -- asking the attorney, how do we paper the transaction?  
10 Obviously, common sense, we're not trying to defraud if we're  
11 asking our attorney how to paper it.

12 The reality is Mr. Coleman didn't get back to  
13 Criswell Radovan until after Mr. Yount had already closed and  
14 funded, by which point we knew that or were told that we had  
15 to get this approval, which you heard the testimony, we  
16 always in good faith believed that we had the approval and  
17 right to sell one of our shares. But our attorney tells us,  
18 well, you have to follow this formality.

19 We've gone through that, your Honor. Section 12.2  
20 of the operating agreement is clear that approval is not a  
21 prerequisite to closing the transaction. Just the opposite.  
22 To make sure he's an accredited investor, he has to sign  
23 the document, and then you get approval at the annual  
24 meeting.

1           And they argue that based on Mr. Chaney's evidence  
2 that there's no way that the members would have approved  
3 Mr. Yount. Common sense, your Honor, that is a ridiculous,  
4 preposterous argument. We've seen the e-mails. He is  
5 designated as the co -- what was the word they used --  
6 co-spokesperson. He was welcomed into this group of  
7 investors. There's absolutely no evidence that they wouldn't  
8 have approved Mr. Yount. And, regardless, Mr. Coleman told  
9 you the operating agreement is clear that even if he didn't  
10 get approval, he still holds all the economic benefits of the  
11 investment.

12           The reality and the other point is, your Honor,  
13 which I think is a significant point, Mr. Yount chose to  
14 rescind this transaction on a false assumption before -- in  
15 fact long before he even claims he knew that he bought a  
16 different founders share. He was trying to get out before  
17 then. So he's now coming to Court using this situation as an  
18 excuse to try to get out. But, your Honor, it's a red  
19 herring, because the sale wasn't wrongful and it certainly  
20 isn't something that is excused by law. And, again, he  
21 suffered no damages.

22           Which brings me back to my last point, which is at  
23 the beginning I said we need to talk about what the case  
24 isn't before we talk about what it is. We're at that point

1 now and this is a case where Mr. Yount got exactly what he  
2 bargained for. He wanted a founders share, he got a founders  
3 share. And if he has any damages, which we don't believe he  
4 has, he's caused the damages by getting in bed with the  
5 Mosaic people and --

6 THE COURT: The IMC.

7 MR. LITTLE: IMC. Thank you. It's nonsense. I'm  
8 not going to go through the e-mails. It's all in our  
9 defendant's exhibits. It's nonsense to believe he distanced  
10 himself from that and he didn't want any part of it. There's  
11 e-mails about a cohesive unit. He's acknowledging, not them,  
12 he's acknowledging that they're going to be good cop, bad  
13 cop. He's having one-on-one conversations with the IMC group  
14 in the days leading up to their secret meeting.

15 And they clearly know that about that secret  
16 meeting. There's alarm bells going off in his mind that  
17 doesn't seem like something that is probably good, it might  
18 be interference with a contract. It is interference with a  
19 contract and he didn't do anything to stop it. And that's  
20 because he testified and he knew that those people who he was  
21 listening to, the IMC people, weren't proponents of Mosaic.  
22 They wanted their own financing. They were looking at their  
23 own financing.

24 And that's why they stalled Mosaic and they went



1 to them. And they want to have you believe that it's lack of  
2 faith in Criswell Radovan. You heard the phone message.

3 Does that sound like they had lack of faith in us?

4 Absolutely not. Is it a mere coincidence that the very day  
5 that IMC meets with Mosaic, that they send a letter  
6 terminating the term sheet and completely backing out?

7 And if you want to believe their story that we  
8 love Mosaic, of course, why would we try to sink it? If  
9 Mosaic invited those people that they met with at IMC, let's  
10 go back and let's have more discussions. You heard the  
11 evidence. They didn't do that. They didn't want Mosaic.  
12 They wanted their own financing and they're responsible for  
13 where this project is, your Honor. And Mr. Yount was part of  
14 that. And to sit here and say he wasn't is disingenuous.  
15 It's in the documents.

16 And, your Honor, importantly, we pled -- we  
17 haven't sued him for a counterclaim, but we have pled  
18 affirmative defenses and whether you call it --

19 THE COURT: Unclean hands.

20 MR. LITTLE: Unclean hands, estoppel, waiver,  
21 contributory fault, it's all the same failure to mitigate  
22 damages, all roads lead to the same path. He put himself in  
23 the position he is now. He not only caused himself to lose  
24 potentially this \$1 million, he's cost CR Cal Neva over

1 \$2 million in damages. More importantly, he's caused all of  
2 these investors to be in the position they're at now. So  
3 unless your Honor has further questions.

4 THE COURT: No, I don't.

5 MR. LITTLE: Thank you.

6 THE COURT: Thank you. Mr. Wolf. Everybody,  
7 stand up.

8 MR. WOLF: We've had the technology cart here all  
9 week and so I'm going to use it just to say that I did.

10 THE COURT: Go ahead, Mr. Wolf.

11 MR. WOLF: Thank you, your Honor. I want to thank  
12 the Court and the staff for giving us much support and  
13 comfort as we need to prepare our cases and find the search  
14 for complete -- complete the search for truth. We appreciate  
15 you adjusting your schedule on the fly for us, because we  
16 didn't estimate our time so well.

17 THE COURT: That's all right.

18 MR. WOLF: I want to start before I delve into  
19 some of these prepared items, this case involves the  
20 intersection or the boundary between negligent tort and  
21 intentional tort. For this case to succeed against Marriner,  
22 against him only, claims for fraud and securities fraud are  
23 alleged in addition to punitive damages, the Court would have  
24 to go from finding some sort of inadvertent or negligence

1 which went over the line into intentional conduct. I don't  
2 think the evidence supports that and I think a good  
3 illustration might apply, because we're in this business  
4 transaction context.

5           It might be hard to discern that boundary. In a  
6 real simple case, an auto personal injury case, if someone is  
7 looking at their cell phone or for whatever inadvertence runs  
8 into a pedestrian, that is negligence, lack of due care. If  
9 someone sees the pedestrian and knows them and knows they  
10 have an ax to grind or whatever motive they have, and they  
11 turn the steering wheel and hit that person, now we've  
12 crossed the line into criminality and intentional tort.

13           This case doesn't present any of those contours.  
14 There's no evidence of that effort to turn the wheel and to  
15 hit somebody intentionally. Anything that is at fault here  
16 is humans doing things and maybe making mistakes, but there's  
17 certainly no evidence of malicious, wilful action to harm  
18 another person.

19           So, as I said, the claims we have against David  
20 Marriner individually and Marriner Real Estate LLC are  
21 limited to common law fraud, securities fraud and punitive  
22 damages.

23           The fraud elements are false statement of past or  
24 present fact. Our trial statement indicates opinions or

1 estimates of future things are not facts upon which a fraud  
2 claim can be premised. The stated fact must be known or  
3 believed by the defendant to be false. There must be  
4 scienter, s-c-i-e-n-t-e-r, there must be reliance and damages  
5 actually cause by the reliance.

6 Securities fraud is largely the same. There has  
7 to be an untrue statement of a material fact or failure to  
8 state a material fact necessary to make earlier statements  
9 not misleading in light of circumstances under which they  
10 were made.

11 There needs to be scienter, reliance, the purchase  
12 of the security and under the statutory framework a tender of  
13 the security back to the defendant or to the issuer.

14 The burden of proof is by clear and convincing  
15 evidence. That's each and every element. You know, the goal  
16 line for the plaintiff is to prove everything, both the  
17 damages, the causation of the damages, the reliance, the  
18 falsity, the knowledge of falsity, the guilty motive, all of  
19 those things must be proven by clear and convincing evidence.  
20 That applies to the substantive claims against Marriner and  
21 Marriner Real Estate, LLC as well as the punitive damages  
22 claim.

23 This is an example of a Ninth Circuit model civil  
24 jury instruction, what does clear and convincing evidence

1 mean? And when a party has the burden of proving by clear  
2 and convincing evidence, it means the party must present  
3 evidence that leaves you with a firm belief or conviction  
4 that it is highly probable that the factual contentions of  
5 the claim or defense are true. This is a higher standard, of  
6 course, than proof by preponderance of the evidence. And  
7 that's Ninth Circuit model instruction 1.7 and it cites cases  
8 from the Ninth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court.

9 Our own Supreme Court has used the following  
10 language most recently in 2015 to describe what the clear and  
11 convincing burden is, and this is Ferguson versus Las Vegas  
12 Municipal Police Department, 131 Nevada Advanced Opinion 94  
13 from 2015 and a prior case in re discipline of Drakulich.

14 So it starts with talking about the definition  
15 from the 1890s where the Court has held that clear and  
16 convincing evidence must be satisfactory proof that is so  
17 strong and cogent to satisfy the mind and conscience of a  
18 common man and to so convince him to act with that conviction  
19 in the matters of highest concern and importance to his own  
20 interest.

21 So that's a nice illustration. I think it helps  
22 clarify what it means to have evidence establishing every  
23 element to be highly probable. So preponderance is you just  
24 have to outweigh the other side a little bit. I mean,

1 preponderance, you have to have evidence of a prima facie  
2 case, and if there's countervailing evidence, you have to  
3 outweigh the other side. That's a balancing. Highly  
4 probable is a different, a conviction that it's highly  
5 probable that the events occurred, I think, is an extremely  
6 high burden and it doesn't allow as much latitude for a court  
7 or if there was a jury to connect dots where evidence doesn't  
8 exist in the record.

9           We talked about the motor vehicle accident. Let's  
10 go to the elements of fraud, must be proven that any  
11 information given by Mr. Marriner to Mr. Yount was false when  
12 it was given. We're not talking about knowledge, just  
13 falsity of information at the time that it was delivered by  
14 Marriner to Yount. Mr. Marriner provided July 15th status  
15 report. There's no evidence in the record that that  
16 statement was false.

17           There are statements about project completion and  
18 opening. Those statements came from others. There's no  
19 information that at the time any of that information was  
20 conveyed by Mr. Radovan or by Mr. Grove to Mr. Yount that  
21 that was false. And, again, the project opening is an  
22 estimation of a future event. It's typically not suitable  
23 for a fraud allegation. It's not a statement of a present or  
24 past fact.

1           The only substantive project documents that  
2 Mr. Yount received from Mr. Marriner are the July 2015  
3 monthly status report, the PPM, and the confidential offering  
4 memorandum. And Exhibit 8 is the e-mail under which those  
5 are transmitted. And Mr. Yount confirmed in his testimony  
6 that there were these few documents that Mr. Marriner  
7 provided him and he wasn't even sure if the offering  
8 memorandum came from Mr. Marriner or not.

9           All of these documents were prepared by others who  
10 happened to be experts operating at the request of Criswell  
11 Radovan. So we had the status report was prepared by the  
12 construction manager. The offering documents were prepared  
13 by securities lawyers. So Mr. Marriner delivered  
14 information, none of which has been shown to be false, in  
15 around July 2015.

16           And there's no knowledge of any false information,  
17 there's no proof that Mr. Marriner knew that anything was  
18 false in these documents that had no false information.  
19 Maybe that's chasing my tail a little bit.

20           THE COURT: Tautology.

21           MR. WOLF: Tautology, yes. None of the evidence  
22 presented has shown that Mr. Marriner knew or believed that  
23 information given by Marriner to Yount or by Radovan to Yount  
24 or by anyone else to Mr. Yount was false when it was given or

1 needed correction at a later time.

2           The July 2015 status report, the project budget  
3 completion opening e-mails that we looked at, there's just no  
4 direct proof that Mr. Marriner had a guilty state of mind  
5 that he knew something being provided to Mr. Yount was  
6 inaccurate, intending to swindle Mr. Yount.

7           There's also no indirect proof. There's no  
8 contemporaneous e-mails. There's no -- nothing that would  
9 connect the dots in a -- with clear and convincing evidence  
10 that Mr. Marriner knew anything was false in any of the  
11 information provided to Mr. Yount.

12           The notion of a bait and switch is really  
13 overplaying the issue. There was a decision at the last  
14 minute to sell the CR founders share when two investors  
15 funded almost simultaneously and the cap on the PPM, the  
16 offering was reached.

17           So the notion that a bait and switch was being  
18 perpetrated, they didn't know back in July or August or even  
19 through part of September that Mr. Busick might be investing.  
20 Nobody knew that Mr. Yount was investing until he signed and  
21 delivered his documents on October 13th of 2015.

22           So the idea that there was a bait and switch is  
23 really overselling the hand, overplaying the hand here of  
24 what the information is. There was a circumstance where the



1 cap had been reached and a decision was made, well, we could  
2 sell him one of our shares.

3 On the element, the claim element intent to induce  
4 reliance, your Honor, Yount has not proven that Marriner  
5 intended to induce Yount to invest by providing false  
6 information. He provided a project tour, accompanied by a  
7 Penta representative. He provided the progress report. And  
8 I won't recount the exhibit numbers. I'm confident that the  
9 Court is aware of what they are. Marriner had no reason to  
10 not believe that what Radovan provided to Mr. Yount was  
11 up-to-date and accurate.

12 We have the e-mail with the questions and answers,  
13 the one that talks about the increase in the mezzanine loan  
14 and several other questions answered by Mr. Radovan. There's  
15 nothing in there that suggests that Marriner knew it was  
16 false and there's no information suggesting that he doubted  
17 anything that Mr. Radovan was providing to Mr. Yount.

18 Importantly, Marriner and just about everyone  
19 else, but Mr. Tratner, was unaware of Mr. Yount's undisclosed  
20 to anyone else erroneous understanding that the intended use  
21 of the \$9 million that would result from increasing the  
22 mezzanine loan was for things other than change orders. So  
23 he -- throughout this trial, we've heard Mr. Yount say that,  
24 well, I thought it was really 5 million in change orders,

1 maybe 5 to 6 million at times, he said, and I thought the  
2 other four was a rainy day fund or was for other stuff. He  
3 didn't share that with Mr. Radovan, Mr. Criswell or Mr.  
4 Marriner. It was essentially this undisclosed belief that he  
5 had and nobody looking from the outside into this little fish  
6 bowl or globe would know that Mr. Yount had a misperception  
7 of the purpose of the \$9 million.

8           Just at about the same time as the 9 million  
9 figure is mentioned in that -- in Exhibit 18, I believe it  
10 is, he had just received the monthly status report that  
11 listed the items, certainly without numbers. But the  
12 delivery of the status report coincided, you know, within a  
13 few days of the e-mail with the questions and answers that  
14 talked about we need \$9 million to cover a variety of new  
15 expenses.

16           Likewise, Mr. Marriner and everyone else but Ken  
17 Tratner was unaware of Mr. Yount's undisclosed belief that  
18 the only reason for delaying opening was marketing reasons or  
19 sales considerations or concerns about the weather. The  
20 reason I -- the reason it's important to talk about what --  
21 about these things is if Mr. Yount has -- is harboring ideas  
22 or has undisclosed impressions of what the information is, we  
23 can't fault the defendants for not correcting those when  
24 they're in e-mails between Mr. Yount and the CPA. These came

1 to light later in discovery that this is what he was  
2 thinking.

3 But when you roll back to the date of the  
4 transaction, Mr. Yount was not sharing, and it wasn't evident  
5 to everyone else that he thought the delays were marketing  
6 based or sales based or that the \$9 million was to have half  
7 for now and half for a rainy day fund later.

8 The absence of any indication to the defendants in  
9 that regard negates the notion of intent to provide false  
10 information or intent to not correct false information.

11 Now, before he invested, Mr. Yount's understanding  
12 of the cost overruns and budget impacts, there's the listing  
13 in the July monthly status report. There's Mr. Groves'  
14 e-mail that Mr. Little mentioned a moment ago. We're trying  
15 to get our arms around the construction costs. Construction  
16 costs are exceeding the budget and they, we are trying to get  
17 our arms around it and keep it in check. So, you know,  
18 that's an important statement, that we're over budget and we  
19 don't know quite how deep we are over budget. We're trying  
20 to figure it out.

21 Mr. Yount's e-mail just two days later, as I  
22 understand it you're over budget by more than 5 million so  
23 far. Where will that and likely more funding needs come  
24 from? This is mentioned in Exhibit 14 and Exhibit 48.

1 Mr. Radovan's e-mail, July 25th, we're increasing the mezz  
2 loan by 9 million to cover the added cost of regulatory and  
3 code requirements, which changed or were added by the two  
4 counties and TRPA which we deal with. We've also added costs  
5 for predevelopment of the condo units is also included within  
6 this.

7 Now, I believe Mr. Radovan testified that the  
8 predevelopment costs referenced here was in the order of 2 to  
9 \$300,000. It was maybe conceptual site planning, you know,  
10 not going to construction documents or any kind of  
11 construction work.

12 The July 25th e-mail to Mr. Yount doesn't support  
13 the notion that we had about \$5 million of cost overruns and  
14 the rest was for a rain a day. The clear import of this is  
15 we've got added costs and it's 9 million bucks.

16 Mr. Yount's deposition testimony, which we've  
17 talked about before is that he agreed and that he understood  
18 the project was 10 million over budget in July 2015. And the  
19 quote at page 149 of his deposition, and this is Mr. Little  
20 questioning him comparing two of the documents that we  
21 compared during our trial, so it looks like as of this date,  
22 which was late July, it was your understanding the project  
23 was at least \$10 million over budget from what was  
24 represented back in 2014? Answer, I guess that's what that

1 would indicate.

2 Now, there's been various statements from  
3 Mr. Yount as to what he believed the change orders were, but  
4 during trial, I don't have the transcript in front of me, I  
5 would ask the Court to look back on August 31, 2017 at about  
6 2:40 p.m., according to that clock right there, that  
7 Mr. Yount said Robert told him there were no more than nine  
8 million in change orders, which is a different statement than  
9 there was only 5 to 6.

10 You know, other testimony we have from Mr. Yount  
11 was that he read and understood and agreed to all the legal  
12 boilerplate in all of these massive offering documents,  
13 Exhibits 3, 4, and 5. If I can, I will find --

14 THE COURT: Mr. Wolf, I'm going to have to recess  
15 right now. We'll pick it up at ten after 1:00. I have a  
16 judge's meeting at 12:00 that I have to preside over.

17 It's my desire to issue a ruling today. I don't  
18 want to cut off anybody's allocution. But I'm familiar with  
19 the testimony and I'm familiar with the transcripts. I'm  
20 familiar with the exhibits. It would assist me if you would  
21 focus on the elements of the causes of action and why they  
22 fail or why they should succeed. And it's my desire to issue  
23 a ruling at 2:00 this afternoon. So within that time period,  
24 try and focus your arguments on those causes of action. That

1 would be the best assistance to me.

2 MR. WOLF: Thank you, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Little, you stand.

4 MR. LITTLE: No. Can we leave our stuff here?

5 THE COURT: Yes. That's fine. Court's in recess.

6 (A lunch break was taken.)

7 THE COURT: Mr. Wolf, you have the floor.

8 MR. WOLF: Thank you, your Honor. In order to  
9 speed up my presentation and following the Court's thoughts  
10 at the end of the morning session, I'll focus on elements of  
11 the claims, or the absence of evidence supporting elements of  
12 the claims, perhaps.

13 One of the claims -- both of the claims for fraud  
14 are premised on misrepresentation of fact and concealment or  
15 failure to provide additional information.

16 The private placement memorandum text that's on  
17 the screen that's part of the investment risks, disclosed  
18 that there could be affects on the business plan and the  
19 profitability and success of the entities due to budgetary  
20 and cost overruns.

