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assignment to the Court of Appeals, and compiling statistical information.

WARNING

This statement must be completed fully, accurately and on time. NRAP 14(c). The Supreme Court may impose sanctions on counsel or appellant if it appears that the information provided is incomplete or inaccurate. Id. Failure to fill out the statement completely or to file it in a timely manner constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions, including a fine and/or dismissal of the appeal.

A complete list of the documents that must be attached appears as Question 27 on this docketing statement. Failure to attach all required documents will result in the delay of your appeal and may result in the imposition of sanctions.

This court has noted that when attorneys do not take seriously their obligations under NRAP 14 to complete the docketing statement properly and conscientiously, they waste the valuable judicial resources of this court, making the imposition of sanctions appropriate. *See KDI Sylvan Pools v. Workman*, 107 Nev. 340, 344, 810 P.2d 1217, 1220 (1991). Please use tab dividers to separate any attached documents.

1. Judicial District: Eighth Judicial District, Department 27.

County Judge: The Hon. Nancy Allf.

District Ct. Case No.: A-17-764118-C

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4. Nature of disposition below (check all that apply):

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0	Judgement after jury verdict Summary judgment Default judgment Grant/Denial of declaratory relief		 Lack of jurisdiction Failure to state a claim Failure to prosecute Other (specify):
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0	Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief		o Original Modification
0	Review of agency determination		Other disposition (specify): Denial Motion to Dismiss and Compel oitration

5. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following?

Child Custody? <u>No</u> Venue? <u>No</u> Termination of Parental Rights? <u>No</u>

- **6. Pending and prior proceedings in this court.** List the case name and docket number of all appeals or original proceedings presently or previously pending before this court which are related to this appeal: N/A.
- **7. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts.** List the case name, number and court of all pending and prior proceedings in other courts which are related to this appeal (e.g., bankruptcy, consolidated or bifurcated proceedings) and their dates of disposition:

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The matter originated in the Eighth Judicial District Court, matter captioned: Zion Wood Obi Wan Trust et al. v. MMAWC, LLC et al., Case No. A-17-764118-C.

8. Nature of the action. Briefly describe the nature of the action and the result below:

Respondents/Plaintiffs hold certain interests in MMAWC. MMAWC's previous primary asset and business was operating and promoting mixed martial arts ("MMA") events under the marks and monikers "World Series of Fighting" and "WSOF," which intellectual property MMAWC owned. In 2016, MMAWC sold substantially all of its assets, including the "World Series of Fighting" and "WSOF" marks and monikers, to MMAX Investment Partners, Inc. ("MMAX"). MMAWC refocused its business from operating and promoting its own MMA events and became an investor in MMAX, and MMAX began operating and promoting its own separate MMA events under the marks and monikers now owned by MMAX: "WSOF", "World Series of Fighting", and "Professional Fighter's League." Thus, MMAWC's current primary asset and operation is being an investor in MMAX. Accordingly, the investor benefits derived by MMAWC are then captured by those holding an interest in MMAWC, including Respondents/Plaintiffs.

Respondents/Plaintiffs are not direct investors, and do not hold any rights, in MMAX. By their lawsuit, however, respondents/plaintiffs are attempting to somehow transcend their interest in MMAWC into a direct ownership interest in

MMAX, and MMAX's intellectual properties.

All of Respondents' causes of action are contract-based and subject to a mandatory Arbitration provision. The Arbitration provision was <u>negotiated</u> and <u>jointly drafted</u> by respondents/plaintiffs and their counsel, Byron Thomas, Esq. The express agreement to the jointly negotiated and drafted Arbitration provision was manifested in the written communications between the parties and their respective counsel, and through the exchange of drafts during the joint drafting process.

When the parties finalized the Arbitration provision, however, the parties did not include language and initials or separate signatures to further manifest their agreement to the Arbitration provision [such being patently redundant]. The District Court found that such omission alone resulted in non-compliance with NRS 597.995, voided the jointly drafted and negotiated Arbitration provision, and denied appellants/defendants' motion to compel arbitration.

