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1 **DECC** LAW OFFICES OF F. PETER JAMES, ESQ. F. Peter James, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 10091 3 Peter@PeterJamesLaw.com 3821 West Charleston Boulevard, Suite 250 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 4 702-256-0087 702-256-0145 (fax) 5 Counsel for Plaintiff 6 DISTRICT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION 7 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 8 WILLIAM DIMONACO, CASE NO. : D-16-539340-C DEPT. NO.: Q 9 Plaintiff, **DECREE OF CUSTODY** 10 VS. 11 ADRIANA DAVINA FERRANDO, 12 Defendant. Hearing Date: June 21, 2017 Hearing Time: 1:30 p.m. 13 14 This matter came before the Court on the 21st day of June, 2017 for a Non-15 Jury Trial. F. Peter James, Esq. appeared with Plaintiff, William DiMonaco (hereinafter "Dad"). Steven M. Altig, Esq. appeared with Defendant, Adriana 16 17 Ferrando (hereinafter "Mom"). The Honorable Bryce C. Duckworth presided 18 over the matter. 19 The parties had numerous stipulations, but requested that the Court decide 20 several matters. Non-Trial Dispositions: 1 of 13 Settled/Withdrawn: ☐ Dismissed - Wart of Prosecution ☐ Involuntary (Statutory) Dismissal ☐ Without Judicial Conf/Hrg ☐ With Judicia Conf/Hrg OCT 12 2017

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Judgment Reached by Trial

Trial Dispositions:

**Docket 74696** 

The Court, having read the papers and pleadings on file herein, having heard argument, having heard from the parties, having heard from third parties in the courtroom, having heard the stipulations of the parties, being well advised in the premises, and for sufficient cause shown, hereby finds and orders as follows:

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that Dad is now and has been an actual bona fide resident of the State of Nevada and has actually been domiciled in the State of Nevada for more than six weeks prior to the commencement of this action.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that it has complete jurisdiction in the premises, both as to the subject matter thereof as well as the parties hereto.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Dad and Mom were never married to each other.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Dad and Mom have one child together, to wit: Grayson Ashton DiMonaco-Ferrando (born August 12, 2014 (hereinafter "the child"); the parties have no other minor children together, no adopted children together, and, Mom is not currently pregnant with Dad's child.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Dad is the child's natural father.

Mom and Dad signed an affidavit of paternity as to the child, which has not been revoked. Dad is listed as the child's natural father on the child's birth certificate.

The child bears Dad's surname. Dad has held the child out to the world as his natural child. Mom does not contest that Dad is the child's natural father.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the child has resided in the State of Nevada for at least six months prior to the filing of the Complaint. As such, this Court has the necessary UCCJEA jurisdiction to enter orders as to child custody and visitation. Nevada is the child's home state and state of habitual residence.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the parties have stipulated to having joint legal custody and joint physical custody of the child. This arrangement is in the child's best interest.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the visitation schedule delineated is in the child's best interest. Mom proposed a visitation schedule that spits weekends. Setting a visitation schedule that splits the weekends is not in the child's best interest. While it may be feasible due to the child not yet being in school, from a planning standpoint, it does not work as the parents would not have full weekends. (Video Record at 14:12:00).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that, under the case law (*Lewis v. Hicks* and *Rodgers v. Rodgers*), a spouse has a community property interest in the other spouses income, which may be used to offset a child support award. (Video Record at 14:15:00, 14:25:00). Dad offered that Mom's husband makes