21 So the very foundational documents, there's a  
22 disclosure that there could be cost overruns that could  
23 damage the company's prospects. That's on page nine of the  
24 private placement memorandum in this provision under risk

1 factors, insufficient funding and dilution.

2 Now, in order to establish that Marriner failed to  
3 disclose material information, Mr. Yount would have to show  
4 that there was material information that he had that was at  
5 variance with what Mr. Yount might have had and failed to  
6 disclose it. But if you look at what Marriner's  
7 understanding of the cost overruns was and what Mr. Yount  
8 knew at the time, there really was never any divergence in  
9 the two.

10 Marriner started at the same place with the  
11 July 2015 monthly status report. He had a copy of Radovan's  
12 e-mail, Exhibit 18, explaining the purpose of the mezzanine  
13 loan. Marriner, like Mr. Yount, did not receive further  
14 monthly status reports before Mr. Yount invested. Mr.  
15 Marriner toured the site with Mr. Busick in September 2015.

16 The upshot of that tour was that it confirmed that  
17 the work identified in the July status report was being  
18 performed and so the -- that put a positive view that the  
19 information they had back in July was consistent with the  
20 facts on the site in September.

21 Mr. Marriner, he saw nothing to suggest that what  
22 Yount had so far up to that point was different from the  
23 reality that he saw in September. And it's important  
24 throughout the e-mail strings, Mr. Marriner continued to

1 offer site tours to Mr. Yount, even within a few days of his  
2 investment. So there was no effort to conceal the status of  
3 construction or the progress at the site. And there's simply  
4 no evidence that Mr. Marriner had knowledge of project  
5 difficulties different, you know, in magnitude or character  
6 than what Mr. Yount already knew.

7           So I don't believe there's evidence to support  
8 that, the element of the wing, if you will, of the fraud  
9 claims that are based on failure to disclose material  
10 information that would have corrected previous information.

11           Now, it's important if we talk to causation, even  
12 if we assume, if the Court wasn't persuaded that there was --  
13 if the Court was persuaded there was false information and  
14 that it was withheld improperly, there's still not a causal  
15 nexus between anything Mr. Marriner did and the fate of  
16 Mr. Yount's money.

17           The testimony is undisputed that Mr. Marriner  
18 never handled the delivery of the investment documents or the  
19 funds. It's also undisputed that Marriner had no connection  
20 to the escrow itself. He wasn't a party to the  
21 correspondence where the funds or documents were delivered.  
22 He wasn't a party to the correspondence between Mr. Coleman's  
23 office and the Criswell Radovan staff. And Mr. Marriner had  
24 every right to assume that if some other formalities were



1 indeed required, that those were being handled by the  
2 attorney who was handling the funds and the documents.

3 Now, certainly, a large piece of Mr. Yount's claim  
4 against Marriner is the failure to indicate to Mr. Yount that  
5 Mr. Busick had invested. You heard testimony from all  
6 parties over the conversation, particularly from Mr. Marriner  
7 and Mr. Radovan, about their conversation about the so-called  
8 perfect storm and you saw some deposition testimony in that  
9 regard.

10 When Mr. Radovan told Mr. Marriner, hey, that's  
11 okay, we have another \$1 million founders share that we can  
12 sell, Marriner had no reason to doubt the validity of that  
13 statement. He had no reason to believe that a founders  
14 share, as the Court characterized it, a new Cadillac owned by  
15 Criswell Radovan was any different than a new Cadillac owned  
16 by the original issuer.

17 So Marriner had no reason to believe nor is there  
18 any evidence before the Court that a CR share, founders share  
19 to be delivered to Mr. Yount in this aftermath of the Busick  
20 investment would damage Mr. Yount in any way, would have any  
21 rights or value different than the shares that Mr. Busick  
22 purchased.

23 One observation I don't think has been made and  
24 I'd like to point it out is I think you can argue that

1 Mr. Yount was put in a better position acquiring a million  
2 dollar share from CR after Mr. Busick had put a million and a  
3 half dollars into the company by buying his shares before  
4 Mr. Yount. Why do I say that? If Mr. Yount put in a  
5 million, the company would have a million dollars. When  
6 Mr. Busick funded, he bought a million and a half, the  
7 company had the extra half a million dollars to work with or  
8 use for whatever purpose. So the transfer of the CR share to  
9 Mr. Yount, it didn't reduce the funds in the company and the  
10 company wound up with actually more money than it would have  
11 had Yount funded first.

12 Turning to the issue of damages, there is no  
13 evidence, including any expert witness opinion, that the CR  
14 founders share was of lesser value. The Court observed it's  
15 a new Cadillac versus a new Cadillac. There's no expert  
16 witness testimony. There's not even anything that is, you  
17 know, indirectly relied on by Mr. Yount.

18 Market information, for example, attempts to sell,  
19 there's simply nothing in the record to show that the share  
20 Mr. Yount received was of lesser value than that which he  
21 expected he was purchasing. That means there's no damages  
22 from the sequence. And the assertion that he wouldn't have  
23 bought it, the assertion that -- it's all just speculation,  
24 and speculation, the law is clear in Nevada, the Court cannot

1 award damages based on speculative evidence.

2 One of our defenses, and Mr. Little already  
3 covered this, is the independent investigation. And there's  
4 two different ways you can view the independent  
5 investigation. One is that it negates the fraud element of  
6 reliance. If someone is tire-kicking so carefully and  
7 independently evaluating facts so thoroughly to the point  
8 where they're not relying on the person that provided them  
9 the information, the Court can conclude as a factual matter  
10 that person didn't rely. That's a different -- so that's  
11 using the independent investigation to negate the reliance  
12 element.

13 The Blanchard case is talking about taking it a  
14 step further, if someone conducts the independent  
15 investigation, then they're going to be charged with  
16 everything they would have learned had they completed that  
17 investigation diligently.

18 In this case, in my brief cross examination of  
19 Mr. Yount, you know, he used the words in his -- he explained  
20 the defense in his own words when he said, trust but verify.  
21 He explained what that means. President Reagan didn't trust  
22 his counterparty in the arms negotiations. He wanted  
23 mechanisms by which we could verify what the Soviet Union was  
24 doing at the time.

1           That's exactly what he was doing here. He was  
2 talking to people he trusted, Peter Grove, his own CPA. He  
3 wasn't relying on Mr. Marriner for project information. He  
4 was going to Mr. Radovan. He was going to his own CFO to  
5 evaluate that information. So we believe all the elements to  
6 either negate reliance or to carry the defense under  
7 Blanchard are established through the facts of this case.

8           And I appreciate that the Court was familiar with  
9 that August 3rd e-mail. Mr. Marriner, I'm talking to Radovan  
10 directly now, I'm really not looking to you for information,  
11 thanks for calling me, in so many words.

12           So with that, there's been a lot of talk of the  
13 Mosaic deal and how it was torpedoed. I share the same view  
14 as Mr. Little that if there were damages from this  
15 investment, it's not from -- he got a Cadillac. He got a new  
16 Cadillac. There's no evidence of a difference in value. If  
17 it's because the project failed, the project failed in the  
18 aftermath, after the investment, after the Mosaic loan was  
19 interfered with.

20           I don't believe Mr. Yount conspired to interfere  
21 with that loan, however, he had an opportunity, he knew the  
22 meeting that was about to happen was probably not legit, in  
23 his words, and he had an opportunity to head off the CR  
24 people at the pass and maybe avoid what happened, which is

1 the Mosaic loan being --

2 THE COURT: The IMC people?

3 MR. WOLF: Yes.

4 THE COURT: Not the CR. You transposed.

5 MR. WOLF: Yes. Thank you. So that goes to  
6 causation of damage. It's Mr. Yount's own inaction in this  
7 case. He's pointing fingers at defendants for inaction and  
8 failing to inform. He was aware of a very critical event  
9 about to happen that is probably spelled the doom of this  
10 project.

11 And in hindsight, I don't think he was calculating  
12 to hurt himself, in hindsight you can look back and say, wow,  
13 you knew this, you knew it was legit. You asked people if it  
14 was legit. You didn't step up and say anything. And since  
15 we're all here in hindsight looking back at what everybody  
16 did, I think that contributed to his own damage insofar as  
17 his damages relate to the failure and the bankruptcy of the  
18 project.

19 So in sum, your Honor, I don't believe any fraud  
20 elements have been established. I don't believe they've been  
21 established by clear and convincing evidence. Mr. Marriner  
22 did not handle Mr. Yount's funds. The funds were handled by  
23 others. And given the serious burden of proof, I believe  
24 there should be a defense judgment in favor of Marriner on

1 all the claims, including punitive damages. And I'll close  
2 with that. I'd be happy if there's any question that the  
3 Court has that I haven't covered relative to Mr. Marriner, I  
4 welcome the opportunity to answer it.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Wolf, I think you covered all the  
6 questions the Court has.

7 MR. WOLF: Thank you very much, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Thank you, counsel. Mr. Campbell.

9 MR. CAMPBELL: Good afternoon, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Good afternoon, counsel.

11 MR. CAMPBELL: I'm going to trial to stick to your  
12 admonition, but I think there were some things that were in  
13 the closing argument that I have to --

14 THE COURT: The field is wide open. Don't feel  
15 any constraints. We were able to resolve everything. Let me  
16 just say, I've said it before, and I'll say it again, the sun  
17 will not set today until everybody has had an opportunity to  
18 tell me everything they think is important for me to make a  
19 decision. So with that, wide open, Mr. Campbell.

20 MR. CAMPBELL: Let's talk about Mr. Marriner to  
21 start and the elements of fraud. We know the elements of  
22 fraud both under the statute and under the caselaw in Nevada  
23 are material omissions of a material fact can in fact be  
24 fraud.

1           The Blanchard case, both Mr. Little and Mr. Wolf  
2 didn't cite the entirety of the Blanchard case. We've argued  
3 this in our motions, your Honor. But as you probably well  
4 know, the Blanchard case also held that a plaintiff making an  
5 independent investigation will be charged with the knowledge  
6 of the fact which reasonable diligence would have disclosed,  
7 but an independent investigation will not preclude reliance  
8 where the falsity of the defendant's statement is not  
9 apparent from the inspection. The plaintiff is not competent  
10 to judge the facts without express expert assistance, or  
11 where the defendant has superior knowledge about the matter  
12 in this issue.

13           So the Blanchard case doesn't completely bar  
14 Mr. Yount just because he did some investigation in this case  
15 or failed to do any investigation. You know, the part about  
16 the site inspection is a big failure. Well, a site  
17 inspection clearly would not have indicated the amount of the  
18 project over budget or the fact that the Mosaic or another  
19 loan or capital infusion was not garnered that the project  
20 was not going to finish, if at all.

21           And it certainly wouldn't have -- any further  
22 inspection certainly would have not told Mr. Yount that the  
23 PPM was in fact full and he could no longer buy under the  
24 PPM, which was his understanding all along.

1           Let's talk about what the evidence showed in this  
2 case. Marriner knew the project was 9 to \$10 million over  
3 budget in September. He also knew in July Mr. Yount had been  
4 told and had put it in his documents that it was five plus  
5 million over budget. So there's a spread there. Mr.  
6 Marriner knew that and he never told Mr. Yount about that.

7           He also knew that without additional financing  
8 from Mosaic or a capital infusion, that this project was not  
9 going to move forward. It didn't have the funds to do so.  
10 And he knew that Mr. Yount had only been told in July about a  
11 possible refi. So Mr. Marriner had express knowledge of an  
12 important, material fact that we're switching now from a mezz  
13 refinance to a total refinance with a lot more additional  
14 debt taken on the project.

15           And, finally, the most important part, Marriner  
16 knew, he called it a perfect storm. And counsel's argument  
17 that he didn't know what -- if and when Yount was ever going  
18 to fund is totally belied by the evidence.

19           In his e-mail, in Exhibit Number 34, Mr. Marriner  
20 on October 1st says, thank you for working so hard on this  
21 funding. We are excited to have you on our team. He knew on  
22 October 1st that this was going to happen. And he also knew  
23 that Busick had funded. And he knew that it was a perfect  
24 storm. And he went to Radovan. Radovan told him, keep



1 quiet. He didn't say, I'm going to sell the CR share. He  
2 said, I'll call him. And told said, keep quiet, don't talk  
3 to them.

4 That's the fundamental misinformation or failure  
5 to tell Mr. Yount, because they're telling -- they're saying  
6 Mr. Yount hasn't proven his damages, there's no evidence that  
7 he was damaged, or there's no evidence that he wouldn't have  
8 investigated. He testified that if he found out this  
9 information, he would not have invested. That's the best  
10 proof there is as to whether or not he would have gone  
11 forward.

12 THE COURT: How do you reconcile that testimony  
13 with the e-mails sent by Mr. Yount on December 13th and  
14 several days later in which he demands his \$1 million back?  
15 However, he goes on to say in that very e-mail that once his  
16 confidence is restored in management, he'll reinvest.

17 MR. CAMPBELL: I think the e-mail said he would  
18 think about it if he was provided with documents.

19 THE COURT: He said that on at least two  
20 occasions.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: On that point, your Honor, he  
22 didn't know about the bait and switch. He did not know about  
23 that until the end of January. The record is pretty clear on  
24 that. So at this time, he thought he had been defrauded.

1 Mr. Criswell said, look, give us a couple of weeks to show  
2 you the documents. He said, no, I don't want a couple of  
3 weeks, I want my money back. Because at that point, he did  
4 not know about what was disclosed at that meeting.

5 So the real impetus of what irked him was when he  
6 later found out about the bait and switch. And that was  
7 not -- I mean, the record is clear, that happened at the end  
8 of January.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 MR. CAMPBELL: So I think that the -- what  
11 Marriner knew, what he knew what Mr. Yount had been told of  
12 back in January and his complete failure to notify Mr. Yount  
13 is a material omission, I think both under general fraud and  
14 the securities fraud. And, again, I read the statute, I  
15 don't agree with Mr. Little, the NRS exemption applies to  
16 registration. It does not exempt fraudulent acts for sale of  
17 securities as well as a securities.

18 THE COURT: I think that we can all agree that  
19 nothing exempts fraudulent acts.

20 MR. CAMPBELL: That's correct, your Honor. Let's  
21 move to CR. I think Mr. Little is trying to deflect the  
22 Court's attention from what really matters here. Having  
23 Mr. Busick testify or having some other members of the  
24 investment group testify, what has that got to do with what

1 Mr. Yount was told on October 12th, 10th or any time before  
2 that time? We didn't need to bring those witnesses in to  
3 prove that they were defrauded. This case is about what  
4 Mr. Yount was told, what he was not told, what he would have  
5 done had he been told. And Busick's testimony or IMC or  
6 Molly Kingston testimony doesn't change that fact.

7 Again, it's an attempt to deflect the Court's  
8 attention from what really transpired here, what was told and  
9 not told to Mr. Yount. Again, that's another red herring.

10 Same with the Mosaic loan. You know, the  
11 supposition, Mr. Little talks about you can't have a case on  
12 supposition. The supposition that somehow Mr. Yount  
13 interfered or could have prevented this is nothing more than  
14 just supposition.

15 We know what happened with Mosaic through their  
16 own words and we know Mr. Yount wasn't in the meetings,  
17 wasn't involved in that. Again, it's an after-the-fact deal.  
18 Mr. Yount would have never invested in this project in the  
19 first place.

20 THE COURT: He never would have invested in the  
21 project in the first place?

22 MR. CAMPBELL: With the knowledge that was  
23 withheld from him.

24 THE COURT: That he was buying a CR share?

1           MR. CAMPBELL: That he was buying a CR share  
2 instead of a PPM, that the project was 9 to \$10 million over  
3 budget, or that it needed financing or it wasn't going to  
4 move forward.

5           THE COURT: All right.

6           MR. CAMPBELL: With those three things, his  
7 testimony was, I wouldn't have never invested. It couldn't  
8 be any clearer and that's pretty good proof of what he was  
9 thinking and what he was doing and it's documented by his  
10 later e-mails.

11           So what happened later, I mean he was damaged when  
12 he tendered his money under a false pretense. And to talk  
13 about -- and then the damages about what happened later on,  
14 well, one, Mr. Yount never got a share or a certificate or  
15 even a signature page for the PPM.

16           It's been two years since this transaction almost,  
17 October 13th of 2015. Has there ever been a call for a  
18 shareholder meeting to approve that transfer? No. So he  
19 doesn't have a full share. Under the operating agreement,  
20 that transaction is null and void. The operating agreement  
21 could not have been clearer.

22           THE COURT: But the operating agreement also  
23 requires Mr. Yount to execute the documents in order to  
24 consummate the deal. And the evidence here in front of the

1 Court is that he refused to do that.

2 MR. CAMPBELL: Refused to do what?

3 THE COURT: Sign the documents to -- that would be  
4 submitted to the other founders to approve the share.

5 MR. CAMPBELL: He refused to sign documents that  
6 were untrue, the documents saying that there was a mistake  
7 when he executed the subscription agreement, the documents  
8 saying that it was the parties' intent all along to have him  
9 buy a CR scare. That's the documents that he refused to  
10 sign.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 MR. CAMPBELL: If you look a Mr. Coleman's  
13 e-mail --

14 THE COURT: Let me go back and check that.

15 MR. CAMPBELL: Look at -- that was his testimony.  
16 He didn't -- he never refused. He said, I'm not signing  
17 these documents. This is not what transpired. This is not  
18 what was told to me. He said, I'm not going to sign  
19 documents that have false statements in them.

20 THE COURT: All right. I'll go back and check on  
21 it. I appreciate the correction.

22 MR. CAMPBELL: And I think that goes to the  
23 conversion claim also. I'll address the elements of that  
24 right now, your Honor, too. As you know, conversion is a

1 distinct and intentional act of dominion over, wrongfully  
2 exerted, an act committed in denial inconsistent with the  
3 rights of another, an act committed in derogation, exclusion  
4 or defiance of the owner's rights, and causation and damages.

5           As I said, Mr. Yount was damaged at best. Even if  
6 you assume that transfer took place, since it's never been  
7 approved, all he's got is a restricted share that somehow he  
8 would get economic benefits. But clearly, it's not the same  
9 as a full membership share under the operating agreement.  
10 It's limited. He can't participate in the management. It's  
11 all spelled out in section 12.3.

12           Even if you assume that there was a transfer and  
13 the other thing was null and void, he does have damages.  
14 One, he has damages because he never would have invested in  
15 the first place. Two, if you assume he had some kind of a  
16 share, it's a very restricted share, far different than what  
17 he bargained for.

18           Mr. Little said, well, conversion is an  
19 intentional tort and somehow there was a mistake up front and  
20 so Mr. Criswell and Mr. Radovan could not have intended to  
21 convert his money. Well, how about when there was never a  
22 vote, Mr. Yount never signed any documents, he refused to  
23 sign the false documents, and the deal is null and void, and  
24 then he demands his money back. Criswell Radovan

1 intentionally did not give it back to him. That's the intent  
2 in the conversion. They did not return it when they were not  
3 entitled to have it.

4 If they were under mistaken belief, which I don't  
5 believe they were, but even if you assume they were under  
6 some kind of a mistaken belief that he had agreed to purchase  
7 the share in the first place, this back end, there was -- it  
8 was obvious the deal was null and void, he wouldn't agree to  
9 it, and they never got shareholder approval.

10 So there's the intent you need for conversion.  
11 They got his money under false pretenses and they didn't give  
12 it back when they knew he didn't agree to this deal. So  
13 you've got your elements of conversion.

14 Mr. Little also says that Mr. Yount's deposition  
15 testimony proves somehow that he didn't prove his case.  
16 Well, Mr. Yount's deposition testimony isn't evidence in this  
17 case. The evidence in this case is what Mr. Yount testified  
18 to in Court and what Mr. Radovan testified and Mr. Marriner  
19 testified and to what the documents say.