9. Issues on appeal. State concisely the principal issue(s) in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):

Among other things, the principal issues on appeal are:

- (1) Whether NRS 597.995 violates the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 1, et seq.;
- (2) Whether NRS 597.995 is preempted by the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 1, et seq.;

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- (3) The validity or application of NRS 597.995 under the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 1, et seq.;
 - (4) Whether NRS 597.995 violates the U.S. Constitution;
- (5) Whether NRS 597.995 is vague and ambiguous and therefore, void and unenforceable;
- (6) Whether the District Court abused its discretion in finding that the parties did not comply with NRS 597.995;
- (7) Whether the District Court abused its discretion in finding that the parties' arbitration agreement violated or did not comply with NRS 597.995;
- (8) Whether the District Court's determination that the parties' arbitration agreement violated or did not comply with NRS 597.995 is supported by the record; and
- (9) Whether the District Court erred in refusing to apply and follow the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 1, et seq.
- **10. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues.** If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised: <u>NONE</u>.
- 11. Constitutional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?

N/A Yes _✓_

No If not, explain. N/A

Other issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues? **12.**

Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s)): No.

An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions: Yes.

A substantial issue of first impression: Yes.

An issue of public policy: Yes.

An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decisions: Yes.

A ballot question: No.

If so, explain:

The appeal involves an examination of NRS 597.995. In Fat Hat, LLC v. DiTerlizzi, 385 P.3d 580, 2016 WL 5800335 *1, n. 1 (Nev. 2016), this Court suggested that NRS 597.995 violates the Federal Arbitration Act, but declined to make such a determination because it was not raised in that appeal:

> Fat Hat makes no argument that the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 1, et seq., applies. We therefore do not address NRS 597.995's validity or application under the FAA. But see Doctor's Associates, Inc. v. Casarotto, 517 U.S. 681, 683 (1996).

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In Doctor's Assocs., Inc. v. Casarotto, the U.S. Supreme Court determined that the Federal Arbitration Act applies to state courts and preempts statutes like NRS 597.995, which single out arbitration provisions to void them in otherwise valid contracts. Id., 517 U.S. 681, 687, 116 S. Ct. 1652, 1656 (1996)("Courts may not ... invalidate arbitration agreements under state laws applicable only to

arbitration provisions.").

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In Perry v. Thomas, 482 U.S. 483, 490–91, 107 S. Ct. 2520, 2526, 96 L. Ed. 2d 426 (1987), relied on by *Doctor's Assocs.*, *Inc.*, the US Supreme Court determined that the Federal Arbitration Act "embodies Congress' intent to provide for the enforcement of arbitration agreements within the full reach of the Commerce Clause" and preempts state law. Id. Perry further determined that any state arbitration statue [like NRS 597.995] which conflicts with the Federal Arbitration Act, "must give way" under the Supremacy Clause. Id.

13. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court. Briefly set forth whether the matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court or assigned to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, and cite the subparagraph(s) of the Rule under which the matter falls. If appellant believes that the Supreme Court should retain the case despite its presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals, identify the specific issue(s) or circumstance(s) that warrant retaining the case, and include an explanation of their importance or significance:

Respectfully, this is appeal should be retained by the Supreme Court because this appeal raises constitutional issues, important issues that significantly affect commercial transactions and agreements, and because this appeal takes up the issues regarding NRS 597.995 observed by the Supreme Court in Fat Hat, LLC v. *DiTerlizzi*, 385 P.3d 580, 2016 WL 5800335 *1, n. 1 (Nev. 2016).

14. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last? The action did not proceed to trial.

Was it a bench or jury trial? N/A.

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15. Judicial Disqualification. Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? <u>No.</u>

If so, which Justice? <u>N/A.</u>

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16. Date of entry of written judgment or order appealed from:

Appellants appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court from the District Court's Order Denying Motion to Dismiss and to Compel Arbitration entered on March 13, 2018.

17. Date written notice of entry of judgment or order was served:

The Notice of Order Denying Motion to Dismiss and to Compel Arbitration and the Amended Notice of Order Denying Motion to Dismiss and to Compel Arbitration were both served on March 14, 2018.

Service by: <u>Electronic delivery</u>.

- 18. If the time for filing the notice of appeal was tolled by a post-judgment motion (NRCP 50(b), 52(b), or 59)
 - (a) Specify the type of motion, the date and method of service of the motion, and the date of filing.

NRCP 50(b): <u>N/A.</u>

NRCP 59(a) and NRCP 59(e): <u>N/A</u>.