approximately \$120,000.00 per year (\$79,029.00 regular pay + \$20,843.14 in overtime pay + \$20,897.75 in other pay = \$120,769.89 or \$10,064.16 gross monthly income—benefits are not included in this calculation). (See Exhibits filed June 19, 2017 at W DIMONACO 000039; see also Video Record at 14:23:15, 14:29:20). The Court inquired as to what Dad's girlfriend earns. Dad's counsel stated that his girlfriend contributes \$500 per month to his household and that her actual income is not relevant as they are not married. The Court stated "what is good for the goose is good for the gander." (Video Record at 14:24:50). Dad's girlfriend stated that she makes \$47,000.00 per year salary (which is a gross monthly income of \$3,916.67). (Video Record at 14:30:20). Using a Wright v. Osburn calculation to determine child support only imputing Mom's prior income upon her, the child support obligation from Dad to Mom is \$550.00. (Video Record at 14:27:10). Another deviation factor the Court may consider is the relative income of the parties (NRS 125B.080(9)). (Video Record at 14:27:20). The total household income of each side is germane to the Court's calculation of child support. (Video Record at 14:28:15). The Court acknowledged that Dad wants further discovery into Mom's household income, but the Court stated it could attempt to determine that issue today and resolve the need for further discovery into this issue. (Video Record at 14:28:35). The household incomes appear to be \$109,400 on Dad's side (Dad and his girlfriend)

and \$120,769 on Defendant's side without imputing income on Mom-with an approximate \$11,000 higher income in Mom's household. (Video Record at 14:31:25). The Court accepts the offers of proof as to Dad's girlfriend's income and as to Mom's husband's income. (Video Record at 14:32:55). The Court inquired if any party needed further discovery into the household income issue, but the parties stated that they did not need further discovery. (Video Record at 14:33:25). The Court inquired of the parties and confirmed that both parties are providing health insurance for the child, which shall continue. (Video Record at 14:35:20). The Court is utilizing the deviation factor of relative income of the parties to look at the additional income the parties receive from their significant others. (Video Record at 14:35:35). The Court is imputing \$2,143.72 in gross monthly income upon Mom, which is essentially her 2014 income recomputed to a full yearly figure. This is her earning capacity. (Video Record at 14:35:50). Dad's gross monthly income is \$5,200.00, which makes his obligation \$936.00; whereas, Mom's obligation is \$386.00, which results in a Wright v. Osburn calculation of \$550.00. (Video Record at 14:36:30). Based on the relative income of the parties and given the \$10,000 difference in incomes (between Mom's husband by himself and Dad and his girlfriend combined), the Court is going to give a downward deviation in the sum of \$100.00, thus making Dad's child support obligation \$450.00 per month. (Video Record at 14:36:42).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that, as to constructive child support arrears, the law is discretionary as to a reasonable amount—and not that the statutory formula be applied retroactively. Mom alleges that Dad did not pay for September, October, and November 2016 and that Dad did make payments prior to then, albeit not at the amount eventually ordered by the Court. As payments were made up through August 2016, the Court is not going to revisit that issue. The Court will apply the December 2016 child support amount (\$650.00) to September, October, and November 2016. The parties shall work out any overpayments and give credit for the same. (Video Record at 15:01:00 – 15:04:45).

Therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, pursuant to stipulation of the parties, Mom and Dad shall have joint legal custody and joint physical custody of the child.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the parties shall have the following regular visitation with the child:

Mom shall have regular visitation with the child from Monday at 8:00 am
or drop off at school if school is in session until Wednesday at 8:00 am or
drop off at school if school is in session;

- Dad shall have regular visitation with the child from Wednesday at 8:00 am or drop off at school if school is in session until Friday at 8:00 am or drop off at school if school is in session; however, if Dad is working on Wednesday, the child shall remain with Mom until Dad gets out of work—this provision is only for Wednesdays; Wednesdays are still days designated to Dad (Video Record at 14:51:20);
- The parties shall alternate the weekends, which shall be defined as beginning Friday at 8:00 am or drop off at school if school is in session and concluding Monday at 8:00 am or drop off at school if school is in session; For clarity, Mom has the weekend of June 23, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Court's standard holiday and visitation schedule shall control. A copy of the same is attached hereto as Ex. 1. The parties may agree to deviate from the schedule, as they are free to agree to deviate as to any visitation schedule. (Video Record at 14:57:25). Holiday visitation time shall take precedence over all other visitation time, and vacation visitation time shall take precedence only over regular visitation time. (Video Record at 15:00:12).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that either party may designate other parties to drop off/collect the child. The Court

expects that when a party designates another to collect the child, that parent would notify the other in advance. (Video Record at 14:56:40).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, pursuant to stipulation of the parties, Dad shall provide the transportation of the child for child exchanges. Currently, Dad drives nearby Mom's house on the way to and from his work. (Video Record at 14:55:00). In the event that Dad is unable to provide the transportation, then the parties shall communicate in advance to designate an alternate individual to do the transporting.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** of the following provision of NRS 125C.0045(6):