20 And those documents are -- those documents and  
21 that testimony is that Mr. Yount was never told about the 10  
22 million plus budget overruns. He was never told about the  
23 Mosaic loan or any other loan and having to refinance before  
24 the project was going forward. And he was never told about

1 the switch in the CR share from the PPM.

2 All of those are material omissions or omissions  
3 of material fact and Mr. Yount has testified if he had known  
4 that, he would not have gone forward. That's the fraud  
5 claim, I think, is established by that testimony, not what  
6 Mr. Yount may have said at the end of a seven- or eight-hour  
7 deposition.

8 And the 10 million over budget, I think that's out  
9 of context. I think Mr. Yount cleared that up in his  
10 testimony in trial and the evidence. We've got \$5 million  
11 plus, which he put in his e-mail. We have a \$50 million  
12 budget. But if we raise 20 million, we add another 5 to  
13 that, so 50 plus 5 and 5, that's 60. Clearly that's where  
14 the 60 number was in his mind. If he said something in his  
15 deposition when shown the budget, I think it was a mistake  
16 and I think he fully clarified that in his deposition.

17 Finally, let's to the breach of duty against  
18 Powell, Coleman and Arnold. As you know in the complaint,  
19 I've alleged two different breaches, the negligence and the  
20 fiduciary duty. Excuse me, your Honor, if I lumped in the  
21 findings of fact, I probably did that because he was named in  
22 the punitive damage claim, too, for fraud.

23 THE COURT: All right.

24 MR. CAMPBELL: It was not intentional. These are



1 the only two causes of action that I'm going after him for.  
2 He's the designated escrow agent, Mr. Yount thought he was  
3 the designated escrow agent, and the money was transferred  
4 into his bank account.

5 As an escrow agent under the laws of Texas where  
6 he was, you know, the Powers versus United Services that we  
7 submitted in our brief, attorney acting as an escrow agent  
8 has a fiduciary duty both as an attorney and an escrow agent,  
9 and that fiduciary duty, everybody is familiar with what the  
10 fiduciary duty is.

11 Secondly, the duty he had as an attorney for the  
12 PPM and having money deposited into his trust account was a  
13 duty owed to Mr. Yount, a duty that he acknowledged in his  
14 documents where he sent to Mr. Yount the agreement, that as a  
15 condition of closing, you have to get, you know, you have to  
16 get preapproval. He didn't have any -- he didn't have that  
17 preapproval and he essentially closed that transaction on  
18 behalf of his clients when he, without any approval, without  
19 any documentation other than his client saying so, released  
20 Mr. Yount's money.

21 So I see a clear breach of both the negligence  
22 standard and the fiduciary duty standard that would have been  
23 imposed on Mr. Coleman. So, you know, by saying he didn't  
24 have any duty, I don't buy that whatsoever, your Honor. He

1 had some high duties as an attorney, a fiduciary, and having  
2 money in his trust account. So I don't think he can back  
3 away from that.

4 It's clear those duties should have run to  
5 Mr. Yount and it's clear that one of the proximate causes of  
6 Mr. Yount not having his money now or not having it in his  
7 IRA was Mr. Coleman releasing it to his client without the  
8 proper authority. The bar rules clearly state, when money  
9 goes into your trust account, you only release it when the  
10 party is entitled to receive it. That's the language of the  
11 bar rules. Criswell Radovan was not entitled to receive it  
12 at that point.

13 THE COURT: Why not? Wasn't it their share?

14 MR. CAMPBELL: Because there was no approval by  
15 the other members, there was no document evidencing the  
16 transaction, Mr. Yount had never agreed to it.

17 THE COURT: All right.

18 MR. CAMPBELL: It's like saying that, let's set up  
19 a real estate escrow, but there's no real estate documents,  
20 there's no purchase agreement, there's no -- nothing to  
21 document it. You've got to have some proof other than your  
22 client telling you it's okay.

23 THE COURT: Let's reverse the transaction. Let's  
24 just say that Criswell Radovan wanted to buy a founders share

1 and Mr. Yount had two shares and he has an LLC, Infinity  
2 Yount LLC. And he hires a very good Reno lawyer to handle  
3 the fiscal transaction. Mr. Criswell wires off a million  
4 dollars out of his account. Of course, just like here, where  
5 do you want to send it to? And they said, well, send it to  
6 my lawyer. And even though the share is held in the LLC,  
7 they send it to the lawyer.

8           The Reno lawyer then says to his client,  
9 Mr. Yount, where should I send that? And his client says,  
10 well, you know, that LLC owes me about a million bucks. It's  
11 going to have to pay me back anyway, so why don't you just  
12 send it to me? It's my share. And the lawyer, the Reno  
13 lawyer sends it to, according -- follows his client's  
14 instructions, sends it to his client.

15           Mr. Criswell then acquires a founders share. How  
16 has that Reno lawyer breached the fiduciary duty if he's  
17 followed the instructions of his client to send the money  
18 where the client wanted it to be sent.

19           MR. CAMPBELL: Because there's simply no evidence  
20 or no basis for Mr. Coleman to do that at that time. He's  
21 telling his clients that you have to -- you have to paper  
22 this transaction. He later attempts to paper the  
23 transaction. So he knows what needs to be done. And yet  
24 knowing what he needs to be done, knowing the duty he had, he

1 goes ahead and releases it anyway without any paper work.

2 THE COURT: The breach is the lack of paper work?

3 MR. CAMPBELL: Breach is the duty, the duty that  
4 he had as an escrow holder, as an attorney, and as a  
5 fiduciary. The duty that he had is to make sure that the  
6 underlying transaction is right.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MR. CAMPBELL: You just can't suppose, make a  
9 supposition that it's right and it's been agreed to.  
10 Especially when you think, Mr. Yount -- I mean, all the money  
11 that Criswell Radovan had in any of these documents is from  
12 under the PPM. And so how does -- you know, just because CR  
13 told him it was not part of the PPM, does he ever confirm  
14 with Mr. Yount, do you want to confirm that you agreed to  
15 this? He knows who Mr. Yount is. What would have been so  
16 bad about confirming? I've been told that you agreed to this  
17 kind of a deal, I want to make sure before I release the  
18 money that everybody is signed off and we're in agreement.  
19 Never happened. It should have happened.

20 THE COURT: That's true.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: It should have happened. It  
22 didn't. He just willy-nilly did it without any confirmation,  
23 other than his client when he was on the other side of the  
24 representation in a conflict of interest representing the

1 members of the LLC, including Mr. Yount if he was going to  
2 buy in.

3 THE COURT: All right.

4 MR. CAMPBELL: Again, your Honor --

5 THE COURT: I understand.

6 MR. CAMPBELL: -- I think it's their breach.

7 Thank you.

8 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Campbell. All right.  
9 I'd like to take a few minutes to gather my thoughts and look  
10 at Blanchard again and go through a couple of the e-mails.  
11 So I'll do my best to get back here at quarter after. All  
12 right. Court's in recess.

13 (A break was taken.)

14 THE COURT: I apologize. Good lawyers give judges  
15 a lot to think about. This is an important case to all  
16 sides. So I wanted to make sure I viewed everything and  
17 pulled the Blanchard case, reviewed the cases cited by  
18 counsel, had an opportunity to listen to very good arguments  
19 by very good lawyers and the Court has listened to the  
20 testimony in this case.

21 Mr. Marriner testified first. He's a realtor and  
22 he met Mr. Radovan at the Fairwinds Estates sometime in  
23 February of 2014. He was hired on as a consultant to raise  
24 approximately \$5 million to fund the development of the Cal

1 Neva and that's Exhibit 1. He was not involved in the sale  
2 of securities. He invested in Cal Neva Lodge LLC. He never  
3 told any investor that he had investigated any representation  
4 in the operating agreement.

5 He met Mr. Yount in 1996 at a barbecue. He  
6 considered him a friend and that's not unusual up in a close  
7 community like Incline Village. They met at lunch sometime  
8 in June and Mr. Yount inquired, how is the project going?  
9 Mr. Marriner offered to take him on a tour of the Cal Neva  
10 site.

11 He had told Mr. Yount that they were looking to  
12 open on December 12th, which was the 100th anniversary of  
13 Frank Sinatra's birthday. And he sent Mr. Yount the latest  
14 executive committee reports. Told Mr. Yount at that time  
15 that the opening date was still 12/12/2015. And he also told  
16 that there was 1.5 million, the last tranche available for  
17 investment under the PPM.

18 He forwarded Exhibit 3, which was the PPM, to  
19 Mr. Yount. He also sent the latest construction report,  
20 which was July, and Exhibit 8 to Mr. Yount. Again, he stated  
21 they were looking at a target date for opening of  
22 December 12th. This is sometime in June that these  
23 discussions and e-mails took place.

24 He sent Mr. Yount the term sheets through an

1 e-mail, which is Exhibit 11. In those term sheets are  
2 disclaimers. Mr. Yount testified he read those. And on  
3 Exhibit 12, Mr. Marriner sent another e-mail to Mr. Yount  
4 asking if he had any questions. And Mr. Yount responded with  
5 some questions and they were directed to Mr. Radovan.

6 Exhibit 12 is the July status report, which  
7 contains the change orders and the impact those change orders  
8 had on the development of the project. Exhibit 14 is another  
9 e-mail from Mr. Marriner to Mr. Yount saying that Mr. Radovan  
10 will get back to Mr. Yount to answer all of those questions  
11 that he had raised. And Exhibit 18 is an e-mail from  
12 Mr. Radovan to Mr. Yount, which was cced to Mr. Marriner,  
13 which responded to the 11 questions asked by Mr. Yount. They  
14 discussed a \$15 million mezzanine loan to cover the change  
15 orders, as well as potential upgrades and expanding the scope  
16 of construction.

17 Mr. Marriner was never involved in the financing  
18 of this project. He was not involved with the executive  
19 committee, the construction committee, and he was not privy  
20 to the figures being bantered about amongst those entities.

21 Mr. Marriner never gave Mr. Yount any specific  
22 numbers on the change orders. Mr. Marriner was never  
23 involved with Hall or the business discussions regarding  
24 potential financing by Hall. Mr. Marriner has a background

1 in construction and clearly knows that unless you have  
2 capital, the project dies. Mr. Marriner never spoke to  
3 Mr. Yount regarding the destination of his \$1 million  
4 investment.

5 Exhibit 29, which is the e-mail string from  
6 August to September 28th, Mr. Marriner was trying to be  
7 helpful in assisting Mr. Yount in moving money around. He  
8 sent an e-mail, which is Exhibit 30, which states that Robert  
9 hopes to close out the funding very soon.

10 Mr. Marriner never spoke to Mr. Yount regarding  
11 the Mosaic loan. Mr. Marriner testified that Hall still had  
12 \$5 million to loan, that they were looking at a \$15 million  
13 mezzanine loan, and that Mosaic loan was still in the works,  
14 and he believed the project was still on schedule.

15 He talked about a perfect storm, that is,  
16 simultaneous investments of Mr. Yount and Mr. Busick.  
17 However, he was informed by Mr. Radovan that CR still had  
18 another funding membership available under the PPM.

19 Two weeks afterwards, Mr. Yount invested in Cal  
20 Neva Lodge LLC. Mr. Marriner testified that there is no  
21 difference between the two shares, that is, the shares of  
22 Mr. Busick and the shares of CR Cal Neva. But he was told by  
23 Mr. Radovan that he would take -- that Mr. Radovan would take  
24 care of the plaintiff's investment.



1           Mr. Marriner was clear in his testimony that this  
2 is not a security. This was a real estate investment. Mr.  
3 Marriner knew that through -- that Mr. Radovan had an  
4 additional founding membership available for Mr. Yount.

5           Mr. Marriner knew that the Mosaic \$50 million loan  
6 was the best solution for financing and taking this project  
7 to closure of construction.

8           After the December 12th meeting, Mr. Marriner  
9 testified that there was a general feeling among the  
10 investors for a need for more transparency and greater  
11 financial reports, more frequent financial reports. He knew  
12 that \$8.6 million in cost overruns were there for work that  
13 had already been done and was proposed in the future.

14           On cross examination by Mr. Wolf, Mr. Marriner  
15 reiterated in an e-mail dated August 3rd, 2015, that  
16 Mr. Yount was dealing directly with Mr. Radovan and it was a  
17 hand-off from -- by Mr. Marriner of Mr. Yount to Mr. Radovan.

18           Mr. Marriner testified that Mr. Yount conducted  
19 due diligence between July 25th and August 3rd, spoke to  
20 Peter Grove, the architect, who coincidentally is or was the  
21 architect for Mr. Yount's personal residence. Mr. Marriner  
22 testified that the information provided to Mr. Yount was fair  
23 and was accurate.

24           Mr. Marriner testified that Mr. Yount knew that

1 Mr. Radovan needed more money and he attempted to help by  
2 engaging the Wittenbergs and Boulder Bay as potential  
3 investors. Mr. Marriner testified that there was no false  
4 information provided to Mr. Yount and he had sent all the  
5 executive committee reports to Mr. Yount and that he had no  
6 reason to doubt the veracity of the information contained  
7 therein. Exhibit 10, the construction summary was given to  
8 Mr. Yount before he invested and Mr. Yount was fully advised  
9 as to the status of the project.

10 Mr. Marriner testified as to Mr. Busick's site  
11 visit, and at that time, the tower was finished or  
12 approximately 95 percent done. Mr. Busick was on the  
13 executive committee. He was one of the original, if not the  
14 original investor in this project. He had a background in  
15 construction.

16 Mr. Marriner testified that there was a lot of  
17 activity on that site. That Mr. Busick appeared pleased with  
18 the progress with construction. That Mr. Busick felt they  
19 could make the opening. Lee Mason, a representative of Penta  
20 Construction, also appeared to be excited, as was Mr.  
21 Marriner. It looked as if the project was close to being  
22 finished. It appeared to be a very good job.

23 On September 30th, Mr. Marriner testified that  
24 there was no adverse information to be shared with Mr. Yount.

1 That there was no indication of a problem at that time.

2 As to the CR share, Mr. Marriner testified that he  
3 was pleased to have a share available for Mr. Yount. That  
4 there was no indication that CR was, quote, bailing out,  
5 close quote, of the project. That the CR shares were part of  
6 the original 20 founding shares and there were no differences  
7 between the CR shares and the other shares.

8 Mr. Marriner testified he was very excited about  
9 this project. He labeled it as, quote, sensational, close  
10 quote, project. And he was devastated professionally and  
11 personally over the loss of this project, this lawsuit, his  
12 reputation, and his friends.

13 On cross examination by Mr. Little, he pointed out  
14 in Exhibit 3 that Exhibit 3 contained a disclosure that this  
15 was not a security and explained the risk of such a  
16 speculative investment.

17 Mr. Marriner pointed out his background in  
18 construction and testified that renovating old properties  
19 raise common problems, that this was a fluid project, and the  
20 monthly status reports, which is Exhibit 10, were prepared by  
21 third parties. And on page 16 of Exhibit 10 identifies the  
22 adverse impact some of these changes had, particularly the  
23 sewer, on the project's progress and that the information  
24 contained therein was accurate.

1           Exhibit 14 was identified as an e-mail, which  
2 demonstrated that Mr. Yount knew of the debt. Exhibit 13 was  
3 an e-mail from Mr. Yount's architect, Peter Grove, who termed  
4 the project to be very good. Mr. Yount's CPA reviewed the  
5 investment. The testimony is Mr. Yount never asked for any  
6 additional information.

7           Exhibit 27 is an e-mail from the -- from Mr. Yount  
8 to his CPA, which demonstrates that Mr. Yount knew that the  
9 opening was being pushed back to March. Exhibit 36 is an  
10 e-mail three days before Mr. Yount's investment, which  
11 demonstrates he knew the opening was for Father's Day.

12           Mr. Yount took a site visit with Mr. Lee Mason and  
13 questioned whether or not the change orders were necessary.  
14 There did not appear to be any red flags and Mr. Marriner  
15 felt optimistic about the project. Exhibit 37 is an e-mail  
16 dated October 10th, which introduced the new general manager  
17 and the chef to the investors.

18           Mr. Marriner testified to the deal with Starwood  
19 in which the Cal Neva Lodge would be added to the Starwood's  
20 luxury collection. And he testified that it certainly did  
21 not look like the project was about to fail.

22           Mr. Marriner found no improprieties by Criswell  
23 Radovan and that in fact Criswell Radovan was still in charge  
24 of this project. Mr. Marriner testified that there was no

1 involvement by Mr. Criswell in Mr. Yount's investment.

2 Mr. Marriner testified that selling of the CR  
3 founders share was not taking money out of the company and  
4 the transfer was specifically authorized by Exhibit 5,  
5 section 12.1, 12.3, 12.4, and 12.6.2.

6 On redirect, Mr. Marriner again walked through the  
7 financials, Exhibit 4 and Exhibit 60, which was an e-mail by  
8 Mr. Marriner to all the investors.

9 Mr. Criswell testified, testified that he was a  
10 partner in CR LLC, which was a limited liability company used  
11 as conduit to move money into and out of a particular  
12 project. That he had a separate LLC for each project when  
13 the project was funded. And that CR Cal Neva LLC was the  
14 manager of an SPE.

15 He testified that they purchased the Cal Neva for  
16 \$13 million in a joint venture with Canyon and walked through  
17 that transaction. He testified that CR had \$2 million into  
18 the project.

19 He testified that the construction budget was  
20 prepared by third parties, Hal Thannisch, Penta Construction,  
21 and perhaps the architect. Nevertheless, it was outside  
22 sources.

23 Mr. Criswell testified that his daughter invested  
24 \$220,000 to cover short-term debts. That CR was to receive a

1 development fee of \$60,000 a month with a cap of 2.2 million.

2 Mr. Criswell testified to a July 2015 executive  
3 committee meeting wherein the parties discussed the budget  
4 shortfall of 2.5 to 5 million. They discussed financing  
5 options. They discussed the Ladera loan. And in order to  
6 meet future and present needs, they discussed the mezzanine  
7 loan. And in August and September, the parties discussed a  
8 total refinance of the project.

9 Mr. Criswell testified on October 10th he became  
10 aware of the Busick investment and that Mr. Yount funded  
11 several days later. Mr. Criswell testified that Mr. Radovan  
12 asked for his consent to sell a CR founders share to Yount.  
13 Everyone, apparently, everybody wanted to have Mr. Yount  
14 participate in the Cal Neva project.

15 Exhibit 33 is from Heather Hill, an employee of  
16 CR, to Bruce Coleman, who is the general counsel for Criswell  
17 Development Corporation in the past. Mr. Criswell testified  
18 that he believed he never needed prior approval for the Yount  
19 transaction and that he had in fact prior approval for that  
20 transfer and that there was no discussion of securities  
21 fraud.

22 Mr. Criswell testified to the 12/12 executive  
23 committee meeting before the party, which meeting was  
24 expanded to include all the investors, who were told that the

1 project was over budget due to cost overruns. Mr. Criswell  
2 wanted the executive committee's approval for the Mosaic loan  
3 with changes to at least get a conditional commitment.

4 The executive committee did not approve the Mosaic  
5 loan at that time. They asked Mr. Radovan to hold off to see  
6 if they couldn't explore other options.

7 Mr. Criswell testified that the cost overruns were  
8 discussed in July and the discussions in the December meeting  
9 centered on Mosaic's loan. Mr. Criswell testified that the  
10 IMC, Incline Men's Club, the largest investor at \$6 million  
11 in this project disagreed with his approach. However,  
12 Mr. Criswell testified that those were the only dissidents  
13 and the rest of the investors -- the rest of the investors  
14 approved of their approach to Mosaic.