NRCP 52(b): <u>N/A.</u>

NOTE: Motions made pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the time for filing a notice of appeal. See AA Primo Builders v. Washington, 126 Nev, 245, P.3d 1190 (2010).
(b) Date of entry of written order resolving tolling motion: <u>N/A</u> .
(c) Date written notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served: N/A .
19. Date notice of appeal filed: The Notice of Appeal was filed on April 11, 2018.
20. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, e.g., NRAP 4(a) or other: NRAP 4(a)(1).
21. Specify the statute or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review the judgment or order appealed from:
(a) Authority: NRS 38.247.
(b). Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order:
NRS 38.247(1)(a) provides: "An appeal may be taken from[a]n order
denying a motion to compel arbitration."
22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court:
(a) Parties:
<u>Defendants</u> :
MMAWC, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company (Appellant);
BRUCE DEIFIK, an individual (Appellant);

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MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. dba PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS LEAGUE, a Delaware corporation;

CARLOS SILVA, an individual; and

KEITH REDMOND, and individual.

Respondents/Plaintiffs:

ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST;

SHAWN WRIGHT as trustee of ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST;

and

WSOF GLOBAL, LLC.

(b) If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal, e.g., formally dismissed, not served, or other:

Defendants MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. dba
PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS LEAGUE; CARLOS SILVA; and KEITH
REDMOND are not parties to this appeal because they have not appeared in the
action and, to undersigned counsel's knowledge, they have not been served.

23. Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.

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Respondents alleged the following claims in their Complaint:

- 1. Breach of Contact;
- 2. Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing;
- 3. Declaratory Relief;
- 4. Intentional Interference With Prospective Economic Advantage;
 - 5. Tortious Interference With Contract;
 - 6. Alter Ego;
 - 7. Breach of Fiduciary Duty;
 - 8. Civil RICO:
 - 9. Specific Performance; and
 - 10. Unjust Enrichment.

Appellants did not allege any counterclaims.

State how claims adjudicated:

Respondents' Eighth Claim for Civil RICO was dismissed without prejudice on March 13, 2018. Respondents' other claims are all subject to the arbitration provision at issue and have not been adjudicated.

24. Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action or consolidated actions below?

The order appealed is an order denying Arbitration, appealable under NRS 38.247 and affects all named parties because all named parties and claims are subject to the Arbitration provision at issue.

Defendants MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. dba PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS LEAGUE; CARLOS SILVA; and KEITH REDMOND have not appeared in the action, and to the undersigned counsel's knowledge, have not been served.

25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following:

(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:

N/A.

(b) Specify the parties remaining below:

Defendants MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. dba PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS LEAGUE; CARLOS SILVA; and KEITH REDMOND are not parties to this appeal. They have not appeared in the action and, to the undersigned counsel's knowledge, have not been served.

- (c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b)?
- N/A. The District Court's order was an order denying motion to compel arbitration, which is appealable pursuant to NRS 38.247.
- (d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment?
- N/A. The District Court's order was an order denying motion to compel arbitration, which is appealable pursuant to NRS 38.247.
- 26. If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):
- N/A. The District Court's order was an order denying motion to compel arbitration, which is appealable pursuant to NRS 38.247.

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27. Attach file-stamped copies of the following documents:

- The latest-filed complaint, counterclaims, cross-claims, and thirdparty claims
- Any tolling motion(s) and order(s) resolving tolling motion(s)
- Orders of NRCP 41(a) dismissals formally resolving each claim, counterclaims, crossclaims and/or third-party claims asserted in the action or consolidated action below, even if not at issue on appeal
- Any other order challenged on appeal.
- Notices of entry for each attached order.

Appellant attaches the following:

Exhibit 1: Respondents' 12/07/17 Complaint.

Exhibit 2: Order Re: MMAWC, LLC's Motion To Dismiss And To Compel Arbitration, filed March 13, 2018;

Exhibit 3: Notice of Entry of Order Re: MMAWC, LLC's Motion To Dismiss And To Compel Arbitration, filed March 14, 2018; and

Exhibit 4: Amended Notice of Entry of Order Re: MMAWC, LLC's Motion To Dismiss And To Compel Arbitration, filed March 14, 2018.

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this docketing statement, that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I have attached all required documents to this docketing statement.

Dated: May 2, 2018.

MMAWC, LLC; Bruce Deifik; And The Nancy And Bruce Deifik Family Partnership LLLP

Maximiliano D. Couvillier III, Esq. Name of Counsel of Record

Nevada, Clark County

State and County where signed

Signature of Counsel of Record

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on May 2, 2018 I served a copy of this completed docketing statement upon all counsel of record by mailing it by first class mail with sufficient postage prepaid to the following address(es):