Penalty for violation of order: The abduction, concealment or detention of a child in violation of this order is punishable as a category D felony as provided in NRS 193.130. NRS 200.359 provides that every person having a limited right of custody to a child or any parent having no right of custody to the child who willfully detains, conceals or removes the child from a parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or a right of visitation of the child in violation of an order of this court, or removes the child from the jurisdiction of the court without the consent of either the court or all persons who have the right to custody or visitation is subject to being punished for a category D felony as provided in NRS 193.130.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the terms of the Hague Convention of October 25, 1980, adopted by the 14th Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law apply if a parent abducts or wrongfully retains a child

in a foreign country. The parties are also put on notice of the following provisions of NRS 125C.0045(8):

If a parent of the child lives in a foreign country or has significant commitments in a foreign country:

The parties may agree, and the court shall include in the order for custody of the child, that the United States is the country of habitual residence of the child for the purposes of applying the terms of the Hague Convention as set forth in subsection 7.

Upon motion of one of the parties, the court may order the parent to post a bond if the court determines that the parent poses an imminent risk of wrongfully removing or concealing the child outside the country of habitual residence. The bond must be in an amount determined by the court and may be used only to pay for the cost of locating the child and returning him to his habitual residence if the child is wrongfully removed from or concealed outside the country of habitual residence. The fact that a parent has significant commitments in a foreign country does not create a presumption that the parent poses an imminent risk of wrongfully removing or concealing the child.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties shall be bound by the provisions of NRS 125C.006, which states:

- 1. If primary physical custody has been established pursuant to an order, judgment or decree of a court and the custodial parent intends to relocate his or her residence to a place outside of this State or to a place within this State that is at such a distance that would substantially impair the ability of the other parent to maintain a meaningful relationship with the child, and the custodial parent desires to take the child with him or her, the custodial parent shall, before relocating:
  - (a) Attempt to obtain the written consent of the noncustodial parent to relocate with the child; and

- (a) Without having reasonable grounds for such refusal; or
- (b) For the purpose of harassing the relocating parent.
- 3. A parent who relocates with a child pursuant to this section before the court enters an order granting the parent primary physical custody of the child and permission to relocate with the child is subject to the provisions of NRS 200.359.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, based upon the findings herein, Dad shall pay Mom monthly child support in the amount of \$450.00 effective May 1, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Dad's child support obligation for the months of September, October, and November 2016 shall be calculated at the rate of \$650.00 per month. The arrears of \$1,950.00 shall be payable at the rate of \$50.00 per month until paid in full. The parties shall work out any overpayments. (Video Record at 15:04:10).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that both parties shall continue to provide the medical / health insurance for the child.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that any of the child's unreimbursed medical, dental, optical, orthodontic, surgical, and other health-related expenses shall be equally divided by the parties pursuant to the 30/30 rule. The 30/30 rule provides that the party paying any unreimbursed medical expenses has thirty (30) days from the date the expense is paid to forward

proof of payment to the opposing party. If that party does not timely forward the proof of payment, then the Court may construe that the party waived the right to be reimbursed for that expense. Upon receipt of a timely-forwarded proof of payment of an unreimbursed medical expense, the receiving party has thirty (30) days to reimburse the paying party one-half of the expense or to object to the expense. If the receiving party does not either object to the expense or reimburse the paying party for half of the expense, then that party is subject to sanctions for contempt of court. (*Compare* Complaint for Custody at ¶ 13 with Answer at 1:23).