15 At that party, Mr. Criswell reached out to  
16 Mr. Yount and Mr. Criswell testified that Mr. Yount told him  
17 that he didn't know about all of these cost overruns and  
18 extra expenses and the financial condition of the project.  
19 Mr. Criswell testified that they probably could have done a  
20 better job reporting to investors about the financing and the  
21 status of the construction.

22 Mr. Criswell testified that the EC was provided  
23 monthly budget reports and they were prepared by Thannisch  
24 and Penta. Mr. Criswell testified he saw the cost overruns

1 in the September report, which was before Mr. Yount invested  
2 in the project.

3 Mr. Criswell testified that they were looking at a  
4 December 12th substantial completion date. That they still  
5 had \$9 million from Hall to complete or that they had the  
6 option to raise additional capital from the investors.

7 Exhibit 46 is an e-mail from Mr. Yount requesting  
8 the return of his \$1 million investment. Ms. Clerk, can I  
9 have Exhibit 43?

10 Mr. Criswell testified that he told Mr. Yount that  
11 he would try and find someone to buy his share and that he  
12 felt this was going to be very easy to find other investors.  
13 However, Mr. Criswell testified that Mr. Yount had already  
14 been provided all of this information beforehand.

15 Mr. Criswell testified that CR had advanced  
16 \$900,000 over time reflected in journal entries. And that  
17 Mr. Yount's money was spent paying past due bills on the Cal  
18 Neva, as well as other Criswell Radovan projects.

19 Exhibit 49 is an e-mail packet with material dated  
20 12/17/15. It shows in big black bold title page, 35 million  
21 in debt, 20 million in equity, \$55 million project. This is  
22 important, because throughout these proceedings there's been  
23 an allegation that these numbers were not shared and were  
24 misleading. The Court finds that these numbers provided by



1 the defendants were remarkably accurate and it's spot on.

2 Mr. Criswell testified that afterwards he found  
3 out that Mr. Yount wanted a preferred share. However, he  
4 testified that is what he got, because the Criswell -- the CR  
5 share was a founders share.

6 On cross examination by Mr. Little, Mr. Criswell  
7 testified that Mr. Radovan told the executive committee of  
8 the cost overruns and a number of 9.3 million and that they  
9 needed financing. There was a number of 10.5 million  
10 discussed as well.

11 Mr. Criswell testified that there's no difference  
12 between a CR share, founders share, and the share Mr. Busick  
13 purchased.

14 Mr. Criswell testified to his professional  
15 background in construction and hotel development, which is  
16 impressive. He had developed the Four Seasons Hotel in  
17 Dublin, wineries in Napa, other resorts that are award  
18 winning.

19 He testified to meeting Mr. Radovan while  
20 Mr. Criswell was serving in the Navy as a supervisor for the  
21 Navy Special Operations and Mr. Radovan was a United States  
22 Navy Seal. Impressive credentials for any individual.

23 Mr. Criswell testified he never met Mr. Yount  
24 before his investment and that the information provided to

1 Mr. Yount was truthful and accurate. That CR was authorized  
2 to sell the two founders shares. And on redirect, when shown  
3 Exhibit 4 on page nine, demonstrated that there was an  
4 interest reserve for the loan and that the CR share was the  
5 same founders share as that bought by Mr. Busick.

6 That the information was given to the plaintiff  
7 was accurate and consistent with the information that  
8 Mr. Radovan gave to the executive committee and Mr. Yount,  
9 which included monthly reports, financial documents, and that  
10 the numbers were consistent.

11 Mr. Criswell testified that the Ladera agreement  
12 required CR to keep \$1 million in the project. Exhibit 150,  
13 page three, section five, showed that there was no prepayment  
14 penalty on the Ladera loan.

15 Mr. Criswell testified that Mr. Yount was not  
16 prevented from asking for any documents or information. And  
17 that Mr. Busick's \$1.5 million investment went into the  
18 project and indeed was more advantageous than the investment  
19 by Mr. Yount, because it infused an additional half million  
20 dollars into the project.

21 Mr. Wolf cross-examined Mr. Criswell and  
22 demonstrated that the pro forma had projected a \$51 million  
23 project, that the change orders were anticipated, and that  
24 the added scope included a new kitchen and the condo

1 development.

2 Mr. Radovan testified as to Exhibit 5, Exhibit 4,  
3 the guaranteed maximum price contract, Exhibit 1, and stated  
4 that he was aware of Mr. Yount's interest in this project in  
5 July and he was aware that Mr. Yount had been given Exhibits  
6 3, 4 and 5.

7 Mr. Radovan testified he knew the Hall loan was  
8 out of balance in July of 2015 and that he knew the opening  
9 would have to be pushed back because of the sewer pipe and  
10 other change orders and the requirements imposed by Starwood.

11 He testified that he told Mr. Yount's CPA that the  
12 opening was pushed back because of the construction issues  
13 and he told Mr. Yount about the scheduled pushback.  
14 Exhibit 36, which is the e-mail of October 10th to  
15 Mr. Yount's architect, Peter Grove, and to his CPA regarding  
16 pushing back the dates of the opening. This was two days  
17 before Mr. Yount's investment.

18 Mr. Radovan testified he told Mr. Yount that they  
19 were raising \$9 million because they knew more change orders  
20 were coming. Mr. Radovan testified to a conversation he had  
21 with Mr. Yount's CPA in August. That he doesn't know if Mr.  
22 Marriner knew of the pushback dates. In deposition, he did  
23 correct that testimony and stated that Mr. Marriner did know  
24 of the pushback dates.

1           Mr. Radovan testified to the Mosaic loan that was  
2 in the works as of -- in September of 2015. That they were  
3 looking at a high 40 million of dollars. The project was  
4 looking for different options for financing, including a  
5 capital call, which was discussed in April.

6           Mr. Radovan testified that the issues relating to  
7 the tower were 95 percent complete and the restaurant was  
8 85 percent complete.

9           Mr. Radovan testified that the executive committee  
10 agreed to take the loan up in early November seeking an  
11 additional \$16 million in debt.

12           Throughout this time, Mr. Radovan testified he was  
13 vaguely aware of Mr. Yount's interest in the project.  
14 Exhibit 29 is an e-mail between Mr. Yount and Mr. Marriner  
15 and there was no indication that the plaintiff would invest  
16 in the project. It had been three to four months of  
17 inactivity by Mr. Yount.

18           Mr. Yount was in the process of trying to  
19 extricate the money out of his 401K, but as everybody  
20 testified, there was radio silence between the parties during  
21 this time.

22           Mr. Radovan testified that he spoke to Mr. Busick  
23 after Labor Day, who expressed some interest in investing in  
24 the \$1.5 million tranche, as well as, and this is important,

1 three to four other potential investors. They had a meeting  
2 in Napa at the defendant's office in Napa with Mr. Busick's  
3 son. And, subsequently, on the 29th, the Busicks invested.

4 Mr. Radovan testified that the CR Cal Neva had as  
5 available a founders share under the PPM. That it was the  
6 same as the founders share Busick purchased.

7 In Exhibit 33, the assistant, which I believe is  
8 Ms. Hill, discussed a swap agreement, and Mr. Radovan wanted  
9 to know if there was anything required to properly effectuate  
10 the transfer of the CR founders share to Mr. Yount who was  
11 seeking to purchase a founders share.

12 It required under Exhibit 5, the operating  
13 agreement, which is article 12.2 and 12.3, one, that  
14 Mr. Yount sign the PPM; two, that the transfer be approved at  
15 the next meeting or annual meeting, or in writing; and,  
16 three, even if it was not approved, the buyer would keep the  
17 beneficial interest.

18 Mr. Coleman testified that he was counsel for  
19 Mr. Criswell back in 1982 and he had met Mr. Radovan in 2000.  
20 They had formed CR and worked on 20 projects. There were  
21 only two projects in litigation and two in bankruptcy back in  
22 the '80s. But most importantly, those were not CR projects.

23 Mr. Coleman testified that he was contacted  
24 regarding the Cal Neva project and with Brandon Iverson

1 formed several LLCs and the operating agreement.

2 Exhibit 3, Exhibit 5 were discussed. Section 7.4  
3 of Exhibit 5, demonstrates that CR put in \$2 million into the  
4 project for two shares and there was a journal error of  
5 \$480,000, which was subsequently reconciled.

6 Mr. Coleman testified that the subscription  
7 agreement advises the investors that this is not a security.  
8 It is a private placement memorandum. And that they must be  
9 a qualified investor. Mr. Coleman testified that there were  
10 no written escrow instructions.

11 Exhibit 33 is an e-mail from Ms. Hill to  
12 Mr. Coleman discussing the transfer. Exhibit 33 is an e-mail  
13 dated October 2nd and he had said that -- excuse me --  
14 Mr. Coleman had heard that Mr. Busick was interested in  
15 increasing his investment and that CR was selling one of  
16 their two shares.

17 Exhibit 42 is the e-mail regarding Mr. Yount's  
18 investment. Money came into Mr. Coleman's escrow account and  
19 went out the next day.

20 Mr. Coleman was questioned as to whether this was  
21 a swap, was this an assignment of the CR per the operating  
22 agreement? Mr. Coleman was emphatic, it was neither. It was  
23 simply CR selling their share. It was simply Mr. Yount  
24 buying a member's share and stepping into the shoes of CR and

1 becoming a member.

2           The effective date was backdated so as to give  
3 Mr. Yount every day of interest he was due under the  
4 agreement.

5           On cross examination by Mr. Little, Mr. Coleman  
6 testified he was instructed to wire Mr. Yount's money to CR.  
7 He says this was simply a common transaction of one owner  
8 selling a share to a buyer. He testified under -- as to  
9 Exhibit 5, section 12.3, that the approval was at, quote, the  
10 next member meeting, close quote. 12.4 required approval,  
11 quote, after the transferee executes the documents, close  
12 quote. That there was no preapproval needed and that CR  
13 share is a founders share. And under 12.6.2, even if the  
14 transfer is not approved, that Mr. Yount would still have the  
15 economic benefit of the \$1 million investment. That this was  
16 simply a personal, private transaction.

17           On redirect, Mr. Radovan was called back to the  
18 stand. He testified that he told Mr. Yount about the  
19 \$9 million in change orders in July. He had a conversation  
20 with Mr. Yount regarding the change orders and Exhibit 18.  
21 He had a conversation regarding the transfer and sent  
22 documents to Mr. Yount. In October and November, the company  
23 was not out of money. The company was paying the  
24 contractors.

1           There was some testimony on cross examination --  
2 excuse me -- direct examination that the general manager  
3 hadn't been paid, Thannisch hadn't been paid \$90,000, Paul  
4 Dosick hadn't been paid \$90,000, North Star Demo had a claim  
5 for asbestos removal of \$96,000. However, Mr. Radovan  
6 explained that those changes came in after November. And up  
7 until that time, the company was paying its contractors.  
8 That this was not a failing operation.

9           Mr. Radovan testified the debt was disclosed to  
10 the members in the November meeting. The members were aware  
11 of the 9 to \$10 million in cost overruns, the July report  
12 numbers were updated and the members were told of the  
13 \$51 million Mosaic loan.

14           The members discussed financing for months.  
15 Mr. Radovan asked the EC for approval of the Mosaic loan.  
16 Mr. Radovan met with Mosaic in December. And, finally, the  
17 executive committee approved the Mosaic loan in December.  
18 They set up a meeting between Mosaic and CR.

19           Mr. Radovan testified that this was not a troubled  
20 project, that they had money, that it was staffed, that they  
21 had Starwood on aboard. That this should have been opened  
22 but for the interference of certain members of the executive  
23 committee with the loan with Mosaic.

24           Mr. Little cross-examined Mr. Radovan regarding



1 Exhibit 3, stating that it was not updated because upon  
2 advice of securities counsel must have been the same document  
3 provided to all investors, and, again, the disclaimers were  
4 discussed.

5 Mr. Radovan testified that the answers and  
6 information given to Mr. Yount were truthful. That the  
7 opening was moved before Mr. Yount invested. That the  
8 project was not failing. They had 100 people on site. They  
9 had a chef, they had a general manager. And, in fact,  
10 Mr. Busick walked the project and invested more money.

11 Mr. Radovan testified that everyone wanted  
12 Mr. Yount as a member. He was a neighbor, he was a community  
13 leader, a pillar of the community in one person. And there's  
14 nothing in the record that would contradict that description  
15 of Mr. Yount. Mr. Radovan was excited about the project and  
16 that the CR shares were no different than the founders  
17 shares.

18 Mr. Yount took the stand and he testified to his  
19 background, the fact that he had lived in Lake Tahoe for 20  
20 years, attended UNR. He had worked with Peter Grove, the  
21 architect, for some 40 years.

22 He testified that in the spring of 2014, he spoke  
23 with Mr. Marriner regarding the Cal Neva project, but he was  
24 not interested at that time in investing. However, he

1 testified in June of 2015, he became interested and reached  
2 out to Mr. Marriner because his 401K fund was available for  
3 investment.

4 Mr. Yount testified that he was in, quote,  
5 constant communication, close quote, with Mr. Marriner up  
6 until the time of the investment. That he walked the site  
7 with Mr. Marriner, who according to Mr. Yount appeared to be  
8 very knowledgeable about the project.

9 He received the e-mail, which is Exhibit 8 after  
10 the tour and was told that 1.5 million equity was still  
11 available under the PPM, which entitled him to certain  
12 priorities and to purchase a cabin. Mr. Yount testified he  
13 reviewed the PPM, which is Exhibit 3, reviewed the  
14 confidential offer memorandum, Exhibit 4, and signed the  
15 amended and restated operating agreement, which he read,  
16 which is Exhibit 5.

17 Exhibit 11 was the financial material e-mail from  
18 Mr. Marriner. Exhibit 12 was the e-mail from Mr. Marriner  
19 regarding questions. Mr. Yount testified that he thought  
20 that Mr. Marriner was trying to sell a founders share under  
21 the PPM and that he had questions about the project.

22 Exhibit 13 is an e-mail from Mr. Peter Groves  
23 rating the project's chances of success as very good. That  
24 he, being Peter Grove, was very impressed with the management

1 team. In that e-mail, he was advised of cost overruns, which  
2 the parties were trying to -- which the developers were  
3 trying to get their arms around. Exhibit 15 is an e-mail  
4 stating that the cost overruns were \$9 million in cost  
5 overruns. There was no information on the change of schedule  
6 and Exhibit 34 is an e-mail string regarding the 401K.

7 On October 3rd, Mr. Yount decided to make the  
8 investment. He testified in July, he did not know of the  
9 refinance and would not have invested had he did.

10 Mr. Marriner wanted Mr. Yount to reach out to  
11 Roger Wittenberg for refinance or investment. Mr. Wittenberg  
12 is not an investor, operated an investment vehicle called  
13 North Light. Mr. Yount testified that he was never told that  
14 the loan was out of balance.

15 Most importantly, Mr. Yount testified that had he  
16 been told the loan was out of balance he, quote, would have  
17 been concerned and would have inquired more, close quote.  
18 Not that he would pull the investment, not that he would  
19 refuse to invest, but that he would have inquired more and he  
20 would have been concerned.

21 A series of e-mails, Exhibits 35, 36, 38 recount  
22 the investment documents. Importantly was an e-mail sent by  
23 Mr. Yount's CFO. Ms. Clerk. I sent the wire instructions to  
24 both of you and Premier. They were very close -- excuse

1 me -- they were very clear and they are attached again. I'm  
2 concerned with this round-about e-mail string about wire  
3 instructions, a great opportunity to send \$1 million to the  
4 wrong person. Okay. Kreskin couldn't have called it better.

5 Exhibit 40 is Mr. Radovan's acceptance of  
6 Mr. Yount's \$1 million for the founders shares. Mr. Yount  
7 testified that he would not have invested because the sale of  
8 this one share by CR was a clear indication, quote, that the  
9 project was going to die and the developer was trying to get  
10 out, close quote.

11 Again, Mr. Yount testified about the 12/12 party.  
12 But I circle back to that comment Mr. Yount testified to  
13 about not willing to invest because of the sale of CR's  
14 share. It contradicts his e-mail to Mr. Radovan on  
15 December 13th when he demanded his \$1 million investment to  
16 be returned. However, he said that once there was financial  
17 stability and faith in the management, that they, he and his  
18 wife, would reconsider investing again. There was some  
19 argument made that Mr. Yount was straddling the fence, wanted  
20 in, wanted out. I think this e-mail by Mr. Yount could  
21 support that characterization.

22 Mr. Yount testified that it would have been insane  
23 to undermine the Mosaic loan and that the Exhibits 47 --  
24 excuse me -- the e-mail exhibits were simply to try to calm

1 down the IMC. Mr. Yount testified he never spoke to Mosaic.  
2 That he wanted to get paid and he testified he still does.  
3 He still wants to get paid as do everybody.

4 Exhibit 50 is an e-mail from Mr. Criswell dated  
5 12/16. Mr. Yount testified that he thought the Mosaic loan  
6 was imminent and he wanted the project to succeed. He  
7 described the executive committee meeting on December 12th as  
8 rousing. But there was a discussion about trying to get his  
9 money paid back or at least reflect his investment through a  
10 note, which never occurred, or at least this Court has no  
11 evidence of that.

12 Exhibit 58 is an e-mail from Mr. Yount to Molly  
13 Kingston regarding the bus going off the road or in the ditch  
14 and how they couldn't continue with the project with CR as  
15 developers.

16 59 is an e-mail dated January 25th to Paul  
17 Jamieson and he was aware of the CR share and the PPM share  
18 and called it a bait and switch. Exhibit 122 is an e-mail  
19 regarding the IMC meeting with the Mosaic in which Mr. Yount  
20 expressed some concern.

21 Exhibit 62 an e-mail from Mr. Yount to Mr.  
22 Marriner stating that he was not, quote, fully informed,  
23 close quote, about the financials. Mr. Yount testified to a  
24 meeting with Mr. Criswell in the Hyatt lobby on December

1 27th, where they discussed memorializing his investment with  
2 the note. Mr. Criswell testified that he assured Mr. Yount  
3 that they would buy his note back, buy his share back, once  
4 they had been made whole from the Cal Neva.

5 Mr. Yount testified that he never wanted to  
6 participate in the Cal Neva Lodge going forward. He just  
7 wanted to get his money back, and that's memorialized in  
8 Exhibit 69.

9 On cross examination by Mr. Little, Mr. Yount  
10 testified that he is the CEO of two corporations that are  
11 involved in acquisition and development, that he has built  
12 two homes and he has considerable experience with cost  
13 overruns and delays. That Mr. Yount considers himself to be  
14 a sophisticated investor. That he sits on several boards.  
15 He sits on the board of the TRPA. That he appreciates the  
16 risks in all investments and that he utilized a CFO and a CPA  
17 in evaluating this investment.

18 He was shown Exhibit 3 wherein the disclaimers  
19 clearly stated this was not a security, that there was a risk  
20 of insufficient funding, and there was a risk of losing the  
21 entire investment.

22 Exhibit 13 was the e-mail from his architect,  
23 Peter Grove, wherein they discuss the cost overruns,  
24 fundraising and the management and likelihood of success,

1 which the e-mail -- which the architect indicated was pretty  
2 good. He was aware of the information given to the CPA who  
3 gave Mr. Yount a green light to invest.

4 He was aware of the compensation of the manager.  
5 On page 11 of the Exhibit 4, forward looking statements.  
6 Page three, subsection iii, he read and understood those  
7 provisions. Page 14 of the subscription agreement contained  
8 the documents, he was aware of those. He was and is an  
9 accredited investor. Under Exhibit 42, section B, he was  
10 aware that the founders share was not registered. He read  
11 and understood that. Section G, he read and understood that.  
12 Page three, he read and understood that section.