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EXHIBIT 1 Complaint

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10	Plaintiffs,
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13	company; MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS INC. dba PROFESSIONAL
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15	CARLOS SILVA, an individual; NANCY AND BRUCE DEIFIK FAMILY
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17	REDMOND, an individual; DOES I through X, inclusive; and ROE Corporations XX
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SUMMONS - CIVIL 1 NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU 2 WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW. 3 4 TO THE DEFENDANT(S): A civil Complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff(s) against you for the relief set forth in the Complaint. 5 6 MMAWC, LLC d/b/a WORLD SERIES OF FIGHTING 7 8 1. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive 9 of the day of service, you must do the following: File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response to 10 the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee. Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below. (b) 11 12 Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff(s) and failure to so respond will result in a judgment of default against you for the relief demanded in the 13 Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the Complaint. 14 If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time. 15 The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board 16 members, commission members and legislators each have 45 days after service of this Summons within which to file an Answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint. 17 STEVEN D. GRIERSON 18 CLERK OF COURT 19 Submitted by: 12/7/2017 Josefina San Juan 20 Deputy Clerk Date /s/ BYRON E. THOMAS 21 Regional Justice Center 22 200 Lewis Avenue 23 Las Vegas, NV 89155 24 NOTE: When service is by publication, add a brief statement of the object of the action. See Nevada 25 Rules of Civil Procedure 4(b

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST and SHAWN WRIGHT as trustee of ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST; WSOF GLOBAL LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company

Plaintiffs.

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MMAWC, LLC d/b/a WORLD SERIES OF FIGHTING a Nevada limited liability **MMAX** INVESTMENT company: PARTNERS INC. dba PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE, **FIGHTERS** Delaware corporation; BRUCE DEIFIK, an individual; CARLOS SILVA, an individual; NANCY **AND BRUCE** DEIFIK **FAMILY** PARTNERSHIP LLLP, Colorado limited limited partnership; KEITH liability REDMOND, an individual; DOES I through X, inclusive; and ROE Corporations XX through XXX, inclusive,

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Defendants.

Plaintiffs, SHAWN WRIGHT, trustee of ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST and WSOF GLOBAL LLC (hereinafter "Plaintiffs" by and through his undersigned counsel of record, Law Offices of Byron Thomas complains and alleges against: MMAWC, LLC d/b/a WORLD SERIES OF FIGHTING ("WSOF"), MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS INC dba PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS LEAGUE ("PFL"), BRUCE DEIFIK ("DEIFIK"), CARLOS SILVA ("SILVA"), NANCY AND BRUCE DEIFIK FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LLLP ("DFP"), and KEITH REDMOND ("REDMOND") (collectively "Defendants") as follows:

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PARTIES

SHAWN WRIGHT, as trustee of ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST, is a Utah resident whose principal place of business is located in Clark County, Nevada.

ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST, a trust organized under the laws of the State of Nevada.

WSOF GLOBAL LLC, is a limited liability company organized pursuant to the laws of the state of Wyoming and conducting business in Clark County, Nevada.

Defendant MMAWC, LLC., is a limited liability company organized pursuant to the laws of the state of Nevada and conducting business in Clark County, Nevada.

Defendant MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS INC., is a corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware and conducting business in Clark County, Nevada.

Defendant BRUCE DEIFIK is an individual believed to reside in the State of Colorado and conducting business in Clark County, Nevada.

Defendant NANCY AND BRUCE DEIFIK FAMILY PARTNERSHIP LLLP, is a limited liability company organized pursuant to the laws of the state of Colorado and conducting business in Clark County, Nevada.

Defendant CARLOS SILVA is an individual believed to reside in the State of Maryland and conducting business in Clark County, Nevada.

Defendant KEITH REDMOND is an individual believed to reside in the State of Nevada and conducting business in Clark County, Nevada.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- Plaintiff Zion Wood Obi Wan Trust ("Zion") is a member of MMAWC, LLC d/b/a World Series
 of Fighting ("WSOF" or "MMAWC"). WSOF is a promoter of mixed martial arts events on
 NBC Sports.
- 2. WSOF experienced several financial shortfalls during 2012 to 2015.
- 3. Zion had made extensive loans to WSOF to allow for the continued operation and management of

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37. Moreover, without a direct stake in the Successor Company, this is clearly dilutive of the Zion's