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the provisions of NRS 31A and 125.007 apply regarding the collection of delinquent child support payments.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that either party may request a review of child support pursuant to NRS 125B.145.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that each side shall bear his / her own attorney's fees and costs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that each party shall provide their social security numbers on a separate form to the Court and to the Welfare Division of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 125B.055, NRS 125.130, and/or NRS 125.230. Such information shall be maintained by the Clerk in a confidential manner and shall

1	not be part of the public record. The p	parties shall update the information filed
2	with the Court and the Welfare Division	n of the Department of Human Resources
3	within ten (10) days should any of that it	information become inaccurate.
4	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, A	ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Mr.
5	James shall prepare the Order with Mr.	Altig to countersign.
6	IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDO	GED, AND DECREED.
7	Dated this day of October, 2017	
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#### HOLIDAY AND VACATION PLAN

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The Court encourages parents to communicate regarding holiday and vacation time with their children. The following Holiday and Vacation Plan is a "default" schedule where parents are unable to otherwise agree. Any deviation therefrom should be memorialized in writing with both parents' signatures. Holidays/Special Occasions take precedence over residential time and Vacation time. Unless otherwise ordered, reference to a "school" schedule for the purpose of defining a Holiday or Special Occasion shall be defined by the Clark County, Nevada School District Schedule. (See www.ccsd.net)

THREE DAY HOLIDAYS  (Holiday visitation begins when school gets out on the day preceding the holiday weekend (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school) and continues until 9:00 a.m. on the day following the holiday weekend or when the children are scheduled to resume school.)	ODD YEAR	EVEN YEAR
Martin Luther King Day	Mom	Dad
Presidents' Day	Dad	Mom
Memorial Day	Mom	Dad
Labor Day	Dad	Mom
Nevada Admission Day	Mom	Dad

EXTENDED HOLIDAYS	ODD YEAR	EVEN YEAR
Thanksgiving: The holiday visitation shall begin when school gets out on the Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school) and continue until school is scheduled to resume (or 9:00 a.m. if the children are not in school). The parent exercising this time is responsible for all transportation for the children.	Mom	Dad
Christmas/Winter Break: Winter break shall be divided equally between the parents, with the first half commencing when the children get out of school to begin the Winter Break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school), and continue until December 26 at 10:00 a.m. The second half shall commence on December 26 at 10:00 a.m. and continue until school is scheduled to resume (or 9:00 a.m. if the children are not in school).		
First Half	Dad	Mom
Second Half	Mom	Dad

EXTENDED HOLIDAYS, cont'd.	ODD YEAR	EVEN YEAR
Easter/Spring Break: The holiday visitation shall begin when school gets out on the last day of school (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school) and continue until school is scheduled to resume (or 9:00 a.m. if the children are not in school). The parent exercising this time is responsible for all transportation for the children.	Dad	Mom

SPECIAL OCCASIONS (Special Occasions begin at 9:00 a.m. on the individual day and continue until 9:00 p.m. on the same day)	ODD YEAR	EVEN YEAR
Mother's Day	Mom	Mom
Father's Day	Dad	Dad
Children's Birthdays	Dad	Mom

### Summer/Track Break Vacations

Each parent shall be entitled to one (1) vacation each year with the children for a period not to exceed two (2) consecutive weeks (unless otherwise agreed to in writing). Each parent shall designate his/her respective vacation plans by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The dates shall be conveyed to the other party in writing by way of certified mail. If there is a conflict in dates, the parent who designates the vacation first (as verified by the certified mail stamp) will prevail as to the vacation time. Neither party shall schedule vacation time during the other party's holiday time or during time the children are scheduled to be in school.

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SPECIAL ORDER

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#### 1 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA 2 Electronically Filed 3 WILLIAM DiMONACO, No.: 74696 Jan 19 2018 03:04 p.m. MOTION TO STONE A Brown Court 4 Appellant, 5 VS. 6 ADRIANA FERRANDO, 7 Respondent. 8 COMES NOW Appellant, William DiMonaco, by and through his counsel, 9 F. Peter James, Esq., who hereby requests that this Honorable Court stay the 10 appeal as Appellant, an active-duty member of the United State Air Force, has 11 deployed. Dated this 19th day of January, 2018 12 13 /s/ F. Peter James 14 LAW OFFICES OF F. PETER JAMES F. Peter James, Esq. 15 Nevada Bar No. 10091 3821 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 250 16 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 702-256-0087 Counsel for Appellant 17 18 /// 19 /// 20 ///

#### **POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

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The issue on appeal is a child support issue. Appellant asserts that the district court erred in its calculations and that the amount of support was set too high. Appellant is **not** requesting a stay of the order pending appeal.