13 We move to the escrow instructions, and in  
14 Exhibit 4 and 5, he read and understood that, particularly  
15 the schedule 4.3. Exhibit 4, which is page eight, he  
16 realized that the time line for opening was off at the time  
17 of his investment.

18 He was in possession of Exhibit 10, the July  
19 construction status report. He saw other construction status  
20 reports. And he realized that Exhibit 10 was prepared by a  
21 third party.

22 He testified it was reasonable to rely upon the  
23 construction manager's reports. He testified he knew the  
24 budget was being adversely impacted at the time of his

1 investment. He testified he never had any contact with  
2 William Criswell, just Mr. Radovan.

3 He testified that Mr. Radovan spoke to him  
4 regarding the delays. And there was an e-mail after  
5 Mr. Yount had toured the site. Mr. Yount testified that Mr.  
6 Marriner offered on a number of occasions to take him on  
7 another site tour and spoke to him about the delays, but  
8 Mr. Yount did not take up that offer.

9 Mr. Yount testified that he didn't have any  
10 questions of the defendants and that he never asked for  
11 anything that the defendants didn't give him.

12 He testified to Exhibit 13, which is the e-mail  
13 from Peter Grove, the architect, regarding the cost overruns  
14 and their attempts to get their arms around them. That  
15 Mr. Yount testified that he was open to get more information.  
16 And Exhibit 28 demonstrates Mr. Yount was aware of the change  
17 in opening, also demonstrated by his deposition on page 160.

18 Mr. Yount testified that the CPA gave him no pause  
19 or cause for not investing in the project. Mr. Yount  
20 testified that Les Busick is a friend, knew he was an  
21 investor, and he knew he sat on the executive committee.  
22 Mr. Yount received a list of the other investors and that the  
23 delay in funding his investment was because of the 401K.

24 Mr. Yount admitted that from September 1st to the



1 date of his investment, there was only one e-mail between him  
2 and the developers. Exhibit 14, which is a July 19th, 2015  
3 e-mail demonstrates that the parties were aware of at least  
4 \$5 million in cost overruns. Exhibit 15, which is a  
5 July 22nd e-mail, again, restated the fact that there would  
6 be \$5 million or more in overruns.

7           Exhibits 18 and 21 are Mr. Radovan's responses to  
8 Mr. Yount's questions and Mr. Yount's notes, which is  
9 Exhibit 21, which demonstrated that the developers had  
10 \$2 million in founders shares and that the developers wanted  
11 to raise 10.5 million between the debt and equity. He  
12 admitted that it was told there was 5 to \$6 million in cost  
13 overruns and maybe others, up to \$3 million in contingency  
14 funds needed.

15           Exhibit 153, which is an e-mail dated July 27th,  
16 2015, is a summary of the cost overruns. Exhibit 27 is an  
17 e-mail between the CPA and the Mr. Yount advising him that  
18 the opening had been pushed back. And Exhibit 21 was  
19 Mr. Yount's notes confirming that.

20           Mr. Yount testified after the break that the sale  
21 by Criswell Radovan of that founders share signals the  
22 project in trouble. But he admitted he was not a commercial  
23 developer. He never had any money in commercial  
24 developments. He was unaware that hotels often run two years

1 in the red.

2 Exhibit 33 is an e-mail dated October 7th, 2015.  
3 When contrasted with Mr. Yount's deposition at page 93 and  
4 105, he was asked, what about the difference in the shares?  
5 He couldn't point to any.

6 On page 222 of his deposition, Mr. Yount testified  
7 that the defendants never obstructed the plaintiffs due  
8 diligence. They provided the documents and information  
9 whenever asked. And that Mr. Yount admitted that he was not  
10 the only potential investigator for the \$1.5 million share  
11 that was opened.

12 Exhibit Number 54, which is the second amended  
13 complaint served by Brandon Chaney during the course of some  
14 mediation. Mr. Yount testified that nobody told him to  
15 serve -- he did not tell Mr. Chaney to serve the complaint.

16 However, if you look at the complaint, page four,  
17 paragraph 15, contradiction, the evidence shows that the  
18 contractors were paid. Paragraph 18, the evidence shows that  
19 the project was over budget. Paragraph 20, there was a  
20 mistake in the -- it was a typographical mistake. In  
21 paragraph 21, Penta had been paid. And as to the scheduled  
22 opening, defendant knew it had been pushed back.

23 Mr. Yount testified he never wanted to participate  
24 in the Cal Neva project after the December meeting. And he

1 had discussed replacing Criswell Radovan, but he was not part  
2 of the IMC or IMC's efforts to replace Criswell Radovan.

3           However, Exhibit 50, the e-mail with Paul Jamieson  
4 discussing our team. Exhibit 55 is an e-mail with  
5 Mr. Radovan regarding the IMC. Exhibit 58 is an e-mail from  
6 Molly Kingston from the IMC declaring a divorce. Exhibit 59  
7 is an e-mail to Paul Jamieson for approval, asking  
8 Mr. Jamison's approval to send an e-mail to get Criswell  
9 Radovan out.

10           Exhibit 109 is an e-mail regarding a drop box for  
11 your eyes only. Exhibit 110 is an e-mail to Paul Jamieson  
12 specifically instructing it not to be shared with CR,  
13 discussing our team to which Mr. Radovan had never disavowed.  
14 Exhibit 114 is an e-mail demanding a meeting. Exhibit 115 is  
15 an e-mail discussing this with Robert -- regarding a  
16 discussion with Robert.

17           118 is an e-mail with Paul Jamieson regarding the  
18 infamous meeting with Mosaic. 119 is an e-mail to Busick  
19 with Paul Jamieson's meeting with -- with Paul Jamieson  
20 regarding a meeting with IMC. 120, 121, 122, all of these  
21 e-mails involve Mr. Yount and members of the IMC.

22           Mr. Yount testified that he didn't hold himself  
23 out as a member, that he distanced himself from the IMC, but,  
24 however, he attended executive committee meetings. He was

1 considered by all to be a member, and certainly by the e-mail  
2 string was cahoots with this cabal involving certain members  
3 of the IMC, and that he testified he was not opposed to the  
4 removal of CR as manager of this project.

5 Exhibit 119 talks about talking points and using  
6 Mr. Yount's letter as leverage encouraging everybody to be a  
7 cohesive group and using Mr. Yount as the IMC's spokesperson,  
8 quote, unquote.

9 This is demonstrated as well on Exhibits 121, 125,  
10 126, 127, 130, 131, 132, 133 in which members of the IMC --  
11 strike that -- in which I believe Ms. Molly Kingston is  
12 referred to as our hero by Mr. Yount and to keep it up.

13 Mr. Wolf cross-examined and talked about trust and  
14 verify, President Reagan's admonition with the Russians, I  
15 think it was the Salt Treaty. But in cross examination by  
16 Mr. Wolf, Mr. Yount testified that he has no evidence that CR  
17 doesn't have hotel experience. I'm going to resist -- strike  
18 that.

19 And despite the e-mail of 12/13 about the wheels  
20 were coming off the bus, there were a number of investors,  
21 that they were looking at a refinance of the mezzanine and a  
22 refinance of the entire project. And that the Mosaic loan  
23 was the only exit strategy, and this is Mr. Yount's  
24 testimony, was the only exit strategy to get their money back

1 and that he was in favor of it.

2           However, Mr. Yount testified that he didn't mean  
3 to undermine the Mosaic loan, but that he was not  
4 interested -- strike that -- but simply monitoring it. He  
5 under cross examination of Mr. Wolf, he acknowledged the risk  
6 factors, the answers given by Mr. Radovan to the questions,  
7 and under Exhibit 153, the payment application and the  
8 numbers were close to what Mr. Radovan had told Mr. Yount.  
9 And he knew that other investors were looking at the  
10 investment in the Cal Neva.

11           On cross examination by Mr. Little, Mr. Yount  
12 testified that CR Cal Neva had executed a term sheet of  
13 \$47 million in late October, which was to close in 30 days,  
14 and that was true. And that Mr. Radovan's testimony  
15 regarding the executive committee and Mosaic was true. And  
16 Mr. Yount testified that those loans would cover all the debt  
17 and that the project would have been completed.

18           Mr. Yount testified he didn't torpedo the loan.  
19 He didn't want Mosaic, however, he never tried to resurrect  
20 the Mosaic loan.

21           Brandon Chaney testified. He was a member of the  
22 Incline Men's Club and met Mr. Marriner in 2014 regarding the  
23 Cal Neva. The Incline Men's Club is the largest investor in  
24 the project with \$6 million collectively invested. His role

1 was to represent the investors -- excuse me -- he testified  
2 that Mr. Marriner's role was to represent the investment, he  
3 vouched for the developers and told everyone the construction  
4 budget was on schedule. He assured the Incline Men's Club  
5 that this wouldn't go over budget.

6 He testified that Mr. Yount was on the executive  
7 committee -- excuse me -- the witness, Mr. Chaney, was on the  
8 executive committee, because it was the largest investor and  
9 the duties of the executive committee was to represent the  
10 members to guide the project.

11 However, he also testified he did not regularly  
12 attend meetings of the executive committee. He testified to  
13 the July Fairwinds meeting where Mr. Radovan gave an overview  
14 to the EC.

15 There were several problematic aspects of Mr.  
16 Chaney's testimony. Mr. Chaney testified that the PPM was  
17 disorganized and it was clear that the managers were not  
18 knowledgeable about the money. He testified that Mr. Radovan  
19 had oversubscribed the PPM. Well, that was wrong. And he  
20 testified that Mr. Radovan had taken money from Busick and  
21 Mr. Yount. Well, the evidence shows that was wrong, too.

22 Mr. Chaney testified that he was concerned with  
23 the sale of the Radovan -- the CR share, because he wanted to  
24 have the defendants to have some skin in the game. Well, the

1 evidence shows that they did. And they were concerned about  
2 the defendant's using the money to pay other debts. Well,  
3 the evidence shows that the money was sent to CR, who used it  
4 to pay not just other CR debts, but close to \$300,000 in  
5 debts owed to the project.

6 He testified that he had heard of Mosaic from  
7 Mr. Radovan in October of 2015 and they were going to  
8 refinance the entire project. That Mr. Radovan had provided  
9 a term sheet, but that Mr. Chaney didn't know Mosaic.

10 In November of 2015, Mr. Chaney testified that  
11 Mosaic pushed back. Well, that's belied by the voicemail of  
12 Mr. Penner, CEO of Mosaic, which indicated in the end of  
13 November they were very anxious and enthusiastic about the  
14 loan.

15 Mr. Chaney testified that the entire executive  
16 committee met with Mosaic, who had asked for the meeting with  
17 Mr. Chaney and Mr. Busick and Mr. Jamieson and without CR.  
18 This was curious, because why would Mosaic reach out to  
19 Mr. Chaney, who claimed he didn't know anybody at Mosaic?

20 When asked who called him for this important  
21 meeting, Mr. Chaney could only remember the first name,  
22 didn't know the last name. Again, why would Mosaic, who had  
23 been involved with both Mr. Criswell and Mr. Radovan since  
24 September of 2014 in trying to get this loan in the works

1 reach out to somebody who admittedly didn't know him to have  
2 a meeting without Mr. Criswell or Mr. Radovan present? I  
3 believe there was some testimony that there may have been a  
4 family connection or familiarity between Mr. Criswell and the  
5 Halls. It just did not make sense.

6 Mr. Tratner testified out of order, but he  
7 testified he looked at the investment on behalf of Mr. Yount.  
8 He was sent the updated financial projections, the profit and  
9 loss. He spoke to Mr. Radovan regarding forecasting  
10 prospective, the profit and loss.

11 On cross examination from Mr. Little, he was shown  
12 Exhibit 19, and he testified that this was 1 million of a  
13 \$60 million project, testified to the PPM, Mr. Yount's notes  
14 with the updated information. And that Mr. Radovan said,  
15 quote, please let me know if you need any more info, close  
16 quote. Mr. Little cross-examined him and said that the  
17 defendants answered all of his questions.

18 Mr. Chaney resumed the stand and testified about  
19 Exhibit 122. And despite the fact, this is another curious  
20 fact about Mr. Chaney's testimony, despite the fact that he  
21 realized that the Mosaic loan was the best chance for this  
22 project to go to completion and get everybody paid, they  
23 never pursued it. He claimed on his testimony that CR never  
24 pursued Mosaic. Well, that's wrong. And that's demonstrated



1 by Mr. Penner's voicemail indicating that in November that  
2 Mosaic was still interested. As a matter of fact, Ms. Clerk,  
3 number two.

4 THE CLERK: Yes, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Last paragraph, we also told them that  
6 for the better part of three months, we have not heard much  
7 from the team. They went on to explain a little of the  
8 history of the deal from their perspective, and to tell you  
9 the truth, there seems to be a little bit of a mess right  
10 now. Let's underline, underline these last two words. We  
11 are going to take a step back, tear up the executed term  
12 sheet, tear up the executed term sheet, the deal, the loan  
13 that would have saved this project. It had been executed.  
14 Give you and the ownership time to figure things out on your  
15 own, and at the right moment, if you desire, reintroduce the  
16 deal to Mosaic. That's all. Thank you, Ms. Clerk.

17 When confronted with the audit, Mr. Chaney  
18 testified, although the records appeared to be a mess, the  
19 auditor did not find any improprieties, although he did  
20 testify that this was phase one of the audit. However, most  
21 tellingly, he didn't want to do phase two, because it cost  
22 money. He could have, perhaps should have, but it cost money  
23 to do an audit on a deal worth almost \$60 million.

24 He also testified that there were other options,

1 Colombia Pacific, Langham. That they hired a broker to pitch  
2 the project, but there was a lack of confidence in CR.

3           They talked about the winery litigation between  
4 Mr. Radovan and himself, and it's clear he was bitter and  
5 it's clear he was prejudiced and it's clear he's biased  
6 against Mr. Radovan, and as Mr. Campbell rightly pointed out,  
7 perhaps he had every right to be. But that bias is there.  
8 That bitterness is there.

9           He has been found personally liable for tortious  
10 interference with a contract, with a verdict in the form of  
11 \$6.4 million. He wasn't subpoenaed. He volunteered to  
12 testify here, because as he said, quote, I have a story to  
13 tell, close quote.

14           He testified that he did call David Marriner up,  
15 doesn't recall the exact words, but he told him to give back  
16 the commission or bad things would happen. And this was  
17 before his testimony at trial. Mr. Chaney testified he told  
18 Mr. Marriner to do the right thing, get on the right side.  
19 And as far as other members of the IMC calling Mr. Marriner,  
20 he testified that, quote, it could have happened, close  
21 quote. But all he wanted Mr. Marriner to do was open your  
22 eyes.

23           Mr. Chaney admitted that two years later, CR is  
24 still the manager of the Cal Neva. That although there were

1 procedures and a process in place that could have removed  
2 them, no such move has been made to date. And that CR is  
3 still trying to finance the Cal Neva.

4 As far as Mr. Chaney and Mr. Radovan go back,  
5 Mr. Chaney testified that he had to buy out Mr. Radovan and  
6 he settled the lawsuit by paying Mr. Radovan for his share.

7 Also troubling in Mr. Chaney's testimony is the  
8 fact that he claims he was kept in the dark. He wasn't aware  
9 of these cost overruns and financials were kept from him.  
10 That the third parties Penta and Thannisch, their conclusions  
11 or reports were tarnished because they were paid by the  
12 defendant, which is not true.

13 However, he admitted that he used the CR offices  
14 in the summer of the 2015 and he was there about once every  
15 other week for two or three days and he had talked to  
16 Mr. Radovan all the time. But despite that, he was clueless  
17 as to the cost overruns and that Mr. Radovan never provided  
18 him with any answers to his questions.

19 Once again, he testified to the Mosaic telephone  
20 call by a Howard and he called Mr. Chaney for the first time  
21 and told him, are you aware that -- this is Howard, are you  
22 aware of the \$1 million break-up fee? Why would somebody  
23 from Mosaic call, why would this Howard call Mr. Chaney to  
24 discuss a term of an agreement which was shared by

1 Mr. Radovan sometime before in the term sheet? Mr. Chaney  
2 testified he didn't know Mosaic, he didn't know Howard. This  
3 is troubling.

4 Also, Exhibit 129, which is an e-mail, which  
5 outlines the reasons why Mosaic is backing away, curiously,  
6 they are identical to Mr. Chaney's issues with Criswell  
7 Radovan and this Court cannot find that is coincidental.

8 On cross examination by Mr. Wolf, Mr. Chaney  
9 admitted to calling Mr. Marriner up in late July to do the  
10 right thing. Mr. Marriner hung up on him. The telephone  
11 call with Mr. Radovan -- in his telephone call with Mr.  
12 Marriner, Mr. Chaney called the bankruptcy a disaster,  
13 demanded that Mr. Marriner give back all of his commissions.

14 Mr. Little took Mr. Chaney on cross examination,  
15 talked about the Straight Shot suit, spoliation of evidence,  
16 and to some extent this Court understands that Mr. Summer was  
17 perhaps a rogue employee left over from the prior company  
18 acquired by Teleconnex and he worked out of his home.

19 But he also testified that Mosaic called the  
20 executive committee, because Mr. Radovan had not called back.  
21 However, that's contradicted by the voicemail in November.  
22 Mr. Chaney testified that the break-up fee was news to him,  
23 although he had been provided the term sheet prior to this.

24 Also, Mr. Chaney made what can only be described

1 as disturbing comment regarding the Washoe County Sheriff's  
2 Office. He testified that the Ladera loan was in default and  
3 that the IMC members were only aware of a sheriffs sale of  
4 their membership interest the day before the sheriff was to  
5 execute on the membership interest. However, the sheriff  
6 held off executing on that judgment, because the Incline  
7 Village people were very important people in this community.  
8 This Court finds that testimony incredible.

9 Finally, Mr. Radovan took the stand in rebuttal  
10 and talked about the \$480,000 in development fees. He never  
11 told Bruce Chaney that he took \$480,000 in fees and that he  
12 never took \$480,000 until development fees, that that was a  
13 double entry, which was subsequently corrected.

14 That any disbursement had to be approved by Hall  
15 and that Hall paid 90 percent of the disbursements and that  
16 they needed Hall's approval for any disbursement, significant  
17 disbursement. Mr. Radovan testified that he pursued funding  
18 until the bankruptcy and that Criswell -- that under any of  
19 these circumstances, any of these scenarios, Criswell Radovan  
20 would not be involved in the project, but that no one has  
21 come up with an option. The entire reason for the  
22 refinancing was the cost overruns.

23 He played and this is Exhibit 217, the e-mail --  
24 excuse me -- the voicemail of Ethan Penner dated

1 November 19th at 2:55 p.m., in which he stated there's a lot  
2 of enthusiasm regarding the deal and please get back to me,  
3 close quote. That Mr. Radovan was not an impediment to the  
4 Mosaic deal. That Mr. Chaney had offices in or had an office  
5 in Mr. Radovan's and Mr. Criswell's office in Napa. That  
6 they are the debtor in possession and they have audited  
7 financials and all the members received audited financials  
8 and Paul Jamison and Busick has changed sides. This Court  
9 finds that really has no bearing on this case, this Court's  
10 decision.

11 That Mosaic would have closed by year end and that  
12 all the parties would have been paid. The project would be  
13 up, operational, and a spectacular success.

14 All right. The Court adopts the findings of facts  
15 as set forth in the defendants' statements of Mr. Little and  
16 Mr. Wolf.