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1	interest.
2	38. The Successor Company knew or should have known about the Settlement Agreement and the
3	obligations that it would incur to protect Zion's interest.
4	39. The actions of WSOF, the Successor Company, and all DEFENDANTS constitute a breach of the
5	Settlement Agreement and Zion has been damaged because of these breaches.
6	40. In addition, several other issues have been brought to Zion's attention that implicate
7	DEFENDANTS in schemes or artifice to defraud.
8	NYC EVENT
9	41. DEFENDANTS promoted an MMA event in New York City on December 31, 2016.
0	42. DEFENDANTS then filed a required New York State Department of Taxation and Finance form
11	to report all income from the event.
12	43. DEFENDANTS reported \$0 income from broadcasting rights to New York State.
13	44. DEFENDANTS then sent Zion an internal financial report for the event.
14	45. DEFENDANTS reported to Zion that they had \$190,000 in broadcasting revenue from NBC for
15	the NYC event.
16	46. Zion is under the belief that DEFENDANTS are either manipulating the financial statements to
17	deceive Zion and the investment public.
18	47. DEFENDANTS continue to refuse to allow Zion an inspection of the books and records.
19	<u>LICENSING RIGHTS</u>
20	48. On or about October 15, 2012 Vince Hesser had entered into a master licensed agreement with
21	WSOF.
22	49. The Master License Agreement gave Mr. Hesser the exclusive right to license the WSOF branch
23	outside of the United States.
24	50. Subsequently, Vince Hesser assigned the Master License Agreement to WSOF GLOBAI
25	LIMITED and its successor WSOF Global LLC ("GLOBAL").
26	51. DEFENDANTS previously attempted to falsely deny the Master License Agreement existed and
27	attempted to tortuously interfere in the rights and business of GLOBAL.

28 52. A dispute arose over the terms of the license agreement and parties instituted litigation. The

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parties were able to reach a resolution of their disputes, and GLOBAL also became a party to the Settlement Agreement. 53. As a part of the Settlement Agreement the parties amended the Master License Agreement. The Settlement Agreement and Amended License Agreement read as follows: Paragraph 2 of the Settlement Agreement: The 10/15/12 Hesser License shall be reaffirmed and remain infull force and effect as of the date of this Agreement, as amended by the execution of the Amendment to Consulting and Master Licensing Agreement in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B. The license is a material part of settlement on behalf of Hesser and Wright and is not subject to any modification, cancellation, assignment, pledge, lien, or encumbrance by WSOF or any of its creditors and shall survive any restructure, sale, receivership or bankruptcy of WSOF.

1	54.	The Amended License Agreement paragraph 1 also states: "[t]his Agreement shall
2	be l	pinding upon and shall survive any successors of MMA, or its ownership, tradenames or
3	trad	lemarks."
4	55.	Therefore, the Successor Company is obligated to comply with the terms and
5	con	ditions of the Amended License Agreement and the Settlement Agreement.
6	56.	Over the following several months after settlement, GLOBAL executed
7	agre	eements for media content sharing rights from several MMA organizations from all over
8	the	world on six continents based on the WSOF license branding.
9	57.	GLOBAL's rights consist of over 100 international events per year, at a cost to
0	pro	duce of tens of millions of dollars, which dwarf the mere 8-10 events per year organized
1	by l	DEFENDANTS.
2	58.	WSOF initially complied with the Settlement Agreement and as documented in
3	a p	hone conversation, DEIFIK told DEFENDANTS to let GLOBAL do what they want to
4	and	leave them alone.
5	59.	GLOBAL attempted to keep WSOF informed of its upcoming events, but would
6	rece	eive childish email responses from the chief officers of WSOF such as: "Hey idiot don't
7	sen	d me your stupid emails again!!", or phone calls threatening violence against GLOBAL
8	em	ployees. These same officers continue to operate the PFL brand.
9	60.	GLOBAL continued to operate its business unfettered under this "naked"
20	lice	ense arrangement which helped promote the overall brand name.
21	61.	Upon disclosure by DEFENDANTS that an asset transfer was about to take
22	pla	ce, Zion's principals received an email on December 16, 2016 from Chris Childs,
23	pur	ported legal counsel for DEFENDANTS, representing and affirming that the apparent
24	Suc	ecessor Company will be honoring the license
25	62.	The Successor Company obviously knew or should have known it was bound by
26	the	Agreements.
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1	To then add insult to injury, after the asset transfer, DEFENDANTS changed the
2	name of the company from "World Series of Fighting" to "Professional Fighters League"
3	without any prior notice to its licensee GLOBAL, and reported such in a formal email to al
4	fighters from Mr. Ray Sefo.
5	64. DEFENDANTS publicly stated in press releases they have discontinued and
6	abandoned the license name ("World Series of Fighting") agreed to in the Settlemen
7	Agreement, and will now use the PFL name exclusively.
8	65. At no point did the Successor Company notify GLOBAL about any changes in
9	name or changes in business operation.
10	66. For a period of time, the Successor Company appeared to continue to operate a
11	in the past, even after the name change to PFL.
12	67. In a documented phone conversation, DEIFIK spoke with Mr. Vince Hesser of
13	GLOBAL and stated that he didn't make the decision, but Russ Ramsey, a PFL board
14	member, made the sole decision to change the company name which damaged GLOBAL
15	DEIFIK further stated "Ramsey has a f***ing ego the size of Texas and Ramsey was
16	moron for changing the name."
17	68. Upon information and belief, and based on DEIFIK's past egregious behavior
18	GLOBAL believes DEIFIK made the ultimate decision to change the name to purposefully
19	damage GLOBAL.
20	69. DEFENDANTS then improperly removed GLOBAL's required website linl
21	from their homepage (and refused to comply with other terms) as required under the
22	Settlement Agreement.
23	70. DEFENDANTS actions were oppressive and made to directly damage
24	GLOBAL and its business.
25	71. Further, the Amended License states GLOBAL's rights to the Licensed Mark
26	are defined as follows:
27	"Licensed Marks" means, without limitation, any and all trademarks, service marks, logos,
28	insignias, designs, and all other commercial symbols which MMA <u>now uses or hereafter</u> adopts to identify the source and origin of its goods and services, including but not limited to