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act ("SCRA") generally requires a stay of civil legal proceedings while a servicemember is deployed. *See generally* 50 U.S.C. 3901, *et seq.* The purposes of the SCRA are:

- (1) to provide for, strengthen, and expedite the national defense through protection extended by this chapter to servicemembers of the United States to enable such persons to devote their entire energy to the defense needs of the Nation; and
- (2) to provide for the temporary suspension of judicial and administrative proceedings and transactions that may adversely affect the civil rights of servicemembers during their military service.

50 U.S.C. 3902.

Appellant acknowledges that the SCRA is generally for actions not to be taken <u>against</u> servicemembers while they are deployed. In this particular case,

there was a strict jurisdictional deadline to appeal, so Appellant had to file for the appeal knowing he was being deployed.

As there is no known applicable legal standard to this situation, Appellant will address the standard for a stay of the underlying action (though Appellant is only requesting a stay of the appeal).

NRAP 8(c) provides as follows:

(c) Stays in Civil Cases Not Involving Child Custody. In deciding whether to issue a stay or injunction, the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals will generally consider the following factors: (1) whether the object of the appeal or writ petition will be defeated if the stay or injunction is denied; (2) whether appellant/petitioner will suffer irreparable or serious injury if the stay or injunction is denied; (3) whether respondent/real party in interest will suffer irreparable or serious injury if the stay or injunction is granted; and (4) whether appellant/petitioner is likely to prevail on the merits in the appeal or writ petition.

Here, the stay factors weigh heavily in favor of granted a stay of the appeal pending Appellant's return from deployment.

 Whether the object of the appeal or writ petition will be defeated if the stay or injunction is denied

The object of the appeal might be defeated if the stay is denied. Appellant is deployed. This matter might well settle at a Settlement Conference if the parties can sit down with Judge Gaston (who has been assigned as the Settlement Judge) and hammer out the decision.

It is the policy of the Court and the State to resolve conflicts in mediation. *See e.g.* NRAP 16. Parties must participate in the settlement conference in good faith, which includes attending in person—failure to do so is grounds for sanctions. *See* NRAP 16(g). Being deployed, Appellant cannot attend a settlement conference.

# 2. Whether appellant/petitioner will suffer irreparable or serious injury if the stay or injunction is denied

It is unlikely that Appellant will suffer irreparable or serious injury of the stay is denied. Physical harm is not at issue. Appellant will suffer financial harm if he is required to brief an appeal that could have been resolved in a settlement conference.

Further, it is well known throughout the courts that, when parties resolve their differences, they are much less likely to return to court for further litigation. This benefit of settlement is not available if the stay is not granted.

# 3. Whether respondent/real party in interest will suffer irreparable or serious injury if the stay or injunction is granted

Respondent will suffer no harm whatsoever if the stay is granted. Status quo in the district court remains until resolution of the appeal. Appellant is not requesting a stay of the district court proceedings while he is deployed.

## 4. Whether appellant/petitioner is likely to prevail on the merits in the appeal or writ petition

Appellant is highly likely to prevail on the merits of the appeal. The district court committed clear legal error in its determination of child support.

When a parent remarries, that new spouse's income may be used as a deviation factors under NRS 125B.080(9) for relative income of the parties due to the community property nature of the income. *See Rodgers v. Rodgers*, 110 Nev. 1370, 887 P.2d 269 (1994).

Here, the district court properly included Respondent's spousal income in its determination of the final support amount; however, the district court made clear legal error by including Appellant's girlfriend's income as community property—stating "what is good for the goose is good for the gander." (*See* Decree of Custody at 3:17 – 5:20, which is attached hereto). Including Appellant's girlfriend's income as Appellant's community property is contradictory to Nevada law.

As the district court made clear legal error, the likelihood of Appellant prevailing on appeal is high.

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1	As such, the factors for a stay (albeit for a stay of the lower court
2	proceedings) weigh in favor of granting the stay pending Appellant's return from
3	deployment.
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5	CONCLUSION
6	Based on the SCRA, the factors for a stay, and equity, the Court should
7	stay the appeal pending Appellant's return from deployment.
8	Dated this 19 <sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018
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