17 As to the first cause of action, breach of  
18 contract, Cal Neva LLC is in bankruptcy and under the  
19 protection of the bankruptcy court, therefore, the claim  
20 against Cal Neva Lodge LLC is dismissed.

21 Basic contracts principles on the breach of  
22 contract require for an enforceable contract, an offer and  
23 acceptance and a consideration. However, CR Cal Neva LLC and  
24 Criswell Radovan LLC are not parties to the contract of the

1 subscription parties and you cannot enforce a contract or  
2 find a breach of a contract by a nonparty. First cause of  
3 action is dismissed.

4 Second cause of action, Powell, Coleman, Arnold,  
5 breach of fiduciary duty. Under the restatement second of  
6 torts, if a fiduciary duty exists between two persons when  
7 one of them is under a duty to act for or to give advice to  
8 or for the benefit of another upon matters within the scope  
9 of the relation.

10 The Nevada Supreme Court has stated that a breach  
11 of fiduciary duty claim seeks damages for injuries that  
12 result from the tortious conduct of one who owes a duty to  
13 another by virtue of the tortious -- seeks damages that  
14 result from a tortious conduct of one who has a duty to  
15 another by virtue of the fiduciary duty. In order to prevail  
16 on a claim for breach of fiduciary duty, the plaintiff must  
17 show the existence of a fiduciary duty, a breach of that  
18 duty, and that the breach proximately caused damages.

19 In this particular case, there may have been a  
20 mistake, but that certainly doesn't arise to fraud or a  
21 breach of the contract. In this case, this was a simple  
22 transaction, the purchase sale agreement, and most  
23 importantly, Mr. Yount got what he wanted, which was a  
24 founders share.

1           Now, it has been argued hypothetically that it may  
2 not have been Mr. Yount's desire to buy the founders shares  
3 from CR, but from some other party, but it is no different  
4 than getting a Cadillac from Jones West Ford or a Cadillac  
5 from Don Weir. Mr. Yount ended up with a Cadillac.  
6 Therefore, he has not been able to prove damages in this case  
7 and the second cause of action is dismissed.

8           Third cause of action, fraud, all defendants with  
9 the exception of Powell, Coleman. This requires a high  
10 standard to prove, clear and convincing evidence. It is  
11 asserted against Mr. Criswell, Mr. Radovan, CR Cal Neva LLC,  
12 Criswell Radovan LLC, Cal Neva Lodge LLC, David Marriner Real  
13 Estate LLC, and New Cal Neva Lodge. The elements of fraud  
14 are a false representation. There has been no evidence  
15 presented here that any of the material facts were proven to  
16 be false or known to be false by any of the parties. In  
17 fact, the testimony is completely opposite.

18           Second claim is made with the knowledge or belief  
19 that it is false or without a sufficient basis of  
20 information. There's no evidence that anybody knew that this  
21 was false. He had the information provided by third parties,  
22 they were verified again by CPAs, by members on site, the  
23 architect, the construction manager. The third element is  
24 there's an intent to induce reliance on those false



1 statements.

2 In this case, the defendant had ample  
3 opportunities to inspect this and didn't have to rely on,  
4 indeed, didn't rely solely on the information provided by the  
5 defendants in this case. He gave the information to his CFO.  
6 He gave the information to his CPA. He asked his CPA if this  
7 was a good investment, whether to proceed, and the CPA gave  
8 him a green light he could.

9 And as far as damages is concerned, well, we go  
10 back to the fact that Mr. Yount owns a founders shares in the  
11 Cal Neva LLC and has not proven that he has suffered any  
12 damages. And the Nevada Supreme Court has also said that the  
13 false representation must have played a material and  
14 substantial part in leading the defendant to adopt his  
15 particular course.

16 Now, in this case, the allegations are that some  
17 of those false statements was the opening date moved back  
18 from December 12th to the spring. Well, that was known  
19 several days before Mr. Yount invested in it.

20 Also, that Mr. Yount was buying a founders share  
21 under the PPM. Well, the evidence shows that Mr. Yount holds  
22 a founders shares that was distributed under the \$20 million  
23 PPM and constitutes a founders shares.

24 And that it played a material and substantial part

1 in leading the defendant to adopt his present course. Well,  
2 it appears that Mr. Yount, a sophisticated investor, reached  
3 out, conducted due diligence, independent investigation, and  
4 decided to invest knowing full well under Exhibits 3, 4 and 5  
5 that there were risks associated, which included losing his  
6 entire investment.

7 Now, the Blanchard case, I think this is dicta,  
8 because it really doesn't square with the facts of this case,  
9 states that if a defendant was unaware of the complaint of  
10 making an independent investigation will be charged with  
11 knowledge of facts, which reasonable diligence would have  
12 disclosed, such a plaintiff is deemed to have relied upon his  
13 own judgment and not on the defendant's representation.

14 That doesn't really apply in this particular case.  
15 I know the defense relies upon this. Because in that case,  
16 it was a husband and wife arguing over the dissolution of a  
17 marriage and the dissolution of the marital estate and the  
18 property settlement agreement.

19 The Court in that case denied the wife's motion --  
20 actually, dismissed the lawsuit, Judge Lee Gates dismissed  
21 the lawsuit, finding that the wife couldn't prove that there  
22 was a misrepresentation, a false misrepresentation as to  
23 where the assets were.

24 The Nevada Supreme Court stated that the

1 appellate's actions for intentional misrepresentation imposes  
2 a burden on the plaintiff to show the following elements,  
3 that the defendant made a false representation to him with  
4 knowledge and belief that the representations were false  
5 without a sufficient basis for making the representation.  
6 Further, the plaintiff must establish that the defendant  
7 intended to induce the plaintiff to act or refrain from  
8 acting on the representation and that the plaintiff  
9 justifiably relied on the representation. Finally, the  
10 plaintiff must establish that he was damaged as a result.

11 In this case, the Nevada Supreme Court found that  
12 the husband had superior knowledge of the location of the  
13 assets and that the wife did not possess. That there were  
14 many assets, there were complex transactions, and that the  
15 wife should not bear the loss of the opportunity to prove  
16 that representation, because the husband had superior  
17 knowledge.

18 In this particular case, the defendant was just as  
19 knowledgeable as everybody else. He was a sophisticated  
20 investor, he was a contractor, well-aware of cost overruns,  
21 well-aware of the problems in rehabing an old development.  
22 Indeed, the testimony is that Mr. Yount has spent almost ten  
23 years in building a home on the shores of Lake Tahoe, which  
24 is an outstanding addition to the community. That he was

1 operating from the same facts and circumstances everybody  
2 else was.

3 That he didn't just rely on the defendants, he  
4 relied on his CPA, he relied on his CFO, he relied on the  
5 architect, Mr. Grove. He took a tour. He had possession of  
6 the reports.

7 So the Court finds that Blanchard doesn't  
8 absolve -- doesn't provide a shield to the defendants, but  
9 that the plaintiff has not proven false statements or  
10 unjustifiable reliance. And, finally, as stated before,  
11 received just what he wanted, which was a founders share, and  
12 therefore has not proven damages.

13 The fourth cause of action, which was negligence  
14 against PCA contains the following elements, that the  
15 plaintiff must show that the defendant owed a duty of care to  
16 the plaintiff and that the breach of duty has caused  
17 plaintiff to suffer damages.

18 Now, in Nevada, the issues of negligence are  
19 factual issues decided by the trier of fact. But  
20 synthesized, it's simply that there's a duty, there's a  
21 breach, there's causation, there's legal causation, there's  
22 actual causation and there's damages.

23 In this case, negligence against PCA was a mistake  
24 and does not rise to the level of negligence. Also, once

1 again, Mr. Yount received what he asked for, a founders  
2 share, which there is no damages shown. The fourth cause of  
3 action is dismissed.

4 Fifth cause of action, conversion. The Nevada  
5 Supreme Court has defined conversion as a distinct act of  
6 dominion wrongfully exerted over another's personal property  
7 in denial of or inconsistent with his title rights therein or  
8 in derogation, exclusion or defiance of such title or rights.  
9 Conversion is not an act of general intent. The  
10 determination of whether a conversion has occurred is a  
11 question of fact. In this particular case, the documents  
12 show the money went into the project to pay off the debts.  
13 Because of that, the fifth of the cause of action is  
14 dismissed.

15 The sixth cause of action, which is punitive  
16 damages. Well, punitive damages require a finding that the  
17 conduct of the party is outrageous and beyond the pale. The  
18 evidence must be convincing by clear and convincing evidence  
19 that the defendants have been engaged in oppression, fraud,  
20 malice, express or implied, and that the plaintiff in  
21 addition to compensatory damages may seek to recover damages  
22 as -- for the sake of an example in punishing the defendants.

23 There's no evidence whatsoever that the conduct of  
24 the defendants in this case was outrageous, beyond the pale,

1 or fraudulent, and, therefore, the sixth cause of action is  
2 dismissed.

3 The seventh cause of action, securities fraud.  
4 First, under Exhibit 3, there's a disclaimer. Second,  
5 pursuant to NRS 90.530, this is not a security. Third, under  
6 Rule 4 A of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1933, this is  
7 a private placement agreement and not a security. And,  
8 therefore, the seventh cause of action is dismissed.

9 Because those actions have been dismissed against  
10 the defendant, the counterclaim by the defendant, David  
11 Marriner, against the other defendants must be dismissed as  
12 moot.

13 The defendants' counterclaim is unclean hands. In  
14 determining whether a party's improper conduct bars relief,  
15 the Nevada Supreme Court applies a two-factor test. One, the  
16 egregiousness of the misconduct at issue; and, two, the  
17 seriousness of the harm caused by the misconduct against the  
18 granting of the requested relief. And that the District  
19 Court has broad discretion in awarding damages.

20 In this case, but for the intentional interference  
21 with the contractual relations between Mosaic and Cal Neva  
22 LLC, this project would have succeeded. That is undisputed.  
23 Mr. Chaney agrees, Mr. Yount agrees, everybody agrees that  
24 money would have covered all the costs and the debts.

1           This Court has documented dozens of e-mail  
2 exchanges between Mr. Yount and the IMC and their efforts to  
3 undermine the Mosaic loan and there is no more solid evidence  
4 of that than in Exhibit 124. That deal was done. That deal  
5 had been executed. That deal was in place. Mosaic had  
6 evidenced its enthusiasm to close this deal. And yet the day  
7 that individuals from the IMC went to the Mosaic offices  
8 without the knowledge of CR, that deal was dead. And the  
9 testimony is unequivocal, there was never an attempt by the  
10 IMC to resurrect it, despite the open invitation by Mosaic to  
11 reintroduce the loan.

12           This Court finds that it was the intent of the IMC  
13 to kill this loan, divest CR from its shares on the threat of  
14 legal, civil, criminal actions for their own benefit and not  
15 the benefit of the project.

16           Indeed, if you look at the e-mails from Molly  
17 Kingston afterwards, she's reaching out saying, who is going  
18 to manage this? What's plan B? We need CR in there until  
19 such time as we find some substitutes. They had no foresight  
20 in this. It's tragic. So the counterclaim from the  
21 defendants is granted.

22           It will be the order of the Court, Ms. Clerk, that  
23 judgment is in favor of all defendants. Damages awarded  
24 against the plaintiff on behalf of Mr. Radovan, Mr. Criswell

1 of \$1.5 million each, two years' salary, management fees,  
2 lost wages, and pursuant to the contract, the operating  
3 agreement, all attorney's fees and costs. Mr. Little,  
4 Mr. Wolf, prepare the order. This Court's in recess.

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1 STATE OF NEVADA           )  
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2 County of Washoe        )

3       I, STEPHANIE KOETTING, a Certified Court Reporter of the  
4 Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in and  
5 for the County of Washoe, do hereby certify;

6       That I was present in Department No. 7 of the  
7 above-entitled Court on September 8, 2017, at the hour of  
8 9:00 a.m., and took verbatim stenotype notes of the  
9 proceedings had upon the trial in the matter of GEORGE S.  
10 YOUNT, et al., Plaintiffs, vs. CRISWELL RADOVAN, et al.,  
11 Defendants, Case No. CV16-00767, and thereafter, by means of  
12 computer-aided transcription, transcribed them into  
13 typewriting as herein appears;

14       That the foregoing transcript, consisting of pages 1  
15 through 1142, both inclusive, contains a full, true and  
16 complete transcript of my said stenotype notes, and is a  
17 full, true and correct record of the proceedings had at said  
18 time and place.

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20       DATED: At Reno, Nevada, this 13th day of October 2017.

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22                               S/s Stephanie Koetting  
23                               STEPHANIE KOETTING, CCR #207  
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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

GEORGE STUART YOUNT,  
Individually and in his Capacity as  
Owner of GEORGE YOUNT IRA,

Case No.: CV16-00767

Dept. No.: 7

Plaintiff,

vs.

CRISWELL RADOVAN, LLC, a  
Nevada limited liability company; CR  
CAL NEVA, LLC, a Nevada limited  
liability company; ROBERT  
RADOVAN; WILLIAM CRISWELL;  
CAL NEVA LODGE, LLC, a Nevada  
limited liability company; POWELL,  
COLEMAN and ARNOLD, LLP;  
DAVID MARRINER; MARRINER  
REAL ESTATE, LLC, a Nevada  
limited liability company; and DOES  
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Defendants.

**AMENDED ORDER**

On September 8, 2017, after hearing testimony and taking evidence in a seven-day bench trial, this Court dismissed Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint, dismissed the crossclaims by Defendants David Marriner and Marriner Real Estate, LLC as moot and entered judgment against Plaintiff and in favor of Defendants. In its oral ruling, the Court awarded damages on Defendants' counterclaim.

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1. WILLIAM CRISWELL (“Criswell”), is awarded \$1.5 million in compensatory damages, two years’ salary, management fees (if applicable), attorney’s fees and costs of suit;
2. ROBERT RADOVAN (“Radovan”), is awarded \$1.5 million in compensatory damages, two years’ salary, management fees (if applicable), attorney’s fees and costs of suit;
3. DAVID MARRINER; is awarded \$1.5 million in compensatory damages<sup>1</sup>, attorney’s fees and costs of suit;
4. POWELL, COLEMAN AND ARNOLD, LLP (“PCA”), is awarded its attorney’s fees and costs of suit;<sup>2</sup>
5. CRISWELL RADOVAN, LLC (Criswell Radovan), is awarded its lost Development Fees,<sup>3</sup> attorney’s fees and costs of suit;
6. CR CAL NEVA, LLC (“CR Cal Neva”), is awarded its lost Development Fees,<sup>4</sup> attorney’s fees, and costs of suit;
7. CAL NEVA LODGE, LLC, is awarded its attorney’s fees and costs of suit;<sup>5</sup>
8. MARRINER REAL ESTATE, LLC, is awarded its attorney’s fees, and costs.<sup>6</sup>

Patrick Flanagan  
PATRICK FLANAGAN  
District Judge

<sup>6</sup> Only to the extent that they are not duplicative of any award or fees to David Marriner individually.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe; that on this 15 day of September, 2017, I electronically filed the following with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

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

GEORGE STUART YOUNT, Individually and  
in his Capacity as Owner of GEORGE  
STUART YOUNT IRA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CRISWELL RADOVAN, LLC, a Nevada  
limited liability company; CR Cal Neva, LLC,  
a Nevada limited liability company; ROBERT  
RADOVAN; WILLIAM CRISWELL; CAL  
NEVA LODGE, LLC, a Nevada limited  
liability company; POWELL, COLEMAN and  
ARNOLD LLP; DAVID MARRINER;  
MARRINER REAL ESTATE, LLC, a Nevada  
limited liability company; NEW CAL-NEVA  
LODGE, LLC, a Nevada limited liability  
company; and DOES 1 through 10, Inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: CV16-00767

DEPT NO.: B7

**MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

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Defendants Criswell Radovan, LLC (Criswell Radovan), CR Cal Neva, LLC ("CR Cal Neva"), Robert Radovan ("Radovan"), William Criswell ("Criswell"), and Powell, Coleman and Arnold LLP ("PCA"), (Collectively "Defendants"), by and through their undersigned counsel, file this Motion for Summary Judgment ("Motion"), pursuant to NRCP 56, on the grounds there are no genuine issues of material fact and Defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law.<sup>1</sup>

This Motion is made and based on NRCP 56 and the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the Declaration of Robert Radovan and the depositions and documents attached as exhibits to this Motion, the pleadings and papers on file herein, and the arguments of counsel at any hearing hereof.

DATED this 28 day of June, 2017.

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## MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### I.

#### INTRODUCTION

This case involves the redevelopment of the historic Cal Neva Hotel in Lake Tahoe (the "Property"). Criswell Radovan acquired the Property in 2013 with the intent of re-opening it after a multi-million dollar renovation (the "Project"). The acquisition and renovation of the

<sup>11</sup> Cal Neva Lodge, LLC and New Cal-Neva Lodge, LLC are currently navigating through Chapter 11 reorganization in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada; therefore, this Motion is not filed with respect to these defendants.

1 Project was to be funded through conventional financing and \$20 million of equity, which  
2 equity shares were offered to investors beginning in 2014 (hereafter the "Founder Shares.").

3 The general contractor, Penta Building Group ("Penta") mobilized to the site in  
4 November 2014 and substantial completion was targeted for December 2015 – to be timed with  
5 an opening celebration on Frank Sinatra's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. By July 2015, the Project was  
6 progressing and all but \$1.5 Million of the Founder Shares had been sold. Around this time,  
7 the construction budget and schedule was being impacted by scope changes due to unforeseen  
8 construction issues, and it became necessary for the development team to sell the remaining  
9 \$1.5 million of Founder Shares. This offering was put out to prospective investors through the  
10 Project's agent and broker, David Marriner ("Mariner") of Marriner Real Estate.

11 One of these prospective investors was Plaintiff George Yount ("Plaintiff") -- a  
12 sophisticated investor from Lake Tahoe who was originally approached in 2014 about investing  
13 but was not interested at the time. Plaintiff engaged in significant due diligence in late July and  
14 early August, but then went radio silent as he navigated how to pull \$1 million out of his 401(k)  
15 to invest. Faced with deadlines, Radovan and Marriner pursued other investors and ultimately  
16 sold the last \$1.5 million Founder Share to an existing investor, Les Busick, at the end of  
17 September 2015.

18 Around the time Mr. Busick closed out the last of the Founder Shares, Plaintiff got his  
19 401(k) approval to fund an anticipated \$1 million investment in the Project. Excited to have  
20 Plaintiff part of the Project, Radovan and Marriner discussed selling Plaintiff one of CR Cal  
21 Neva's two Founder Shares.<sup>2</sup> Radovan assumed that Marriner had explained this to Plaintiff,  
22 and Marriner assumed that Radovan had told Plaintiff. Plaintiff contends, however, that he  
23 closed his purchase on October 12, 2015 believing that he was buying \$1 million of the last  
24 \$1.5 million Founder Share. Practically, there is no difference-- value or otherwise-- between  
25 the share Plaintiff thought he was purchasing and the share he purchased from CR Cal Neva.  
26 They are both Founder Shares and have the identical rights, obligations and value.  
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28 <sup>2</sup> CR Cal Neva is a limited liability company owned by Radovan and Criswell. It is a single purpose entity  
formed to develop the Project. CR Cal Neva owned \$2 million of the original \$20 million Founder Shares.