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have to, to keep Ali in power because I rely on him so much". He went on to discuss "how

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GLOBAL had entered the China market and had its world press conference in the Great

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1	111. The Settlement Defendants breached the Settlement Agreement as to WSOF Global by
2 3 4	breaching the terms of Licensing Agreement and diluting all economic value from the Licensing Agreement.
5	112. The Settlement Defendants have asserted an apparent repudiation or abandonment of its duties
6	to perform pursuant to said agreement and have otherwise breached the terms of said agreement.
7	113. Therefore the Settlement Defendants have breached their contractual obligations, as stated
8	herein causing damage to Plaintiffs' damages.
9	114. As a result of the breaches described herein, Plaintiffs have suffered damages in excess o
10	\$10,000 and is entitled to an award as and for their damages incurred herein.
11	115. It has been necessary for Plaintiffs to retain the services of attorneys to prosecute this action and
12	therefore Plaintiffs are entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in
13	accordance with the law, including, without limitation, as special damages.
14 15	SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing (As against all Defendants)
16 17	116. The Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege and incorporate by reference all proceeding paragraphs of the
18	Complaint as though fully set-forth herein.
19	117. Implied in every contract in Nevada is the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.
20	118. The Defendants have breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.
21	119. The Defendants have deprived Plaintiffs of the benefit of their bargain for the above outlined
22	reasons.
23	120. The Plaintiffs have been injured in an amount in excess of \$10,000 as a direct and proximat
24	cause of the actions of Defendants, Plaintiffs have performed all obligations due and owing unde
25	the Licensing Agreement.
26	121. The Plaintiffs have been required to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action
27	and therefore, are entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.
28	THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

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Declaratory Relief (As against all Defendants)

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- 122. The Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege and incorporate by reference all proceeding paragraphs of the Complaint as though fully set-forth herein.
- 123. A justiciable controversy exists as Plaintiffs have asserted a claim of right as to the Property

 Interest in the Settlement Agreement.
- 124. Under N.R.S. § 30.010 et seq., the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act, any person interested under a written contract or other writings constituting a contract, or whose rights, status or other legal relations are affected by a contract, may have determined any question of construction or validity arising under the contract and obtain a declaration of rights, status or other legal relations thereunder.
- 125. The Settlement Defendants have thus far failed to demonstrate that they intend to continue to honor their obligations pursuant to the Settlement Agreement.
- 126. Accordingly, the controversy is between persons whose interests are adverse.
- 127. Note Plaintiffs have legally protectable interests in the controversy, i.e., their rights or interest in the property under Nevada law.
- 128. The issues involved in the controversy are ripe for judicial determination because there is a substantial controversy, among parties having adverse legal interests, of sufficient immediacy and reality to warrant the issuance of a declaratory judgment.
- 129. Plaintiffs therefore seek declaration(s) from this Court with respect to their interests in the property as contemplated by the Settlement Agreement.
- 130. Plaintiffs have been required to retain the services of counsel to prosecute this matter and, as such, are entitled to an award of their costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred herein.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Intentional Interference with Prospective Economic Advantage (As against all Defendants)

- 131. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every previous allegation contained herein as though set forth fully herein at length.
- 132. A prospective contractual relationship exists or existed between Plaintiffs and numerous third