1 Although Plaintiff feigns outrage at learning he purchased one of CR Cal Neva's  
2 Founder Shares, instead of the last Founder Share purchased by Mr. Busick, this is no doubt a  
3 convenient reaction to the fact the Project subsequently fell into bankruptcy. Notably, from the  
4 moment Plaintiff bought his interest, he clearly considered himself as, and was treated by the  
5 Executive Committee as, a full founding investor. He attended Executive Committee meetings  
6 and involved himself actively in those meetings. Unfortunately, he also involved himself with  
7 a select group of investors who actively meddled in the financing efforts to try to supplant their  
8 own financing. In the spring of 2016, these investors (with Plaintiff's involvement) went behind  
9 Criswell Radovan's back and sabotaged the loan Criswell Radovan had lined up with Mosaic  
10 to fund the remaining construction. Without funding, the Project fell into bankruptcy and  
11 Plaintiff has since attempted to distance himself from his investment, including filing the instant  
12 lawsuit.

13 Each of Plaintiff's legal theories fails because he is in the identical position he would  
14 have been had he beat Mr. Busick to the finish line and purchased the last Founder Share. That  
15 is to say, Plaintiff has not been damaged as he got exactly what he bargained for -- a Founder  
16 Share in the Project.

17 Moreover, as explained herein, Plaintiff's own testimony demonstrates that his fraud  
18 and tort claims fail to satisfy the clear and convincing pleading standards. Accordingly,  
19 Defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

## 20 II.

### 21 STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED FACTS

22  
23 1. On or about February 18, 2014, Marriner met with Plaintiff about investing in  
24 the Project. See Second Amended Complaint, ¶ 13. Plaintiff was not interested at that time.  
25 See, Deposition of Plaintiff ("Plaintiff depo"), p. 55: 1-12, **Exhibit 1** hereto.

26 2. Nearly a year and a half later, in July 2015, Plaintiff was informed the last \$1.5  
27 million Founder's Share had been released. Plaintiff Depo, 77:22 – 78:9.

28 3. Plaintiff considers himself a sophisticated investor. Id. at 33:14 – 18.

4. Plaintiff is the CEO of Fortifiber Corporation, a company that supplies



1 construction materials around the world. *Id.* at 28:5 – 29:15.

2 5. Plaintiff understands how to review financial statements and to assess risks when  
3 it comes to making an investment. *Id.* at 33:22 – 34:2.

4 6. In July, 2015, Plaintiff was provided with numerous investment documents,  
5 including a Private Placement Memorandum, which discussed the speculative nature and risk  
6 of the investment. *Id.* at 221:14 – 222:21; 235:2-6. Plaintiff read and understood the risks of  
7 this type of investment and had the opportunity to have his attorney and accountant review the  
8 same. *Id.*

9 7. In addition to the “Private Placement” documents, Plaintiff was provided  
10 financial statements, construction progress reports and answers to all of the specific questions  
11 he had about the Project. *Id.* at 62-64. Importantly, the construction progress reports addressed  
12 the significant impacts that were occurring to the budget and schedule at the time due to  
13 unforeseen scope changes. *See, e.g.*, July 2015 Monthly Progress Reported, **Exhibit 2** hereto;  
14 Plaintiff depo, pp. 62-63.

15 8. As part of his due diligence, in July, 2015, Plaintiff did a 2-hour walk through  
16 of the Project with Marriner and a Penta representative, where Plaintiff was told about the  
17 ongoing changes to the Project that were impacting the budget and schedule. *Id.* at 36:22-39:20.

18 9. Although Plaintiff knew the schedule was being compressed by scope changes,  
19 which were also already affecting the budget, he admittedly never asked any specifics about  
20 either prior to investing. *Id.* at 144.

21 10. Plaintiff did, however, speak with the Project’s architect, Peter Grove, who he  
22 knew well – in fact, Peter Grove was Plaintiff’s architect on one of his residence remodels. *Id.*  
23 at 47; 81.

24 11. Plaintiff asked Peter Grove how he would rate the Project’s chance of success,  
25 and was told “pretty good.” *Id.* at 135-136. Peter Grove told Plaintiff the Project was in fund  
26 raising mode, with construction costs exceeding budget and they were trying to get their arms  
27 around those increasing costs. *Id.* at 135-36.  
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1           12. Plaintiff believes Peter Grove was honest with him and would not misrepresent  
2 facts about the Project's costs or schedule. Id. at 201.

3           13. Prior to investing, Plaintiff admittedly did not ask for anything that he was not  
4 given. Id. at 155:1-3.

5           14. Importantly, Plaintiff had his CPA review all this documentation and assist him  
6 with his due diligence. Id. at 34:7-15; 120:20-23. Radovan also timely responded to questions  
7 from Plaintiff's CPA. Id. at 155:22 – 156:2. Plaintiff's CPA told him this seemed like a good  
8 project. Id. at 123:19-23.

9           15. In late July, 2015, Plaintiff made notes of his due diligence. See, Note, **Exhibit**  
10 **3** hereto; Plaintiff Depo. at 148-149. These notes confirm Plaintiff's understanding that the  
11 construction budget was at least \$10 million over budget from what was represented in the  
12 Private Placement Memoranda. Id. at 149:21-25. Plaintiff's notes also confirm his  
13 understanding that the developer, CR Cal Neva, owned \$2 million of Founder Shares. Id. at  
14 150:1-6. Additionally, as of late July, Plaintiff understood the full opening was being pushed  
15 back to April 2016. See, Exhibit 3 and Plaintiff Depo., p. 152:16-19.

16           16. Plaintiff was seeking to fund his potential investment through his 401(k), which  
17 he admits took a lot of time. Id. at 230:24-231:5.

18           17. During this time, in August 2015, Plaintiff was told the soft opening was being  
19 pushed back even further, to March 2016, with a grand opening on Father's Day, 2016. Id. at  
20 159:14-25.

21           18. Les Busick, one of the original investors and a member of the Project's  
22 Executive Committee, purchased the last \$1.5 million Founder Share at the end of September  
23 2015. See, Deposition of Robert Radovan, p. 71:7-9, **Exhibit 4**.

24           19. Radovan spoke to Marriner and told him that if Plaintiff was still interested in  
25 investing, CR Cal Neva would sell him one of its \$1 million Founder Shares. See Radovan  
26 Dep., p. 75:12-23; 91:9-19; 92:14-18. Radovan believed Marriner informed Plaintiff of this  
27 fact. Id. at 74:16-23. Plaintiff has no evidence to the contrary. Plaintiff Dep., at 14:21-15:18.  
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1           20. In fact, on October 1, 2015 -- after Mr. Busick closed out the last \$1.5 million  
2 Founder Share, Marriner sent Plaintiff wiring instructions to Criswell Radovan's bank account.  
3 See, Plaintiff Depo., p. 168-69.

4           21. On October 10, 2015 -- two days before Plaintiff invested, Radovan responded  
5 by email to Plaintiff's request for a schedule update, reaffirming that a soft opening was  
6 scheduled in Spring with grand opening on Father's Day 2016. Id. 170, 207-08.

7           22. On October 12, 2015, Plaintiff signed and delivered a Subscription Agreement  
8 and wired his \$1 million to the trust account of PCA-- the developer's attorney. See, Amended  
9 Complaint, p. 20.

10           23. PCA -- believing Plaintiff was buying one of CR Cal Neva's shares -- sent the  
11 funds to CR Cal Neva. See, Deposition of Bruce Coleman, p. 35:24-36:6, **Exhibit 5** hereto. In  
12 fact, PCA did not have the escrow instructions or Subscription Agreement that Plaintiff  
13 executed which forms the basis for his negligence cause of action. Id. at 34:8-21; 36:18-37:4;  
14 37:25-38:3. PCA's only instructions were to send the money to Criswell Radovan, which made  
15 sense since everyone (except allegedly Plaintiff) believed Plaintiff was buying one of CR Cal  
16 Neva's Founder Shares.

17           24. Plaintiff claims he first learned he had purchased one of CR Cal Neva's  
18 Founding Shares in January, 2016. See, Second Amended Complaint, p. 23. Prior to investing,  
19 Plaintiff says nobody told him Mr. Busick had purchased the last \$1.5 million Founder's Share.  
20 Plaintiff depo., pp. 80, 90.

21           25. Plaintiff also claims that, in December 2015, he learned for the first time that:

- 22           a. the project was substantially over budget (Plaintiff depo., pp. 84-85); and  
23           b. it was not going to open in December, 2015 because of construction delays (Id.  
24 at 84-85).

25           26. As shown above, and explained in more detail below, this allegation is belied by  
26 the undisputed evidence in this case, including Plaintiff's own testimony.  
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summary judgment on appeal). To rebut a motion for partial summary judgment, Plaintiff must present admissible evidence that demonstrates that genuine issues of material fact remain in dispute. *Posadas v. City of Reno*, 109 Nev. 448, 851 P.2d 438 (1993); *Bartmettler v. Reno Air*, 114, 956 P.2d 1382 (1998). Plaintiff cannot rebut Defendants' motion on "gossamer wings of whimsy, speculation, and conjecture . . ." or by establishing the "slightest doubt" as to the operative facts. *D.*; *Wood v. Safeway, Inc.*, 121 Nev. 724, 121 P.3d 1026 (2005)(abrogating the "slightest doubt" standard regarding motions for summary judgment). Because there are no material issues of fact left for trial, as set forth below, the Court should grant summary judgment to Defendants.

**B. Summary Judgment Is Appropriate Since Plaintiff Is In The Same Position He Would Have Been Had He Bought From The Last \$1.5 Million Founders' Share**

The thrust of Plaintiff's lawsuit is that he thought he was buying part of the last \$1.5 million Founder's Share that Les Busick ultimately took before Plaintiff could get his funding in place. *See*, Plaintiff Depo., at 43:13-18. Fundamental to each of Plaintiff's causes of action is causation and damages -- neither of which Plaintiff can prove since CR Cal Neva's Founder's Share has the identical rights, obligations and value as the Founder's Share Plaintiff thought he was purchasing. *See*, Radovan Declaration, filed concurrently herewith.

In fact, Plaintiff admitted as follows:

Q. Are the rights and obligations of those two Founders Shares any different to your knowledge?

A. I don't know. I never saw any documentation on that.

Plaintiff Depo., at 105:19-25

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Q. Do you have any evidence that the value of that founding share is any different than a founding share purchased from CR Cal-Neva?

A. I think they are both worth zero.

Plaintiff Depo., at 107:24-108:2.

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1 Q. Can you explain how you believe you've been damages in this  
2 lawsuit?

3 A. First of all, because my money was not put where the escrow  
4 instruction I agreed to said it would go. Do you want other--

5 Q. Yeah, any other reasons you believe you've been damaged?

6 A. As I told you, I think it totally disvalues the Project that they  
7 took the money personally and took it out of the Project, and I  
8 still don't think it implies that they took the money to get as  
9 much out of the Project as they could before it went broke. I  
10 think they could see the handwriting on the wall.

11 Q. And that's just your own personal opinion, you don't have  
12 specific facts or evidence of that?

13 A. Been through that a dozen times, yes, that's correct.

14 Id. at 125:12 – 126:3.

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16 Q. Do you have any evidence that Criswell Radovan sold you one  
17 of their shares because they knew the Project was in trouble?

18 A. No. It just seems obvious to me.

19 Id. at 93:18 – 21:3; 105:1-17 (admitting he has no evidence Defendants intended to  
20 sell their shares because Project was failing.)

21 The bottom line is Plaintiff got exactly what he bargained for-- a Founder's Share in the  
22 Project. Plaintiff would be in the exact position he is now had he beat Les Busick to purchase  
23 the remaining \$1.5 million Founder's Share. Accordingly, Plaintiff has not been damaged and  
24 his claims should be dismissed.

### 25 C. Plaintiff Cannot Prove His Fraud-Based Claims, Including Punitive 26 Damages

27 To establish a claim for fraud, a plaintiff must prove that (1) a false representation was  
28 made by the defendant; (2) defendant's knowledge or belief that its representation was false or  
that defendant had an insufficient basis of information for making the representation; (3)  
defendant intended to induce plaintiff to act or refrain from acting upon the misrepresentation;  
and (4) damage to the plaintiff as a result of relying on the misrepresentation. *Barmettler v.*

1 *Reno Air, Inc.*, 114 Nev. 441, 446–47, 956 P.2d 1382, 1386 (1998); *Bulbman Inc. v. Nevada*  
 2 *Bell*, 108 Nev. 105, 110–11, 825 P.2d 588, 592 (1992); *Lubbe v. Barba*, 91 Nev. 596, 599, 540  
 3 P.2d 115, 117 (1975).

4 The plaintiff has the burden of proving each and every element of his claim by clear and  
 5 convincing evidence. *Id.* Further, “[w]here an essential element of a claim for relief is absent,  
 6 the facts, disputed or otherwise, as to other elements are rendered immaterial and summary  
 7 judgment is proper.” *Bulbman*, 108 Nev. at 111, 825 P.2d at 592.

8 “[A] representation which later proved to be technically in error, [does] not establish[]  
 9 in the record by clear and convincing evidence that” the defendant knew the representation was  
 10 false. *Lubbe*, 91 Nev. at 599.

11 Damages alleged must be proximately caused by reliance on the misrepresentation or  
 12 omission. *Nelson v. Heer*, 123 Nev. 217, 225, 163 P.3d 420 (2007). Proximate cause limits  
 13 liability to foreseeable consequences that are reasonably connected to both the defendant's  
 14 misrepresentation or omission and the harm that the misrepresentation or omission created. *Id.*  
 15 at 225-226.

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 17 **i. Fraud and Punitive Damage Claims Against Criswell Fail as a Matter of**  
 18 **Law**

19 As a threshold matter, Plaintiff has asserted fraud and punitive damages against Criswell  
 20 and Radovan in their individual capacities, in addition to asserting those claims against their  
 21 entities. *See*, Second Amended Complaint, third, sixth and seventh causes of action. These  
 22 claims must fail against Criswell as Plaintiff admitted in his deposition that he never met, spoke  
 23 to or communicated with Criswell prior to making his investment. *See* Plaintiff Depo, at 58:13  
 24 – 59:1; 80:17-22. It goes without saying that if Plaintiff never spoke with Criswell he could not  
 25 have been defrauded by Criswell. Thus, Plaintiff cannot prove any of the elements of his fraud  
 26 or punitive damage claims against Criswell individually, much less by clear and convincing  
 27 evidence.  
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1           **ii. Plaintiff's Claim That the Project Was More Over-budget Than**  
 2           **Represented**

3           Plaintiff's fraud claims also fail against all of the Defendants for substantive reasons.

4           Plaintiff first contends he was defrauded because the Project was more over-budget than  
 5 represented by Marriner and Radovan. Plaintiff Depo., pp. 71-72; 84-85. Specifically, Plaintiff  
 6 testified he was led to believe the Project was \$5-6 Million over budget. *Id.*, at 72. Plaintiff's  
 7 own testimony, however, shows he really knew the Project was at least \$10 million over budget.  
 8 *Id.*, at 149:17-25. Importantly, Plaintiff has no evidence the Project was more overbudget than  
 9 this when he made his investment:

10                   Q.   What information or evidence do you have that the Project was  
 11                       substantially overbudget as of the date you made your  
                       investment?

12                   A.   No firm knowledge.

13           *Id.* at 88:11-14.

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15                   Q.   Do you have any information how much more overbudget the  
 16                       Project was when you made your investment than was  
                       represented to you?

17                   A.   No..

18                   Q.   Have you attempted to ascertain that number?

19                   A.   No

20                   Q.   Do you have a ballpark?

21                   A.   No. It would strictly be a guess.

22           *Id.* at 72:11-19. Thus, Plaintiff cannot prove by clear and convincing evidence that  
 23 Defendants misrepresented the budget.

24           Moreover, Plaintiff admittedly cannot prove intent to induce reliance.

25                   Q.   Do you have any information at the time Mr. Radovan made  
 26                       these representations to you that he knew the costs on the  
 27                       project would exceed this Nine Million Dollars?

28                   A.   No.

*Id.* at 76:1-5; *See also*, p. 89:4-8 and 100:5-10.



1                   **iii. Plaintiff's Claim Regarding Schedule Delays**

2           Plaintiff also claims he was misled about the date the Project would open. Specifically,  
3 he says he knew it was not going to open by December, 2015, but says this was because of  
4 concerns over lack of tourism in the winter -- not because of construction delays. *Id.* at 84-85.  
5 This claim must also fail.

6           In fact, two days before Plaintiff invested, Radovan told him by email the soft opening  
7 was in spring and grand opening Father's Day, 2016. *Id.* at 207-08. This email says nothing  
8 about tourism or weather. *Id.* at 232:17-21. Plaintiff admittedly has no evidence to believe this  
9 statement was false when made. *Id.* at 169:16-170:16; 207:5-208:16.

10                   **iv. Plaintiff's Claim the Defendants Knew and Misrepresented the Financial**  
11                   **Health of the Project When He Invested. *Id.* at 85.**

12           Plaintiff also contends Defendants knew and misrepresented the financial health of the  
13 Project when he invested. *Id.* At 85. Although similar to his claim that the Project was more  
14 overbudget, Plaintiff adds that Defendants sold their share to him because they knew the Project  
15 was failing. When pressed, however, Plaintiff admitted he had no evidence to support this:

16                   Q.   Do you have any evidence that Criswell Radovan sold you one  
17                   of their shares because they knew the Project was in trouble?

18                   A.   No. It just seems obvious to me.

19           *Id.* at 93:18-21; 105:8-18. This falls far short of the clear and convincing evidence  
20 standard.

21                   **v. Plaintiff's Claim That Defendants Misrepresented Financing**

22           Plaintiff's fraud and punitive damage claims are also predicated on the allegation that  
23 Defendants made misrepresentations about the refinancing that was being pursued before he  
24 invested. *See*, Second Amended Complaint, ¶ 35 and 51. Plaintiff has no evidence to back this  
25 up:

26                   Q.   Do you have any information that as of the date that you made  
27                   your investment, that a refinancing that a refinancing of the six  
28                   million mezz with a 15 Million dollar loan wasn't in place or  
                    imminent?

                    A.   At the time of my investment, no, I did not know that.

1 Q. No, do you have any information that it was not in place or  
2 imminent?

3 A. No.

4 *Id.* at 110:15-23; 202:14-20.

5 **vi. Plaintiff's Claim About Defendants' Development Experience.**

6 Plaintiff's Complaint references misrepresentations about Defendants' track record of  
7 developing similar projects. *See*, Second Amended Comp., ¶ 51. When pressed, he admitted  
8 Marriner only mentioned one prior project, which he could not remember any details, and he  
9 did nothing to investigate this or any other prior projects. Plaintiff Depo., p. 60:25-61:25. This  
10 hardly satisfies any fraud elements.

11 In summary, Plaintiff cannot prove fraud and punitive damages against any of the  
12 Defendants.

13 **D. Plaintiff's Second and Fourth Causes of Action Against PCY Fail as Well**

14 Plaintiff contends PCY breached its duties to him by releasing his funds to Criswell  
15 Radovan. This claim fails because PCY understood and believed Plaintiff was buying one of  
16 CR Cal Neva's shares, and Plaintiff admitted he has no evidence to the contrary. Plaintiff  
17 Depo., 118:7-15. In fact, PCY did not have the escrow instructions that Plaintiff says were  
18 breached. Coleman Depo., pp. 34-37. PCY followed the only instructions it had, which was to  
19 send the money to Criswell Radovan for a purchase of its shares.

20 **E. Plaintiff's Breach of Contract Claim Fails**

21 Finally, Plaintiff testified he understood his contract to be with Cal Neva Lodge, LLC –  
22 a bankrupt Defendant subject to an automatic stay. *Id.*, at 102. Accordingly, contract claims  
23 against the other Defendants must fail.

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## IV.

## CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Defendants are entitled to summary judgment.

DATED this 28 day of June 2017.

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10 **THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE**  
11 **COUNTY OF WASHOE**

13 GEORGE STUART YOUNT, Individually and  
14 in his Capacity as Owner of GEORGE  
STUART YOUNT IRA,

CASE NO.: CV16-00767

DEPT NO.: B7

15 Plaintiff,

16 vs.

17 CRISWELL RADOVAN, LLC, a Nevada  
18 limited liability company; CR Cal Neva, LLC,  
19 a Nevada limited liability company; ROBERT  
20 RADOVAN; WILLIAM CRISWELL; CAL  
21 NEVA LODGE, LLC, a Nevada limited  
22 liability company; POWELL, COLEMAN and  
23 ARNOLD LLP; DAVID MARRINER;  
MARRINER REAL ESTATE, LLC, a Nevada  
limited liability company; NEW CAL-NEVA  
LODGE, LLC, a Nevada limited liability  
company; and DOES 1 through 10, Inclusive,

Defendants.

24 **DEFENDANTS' PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**  
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1 Defendants Criswell Radovan, LLC (Criswell Radovan), CR Cal Neva, LLC ("CR Cal  
2 Neva"), Robert Radovan ("Radovan"), William Criswell ("Criswell"), and Powell, Coleman and  
3 Arnold LLP (PCA), (Collectively "Defendants"), by and through their undersigned counsel,  
4 respectfully submit their Proposed Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law.

5 **PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

6 1. Criswell Radovan is a real estate development firm with decades of experience  
7 developing large, significant commercial projects, such as Four Seasons hotel in Dublin, the  
8 Calistoga Ranch in Napa Valley, and other high rise commercial properties.

9 2. Criswell Radovan purchased the historic Cal Neva Hotel in Lake Tahoe in 2013  
10 with the intent of re-opening it after a multi-million dollar renovation.

11 3. The Project was to be funded through conventional financing and \$20 Million of  
12 equity, which equity shares were offered to investors beginning in 2014 (the "Founder's Shares").

13 4. On or about February 18, 2014, Marriner met with Plaintiff about investing in the  
14 Project. See Second Amended Complaint, ¶ 13. Plaintiff was not interested at that time.

15 5. The general contractor, Penta Building Group ("Penta") mobilized to the site in  
16 November 2014 an substantial completion was initially targeted for December 2015 -- to be timed  
17 with an opening celebration on Frank Sinatra's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

18 6. By July 2015, the Project was progressing and all but \$1.5 Million of the  
19 Founders' Shares had been sold.

20 7. Around this time, the construction budget and schedule was being impacted by  
21 scope changes due to unforeseen construction issues, like code upgrades that became apparent  
22 after construction conditions were exposed during construction.

23 8. Because of impacts to the budget, it became necessary to sell the remaining \$1.5  
24 Million Founders' Share to help balance the loan and satisfy the lender.

25 9. This offering was put out to prospective investors through the Project's agent and  
26 broker, David Marriner ("Marriner") of Marriner Real Estate.  
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1           10.     One of the prospective investors was Plaintiff.

2           11.     In July 2015, Plaintiff was informed the last \$1.5 million Founders' Share had  
3 been released.

4           12.     Plaintiff considers himself a sophisticated investor.

5           13.     Plaintiff is the CEO of Fortifiber Corporation, a company that supplies  
6 construction materials around the world.

7           14.     Plaintiff understands how to review financial statements and to assess risks when  
8 it comes to making an investment.

9           15.     In July, 2015, Plaintiff was provided with numerous investment documents,  
10 including a Private Placement Memorandum, which discussed the speculative nature and risk of  
11 the investment. Plaintiff read and understood the risks of this type of investment and had the  
12 opportunity to have his attorney and accountant review the same.

13           16.     In addition to the "Private Placement" documents, Plaintiff was provided financial  
14 statements, construction progress reports and answers to all of the specific questions he and his  
15 accountant had about the Project. Importantly, the construction progress reports addressed in  
16 detail the significant impacts that were occurring to the budget and schedule at the time due to  
17 unforeseen scope changes. See, e.g., July 2015 Monthly Progress Reported.

18           17.     As part of his due diligence, in July, 2015, Plaintiff did a 2-hour walk through of  
19 the Project with Marriner and a Penta representative, where Plaintiff was told about the ongoing  
20 changes to the Project that were impacting the budget and schedule and had the opportunity to  
21 have any questions he may have answered by Perna.

22           18.     Although Plaintiff knew the schedule was being compressed by scope changes,  
23 which were also already affecting the budget, he admittedly never asked any specifics about  
24 either prior to investing.

25           19.     Plaintiff did, however, speak with the Project's architect, Peter Grove, who he  
26 knew well – in fact, Peter Grove was Plaintiff's architect on one of his residence remodels.  
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1           20.     Plaintiff asked Peter Grove how he would rate the Project's chance of success,  
2 and was told "pretty good." Peter Grove told Plaintiff the Project was in fund raising mode, with  
3 construction costs exceeding budget and they were trying to get their arms around those  
4 increasing costs.

5           21.     Significantly, Peter Grove had detailed knowledge about all of the pending and  
6 proposed changes to the budget and schedule. In fact, as the Project Architect, he reviewed and  
7 signed off on all change orders.

8           22.     Plaintiff believes Peter Grove was honest with him and would not misrepresent  
9 facts about the Project's costs or schedule.

10          23.     Prior to investing, Plaintiff admittedly did not ask for anything that he was not  
11 given.

12          24.     Importantly, Plaintiff had his CPA review all this documentation and assist him  
13 with his due diligence. Plaintiff admits that Radovan timely responded to questions from his  
14 CPA. Plaintiff's CPA told him this seemed like a good project.

15          25.     In late July, 2015, Plaintiff made notes of his due diligence. These notes confirm  
16 Plaintiff's understanding that the construction budget was going to be at least \$10 million over  
17 budget from what was represented in the Private Placement Memoranda – double what he now  
18 claims he knew when he invested. Plaintiff's notes also confirm his understanding that the  
19 developer, CR Cal Neva, owned \$2 million of Founder Shares. Additionally, as of late July,  
20 Plaintiff understood the full opening was being pushed back to April 2016.

21          26.     Plaintiff was seeking to fund his potential investment through his 401(k), which  
22 took several months. During this time, Defendants did not know whether Plaintiff was going to  
23 invest.

24          27.     During Plaintiff's hiatus, in August 2015, Plaintiff was told the soft opening was  
25 being pushed back even further, to March 2016, with a grand opening on Father's Day, 2016.

26          28.     Given the demands of the Project, and the fact Plaintiff could not commit to  
27 investing, Criswell Radovan had to move forward with other funding alternatives. Les Busick,  
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1 one of the original investors and a member of the Project's Executive Committee, purchased the  
2 last \$1.5 million Founder Share at the end of September 2015. Notably, Les Busick decided to  
3 make this significant additional investment after walking the Project with Penta and going over  
4 all of the anticipated cost overruns.

5 29. When Radovan learned that Plaintiff still wanted to invest, Radovan spoke to  
6 Marriner and told him that CR Cal Neva would sell Plaintiff one of its \$1 million Founder Shares.  
7 Radovan believed Marriner informed Plaintiff of this fact, but Marriner says he believed that  
8 Radovan informed Plaintiff of this fact. Plaintiff has no evidence to the contrary.

9 30. On October 1, 2015 -- after Mr. Busick closed out the last \$1.5 million Founder  
10 Share, Marriner sent Plaintiff wiring instructions to Criswell Radovan's bank account.

11 31. On October 2, 2015, Criswell Radovan's assistant, Heather Hill, who had stepped  
12 into a role formerly filled by an attorney who had recently left the company, informed the  
13 company's outside legal counsel, Bruce Coleman, that Plaintiff was going to buy one of CR Cal  
14 Neva's Founding Shares, and they wanted to use his firm's trust account to process the  
15 transaction. *See* October 2, 2015 e-mail. This e-mail demonstrates that Ms. Hill was unclear  
16 about the documentation needed to document this purchase.

17 32. On October 6, 2015, Bruce Coleman responded that he had not yet received the  
18 \$1 Million investment from Plaintiff. He also informed Ms. Hill that the Operating Agreement  
19 required the approval by Members holding at least 67% interest in the company of this sale of  
20 CR Cal Neva's interest to the Plaintiff. Ms. Hill subsequently informed Mr. Coleman that the  
21 company had approval to sell one of its shares. Indeed, it was well known from the operative  
22 Member documents that CR Cal Neva had the authority and planned to sell one of its two  
23 Founders' Shares. *See, e.g.*, Private Placement Memorandum (demonstrating CR would reinvest  
24 \$1 Million -- not \$2 Million -- as their investment in the Project); Amended and Restated  
25 Operating Agreement, Section 7.4 (also reaffirming that CR would be required to maintain a \$1  
26 Million investment in the project); Promissory Note dated 9/30/14, Section 22, stating that the  
27 developers shall not have less than \$1 Million equity); 4/24/14 (Cal Neva funding status);  
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1 (confirming CR could reduce its equity from \$2 Million to \$1 Million if someone wanted to buy  
2 one of its shares).

3 33. On October 10, 2015 -- two days before Plaintiff invested, Radovan responded by  
4 email to Plaintiff's request for a schedule update, reaffirming that a soft opening was scheduled  
5 in Spring with grand opening on Father's Day 2016.

6 34. On October 12, 2015, Plaintiff signed and delivered a Subscription Agreement to  
7 Heather Hill and caused his \$1 million to be wired to the trust account of PCA.

8 35. On October 13, 2015, Radovan signed the Acceptance of Subscription on behalf  
9 of Cal Neva Lodge, LLC. Radovan signed this document under the mistaken belief that it was  
10 documenting the transaction between CR Cal Neva and Plaintiff.

11 36. PCA -- believing Plaintiff was buying one of CR Cal Neva's shares -- followed  
12 the only instructions it had been given and sent the funds to CR Cal Neva. In fact, PCA did not  
13 have the escrow instructions or Subscription Agreement that Plaintiff executed. PCA's only  
14 instructions were to send the money to Criswell Radovan, which made sense since everyone  
15 (except allegedly Plaintiff) believed Plaintiff was buying one of CR Cal Neva's Founder Shares.

16 37. Criswell Radovan used the majority of Plaintiff's investment to satisfy Project  
17 debts.

18 38. Plaintiff claims he first learned he had purchased one of CR Cal Neva's Founding  
19 Shares in January, 2016. See, Second Amended Complaint, p. 23. Prior to investing, Plaintiff  
20 says nobody told him Mr. Busick had purchased the last \$1.5 million Founder's Share.

21 39. Plaintiff also claims that, in December 2015, he learned for the first time that:

22 a. the project was more than \$5 - \$6 Million overbudget; and

23 b. it was not going to open in December, 2015 because of construction delays.

24 40. As shown above, and explained in more detail below, this allegation is belied by  
25 the undisputed evidence in this case, including Plaintiff's own testimony. In fact, the change  
26 orders and pay applications on the Project show that costs were less than \$10 Million over budget  
27 by the time Plaintiff made his investment, and considerably less during the July time period when  
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1 Plaintiff was doing his due diligence and communicating with Marriner and Radovan. This is  
2 consistent with the cost overruns Plaintiff's own notes show he understood to be imminent prior  
3 to investing.

4 41. Yount is unaware of any financial improprieties in the Project and hasn't  
5 identified any.

6 42. There is no information provided by Defendants to Yount which Defendants knew  
7 or believed to be false.

8 43. Moreover, CR Cal Neva's Founder's Share has the identical rights, obligations  
9 and value as the Founder's Share Plaintiff says he thought he was purchasing.

10 44. There is no evidence that the membership interest Yount received is materially  
11 different from the one he sold. Any assertion to this effect is speculative.

12 45. Notably, from the moment Plaintiff bought his interest, he clearly considered  
13 himself as, and was treated by the Executive Committee as, a full founding investor. He even  
14 requested a note be made to acknowledge his investment which was done but he refused to sign.  
15 He attended Executive Committee meetings and involved himself actively in those meetings. He  
16 also involved himself with a select group of investors who actively meddled in the financing  
17 efforts to try to supplant their own financing. In the spring of 2016, these investors (with  
18 Plaintiff's involvement) went behind Criswell Radovan's back and sabotaged the loan Criswell  
19 Radovan had lined up with Mosaic to fund the remaining construction.  
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21 46. Yount was aware of the interference when it occurred.

22 47. Yount's alleged damages result in whole or in part from the interference in the  
23 Mosaic loan.

24 48. Without funding, the Project fell into bankruptcy and Plaintiff has since attempted  
25 to distance himself from his investment, including filing the instant lawsuit.  
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**PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM FOR RELIEF****Breach of Contract**

49. Plaintiff claims that Criswell Radovan, CR Cal Neva, Cal Neva Lodge, LLC and New Cal Neva Lodge, LLC breached the Subscription Agreement because his \$1 Million was not deposited into the account of Cal Neva Lodge, LLC.

50. Cal Neva Lodge, LLC and New Cal Neva Lodge, LLC are in bankruptcy and the automatic stay applies to them.

51. Plaintiff has admitted, and the Subscription Agreement demonstrates, that his contract was with Cal Neva Lodge, LLC – an entity that is currently subject to Chapter 11 protections. CR Cal Neva, LLC and Criswell Radovan, LLC are not parties to the contract, and therefore, cannot legally breach said contract. Indeed, fundamental to a breach of contract claim is a valid and existing contract between the Plaintiff and the Defendant. *See Calloway v. City of Reno*, 116 Nev. 250, 993 P.2d 1259 (2000). Moreover, Plaintiff is essentially seeking a rescission of this contract, but he cannot do that against non-parties to the contract. His recourse is to request a lift of stay from the Bankruptcy Court to pursue his cause of action against Cal Neva Lodge, LLC, which is currently not subject to this Court's jurisdiction.

52. Plaintiff is not entitled to recover under his first cause of action.

**PLAINTIFF'S SECOND AND FOURTH CAUSES OF ACTION****Breach of Duty and Negligence Against PCA**

53. Plaintiff contends PCA breached its duties to him by releasing his funds to Criswell Radovan.

54. Plaintiff contends PCA breached its duties to him by releasing his funds to Criswell Radovan. This claim fails because PCA understood and believed Plaintiff was buying one of CR Cal Neva's shares, and Plaintiff admitted he has no evidence to the contrary. In fact, PCA did not have the escrow instructions that Plaintiff says were breached. PCA followed the only instructions it had, which was to send the money to Criswell Radovan for a purchase of its shares.

1           55. Plaintiff is not entitled to recovery under his Second and Fourth Causes of Action.

2                   **PLAINTIFF'S THIRD, SIXTH AND SEVENTH CAUSES OF ACTION**

3                           **Fraud and Punitive Damages**

4           56. Plaintiff has not met his heavy burden of proving fraud and punitive damages by  
5 clear and convincing evidence.

6           57. Plaintiff's fraud-based claims against Criswell fail as Plaintiff admitted that he  
7 never met, spoke to or communicated with Criswell prior to making his investment. Plaintiff's  
8 first dealings with Criswell was several months after he made his investment.

9           58. Plaintiff contends he was defrauded because the Project was more over-budget  
10 than represented by Marriner and Radovan. Specifically, Plaintiff testified he was led to believe  
11 the Project was only \$5-6 Million over budget. Plaintiff's own testimony, however, shows he  
12 really knew the Project was at least \$10 million over budget, which is consistent with the status  
13 of cost overruns when Plaintiff invested. Plaintiff has no evidence the Project was more  
14 overbudget than this when he made his investment: Thus, Plaintiff cannot prove by clear and  
15 convincing evidence that Defendants misrepresented the budget.

16           59. Moreover, Plaintiff admittedly cannot prove intent to induce reliance, as he cannot  
17 prove that when Radovan and Marriner made these representations to him that they knew the  
18 costs on the project would exceed \$10 Million.

19           60. Plaintiff also claims he was misled about the date the Project would open.  
20 Specifically, he says he knew it was not going to open by December, 2015, but says this was  
21 because of concerns over lack of tourism in the winter -- not because of construction delays. This  
22 claim must also fail.

23           61. In fact, two days before Plaintiff invested, Radovan told him by email the soft  
24 opening was in Spring and grand opening Father's Day, 2016. This email says nothing about  
25 tourism or weather. Plaintiff admittedly has no evidence to believe this statement was false when  
26 made.  
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## Conversion

## Damages

66. Fundamental to each of Plaintiff's causes of action is causation and damages -- neither of which Plaintiff has proven since CR Cal Neva's Founders' Share has the identical rights, obligations and value as the Founders' Share Plaintiff thought he was purchasing. Thus, Plaintiff would be in the exact position he is now had he beat Les Busick to purchase the remaining \$1.5 Million Founders' Share.



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1 RENO, NEVADA, September 6, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

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4 THE COURT: Mr. Yount, you remain under oath.  
5 Mr. Little, your witness. I believe we were on Exhibit 122,  
6 the e-mail to Paul Jamieson.

7 MR. LITTLE: Thank you, your Honor.

8 BY MR. LITTLE:

9 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Yount.

10 A. Good afternoon, Mr. Little.

11 Q. Before we circle back to where we left off, I want  
12 to talk about one issue. You can look at Exhibit 46, if you  
13 want to refresh your memory, but would you agree with me that  
14 you wanted to revoke your purchase before you even discovered  
15 that you had bought one of CR Cal Neva's shares?

16 A. I was very upset on December 12th, when I heard  
17 what disaster the project was.

18 Q. Right. And at that point in time, you wanted out?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So you wanted to revoke your purchase and get your  
21 money back?

22 A. Revoke, I wanted my money back, because I thought  
23 it was fraudulently sold to me under false pretenses.

24 Q. And that was based on revelations you say you

1 learned at the December meeting?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And that's the same meeting we talked about where  
4 the IMC folks were stationed around the room?

5 A. I never saw that.

6 Q. They were there making accusations against --

7 A. I recall them making accusations, yes.

8 Q. They led that charge, right?

9 A. I don't know if they led it.

10 Q. Let's circle back to where we left off last week.  
11 Before we do that, I want to summarize for everyone's benefit  
12 what I understood to be your testimony. First, I understood  
13 you to testify that since the end of January when you learned  
14 that CR Cal Neva had sold you one of its shares, you haven't  
15 held yourself out as an investor in the project, is that  
16 correct?

17 A. Well, I was told I wasn't an investor in the  
18 project.

19 Q. From that point forward, you didn't hold yourself  
20 out as an investor?

21 A. I attended meetings until I filed lawsuit, and at  
22 that point, I had given up on them buying out my share and I  
23 no longer attended any meetings.

24 Q. Do you have your deposition in front of you?

1           A.     I don't believe I do.

2           MR. LITTLE:   May I approach, your Honor?   Thank  
3 you.   May I approach the witness, your Honor?

4           THE COURT:   You may.

5 BY MR. LITTLE:

6           Q.     Let's go to page 53 of your deposition.

7           A.     Yes, Mr. Little.

8           Q.     I'm going to read from line 22 on 53 over to the  
9 first line.

10          A.     22?

11          Q.     Yes.

12          A.     Okay.

13          Q.     Sir, I asked you the question, and since the end  
14 of January when you learned what Criswell Radovan or CR  
15 Nevada intended to sell you, you haven't held yourself out as  
16 an investor in the project?   Next page, answer, correct.   Did  
17 I read that correctly?

18          A.     Yes.

19          Q.     I also understood from your testimony that you  
20 distanced yourself from the IMC folks and played no role in  
21 their effort to torpedo the loan?

22          MR. CAMPBELL:   Objection, I think it  
23 mischaracterizes the testimony.

24          THE COURT:   Mr. Little.