1	parties including promotion companies, fighters and managers.
2	133. Defendants knew of these prospective relationships.
3	134. Defendants intended to harm Plaintiffs by preventing the relationships.
4	135. The interference was improper and/or unlawful.
5	136. Desendants had no privilege or justification.
6	137. Defendants' conduct resulted in actual harm to Plaintiff.
7	138. Plaintiffs have been required to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action and are
8	entitled to an award of attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.
9	FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Tortious Interference with Contract (As against all Defendants)
11	139. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every previous allegation contained herein as though set
12	forth fully herein at length.
13	140. A contract existed between Plaintiffs and Defendants, as well as numerous third parties
14	including promotion companies, fighters and managers.
15	141. MMAX knew of these contractual relationships.
16	142. The actions of MMAX, as outlined above, were intentional and intended to interfere with these
17	contractual relations.
18	143. The interference was improper and/or unlawful and actually interfered with Plaintiffs
19	contractual relationships.
20	144. MMAX had no privilege or justification.
21	145. Defendants' conduct resulted in actual harm to Plaintiff.
22	146. Plaintiffs have been required to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this action and are
23	entitled to an award of attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.
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SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Alter Ego Claim (As against MMAWC and Deifik Defendants)

- 147. Plaintiffs repeats, re-allege, and incorporate by reference all proceedings paragraphs of the Complaint as though fully set-forth herein.
- 148. There is a unity of interest between Defendant Deifik and Defendant Nancy and Bruce Deifik Family Partnership LLLP to the extent that Mr. Deifik is inseparable from said Partnership.
- 149. Since Deifik's usurpation of control over MMAWC, there has existed, a unity of interest and ownership such that any separateness between Defendant Deifik and Defendant Nancy and Bruce Deifik Family Partnership LLLP and MMAWC has ceased to exist in that Deifik has completely controlled, dominated, manipulated, managed and operated MMAWC since his usurpation for his own personal benefit.
- 150. Defendants Deifik and Nancy and Bruce Deifik Family Partnership LLLP and MMAWC are, and at all times mentioned here were, a mere shell, instrumentality and conduit through which Defendant Deifik carried his own activities in the corporate name, exercising such complete control and dominance over the activities of MMAWC and the Partnership to such an extent that any individuality or separateness of said parties does not, and at all relevant times did not, exist.
- 151. Adherence to the fiction of the separate existence of Defendants Deifik and Nancy and Bruce Deifik Family Partnership LLLP and MMAWC as entities distinct and apart from Defendant Deifik would permit an abuse of the corporate privilege and would promote and sanction fraud, injustice and an inequitable result in that Deifik has used MMAWC for the purpose of defrauding, misleading and injuring Plaintiffs as set forth here.
- 152. The use of Defendants Nancy and Bruce Deifik Family Partnership LLLP and MMAWC by Defendant Deifik for the purposes of defrauding, misleading and injuring Counter-claimant is the proximate cause of Plaintiffs' damages as stated here.
- 153. The Court should enter a judgment and declaration piercing the corporate veil of Bruce Deifik Family Partnership LLLP and MMAWC as the alter ego of Deifik and MMAWC and personally responsible for their actions complained of here.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF **Breach of Fiduciary Duty** (As against Deifik, Silva and Redmond)

- 154. Plaintiffs repeats, re-allege, and incorporate by reference all proceedings paragraphs of the Complaint as though fully set-forth herein.
- 155. As alleged above Defendant Deifik, Silva, and Redmond are managers, directors, officers and/or control persons of MMAWC and/or PFL.
- 156. As managers, directors, officers and/or control persons, Defendants Deifik, Silva, and Redmond owed a fiduciary duty to Plaintiff's.
- 157. Plaintiffs alerted Defendants Deifik, Silva, Redmond, and other Defendants to the breaches of the Settlement Agreement, and the existence of valid claims against the other Defendants. Plaintiffs demanded that Defendants Deifik, Silva, and Redmond cause the board of directors they dominated to take action. However, Defendants dominated the board of directors and prevented MMAWC from taking actions in breach of their fiduciary duties.
- Defendants Deifik, Silva, and Redmond's actions were the direct and proximate cause of 158. Plaintiffs' injuries.
- 159. Plaintiff has been required to retain the services of an attorney to prosecute this matter and therefore, is entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.

EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Civil RICO (As against all Defendants)

- 160. Plaintiffs repeats, re-alleges and incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as though fully set-forth herein.
- 1161. The conduct of Defendants as outlined above was a part of a fraudulent scheme designed to defraud Plaintiffs of money and property.
- 162. The conduct of Defendants constitutes a "crime related to racketeering," the taking of 25 property from another under circumstance not amounting to robbery pursuant to NRS 207.360(9)
- 26 1163. The conduct of Defendants constitutes a "crime related to racketeering" namely obtaining 27 possession of property valued at \$250.00.
 - 164. Defendants engaged in at least two crimes related to racketeering they have engaged in 1081992v.1 Page 18 of 21

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

- 1. For damages in an amount to be proven at the time of trial;
- 2. For prejudgment interest;
- For punitive damages as may be applicable; without limitation, as special and/or punitive damages incurred;
- 4. For the costs of suit herein incurred, including Plaintiffs' costs and attorneys' fees herein, as allowed by law;
- 5. For an Order granting declaratory and equitable relief including a determination by the Court that a valid and binding contract exits; that Plaintiffs performed in full; that Defendants are obliged to perform or otherwise as the Court deems proper; and
- 6. For such other and further relief as the Court deems proper and prudent.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2017.

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EXHIBIT 2 Order Deny Motion To Compel Arbitration

CLERK OF THE COURT **ORDR** 1 **BLACK & LOBELLO** 2 Maximiliano D. Couvillier III, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 7661 3 10777 West Twain Avenue, Third Floor Las Vegas, Nevada 89135 4 Ph. (702) 869-8801 Fax (702) 869-2669 5 mcouvillier@blacklobello.law Attorneys for Defendant MMAWC L.L.C. 6 7 DISTRICT COURT 8 9 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 10 11 ZION WOOD OBI WAN TRUST and SHAWN CASE NO.: A-17-764118-C 12 WRIGHT as trustee of ZION WOOD OBI WAN DISTRICT COURT DEPT: 27 TRUST; WSOF GLOBAL, LLC, a Wyoming 13 limited liability company, ORDER RE: MMAWC, LLC's MOTION TO DISMISS AND TO COMPEL 14 Plaintiffs, **ARBITRATION** v. 15 16 MMAWC, LLC d/b/a WORLD SERIES OF FIGHTING a Nevada limited liability company; 17 MMAX INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. dba PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS LEAGUE, a 18 Delaware corporation; BRUCE DEIFIK, an individual; CARLOS SILVA, an individual; 19 NANCY AND BRUCE DEIFIK FAMILY 20 PARTNERSHIP LLLP, a Colorado limited liability partnership; KEITH REDMOND, an 21 individual; DOES I through X, inclusive; and ROE Corporations XX through XXX, inclusive, 22 23 Defendants. 24 25 On February 21, 2018, the Court heard the Motion to Dismiss and To Compel Arbitration 26 ("Motion") by Defendant MMAWC, LLC ("MMAWC"). Maximiliano D. Couvillier III, Esq. 27 appeared on behalf of MMAWC. Byron Thomas, Esq. appeared on behalf of Plaintiffs. The 28 1

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counsel. For good cause appearing:
1) The Motion is GRANTED IN PART with respect to Plaintiffs' Eighth Cause of
Action for RICO. Plaintiffs' Eighth Cause of Action for RICO is dismissed without prejudice.
Plaintiffs have leave to amend their RICO claim and file an amended complaint after some
discovery, but must inform the Court on or before March 23, 2018, whether they intend to amend
their RICO claim; and
2). The Motion is DENIED in all other regards. The Court declines to compel
arbitration because it finds the arbitration provision at issue is void pursuant to NRS 597.995.
Dated:March, 2018.
District Court Judge
Respectfully Submitted By,
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Approved to Form and Content,
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EXHIBIT 3 Notice of Entry Of Order

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EXHIBIT 4 Amended Notice of Entry Of Order

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ORDER RE: MMAWC, LLC's MOTION TO DISMISS AND TO COMPEL

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1	TO COMPEL ARBITRATION was entered in the above-entitled matter on the 13th day of March
2	2018, a copy of which is attached hereto.
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4	Dated this 14 th day of March 2018.
5	BLACK & LOBELLO
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7	<u>/s/ Maximiliano D. Couvillier III, Esq.</u> Maximiliano D. Couvillier III, Esq. SBN 7661
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11	<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>
12	I certify that on this 14 th day of March 2018. I electronically filed the foregoing NOTICE
13	OF ENTRY OF ORDER RE: MMAWC, LLC's MOTION TO DISMISS AND TO COMPEL
14	ARBITRATION using the Court's electronic filing and service system, which provides service
15	to the following users:
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