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8 Communicate (other external) with court regarding discovery	4 Legal Analysis of Plaintiff's supplemental expert reports on duty of	8 Communicate with expert Paul Burkett regarding	5 Communicate (in firm) with Patricia Lee regarding	5 Communicate (in firm) with Patricia Lee regarding	3 Preparation of discovery commissioner's report and recommendation by and submitting to court.	7 Communicate (outside counsel) with opposing counsel regarding review of y commissioner's report and recommendations.	3 Preparation of discovery commissioner's report and recommendation in ce with telephone conference.	9 Appear for/Attend telephone conference with discovery commissioner g ruling on motion to strike.	1 Plan and Prepare for - telephone conference with discovery commissioner ${f g}$ motion to strike.	5 Communicate (in firm) with Patricia Lee regarding	7 Communicate (outside counsel) with OMI's counsel and OPH's counsel g discovery commissioner's ruling on motion to strike and conference with y commissioner.	4 Legal Analysis of OMI's responses to OPH's third set of discovery.	7 Communicate (outside counsel) with OMI's counsel regarding discovery oner's ruling on motion to strike and conference with discovery oner.	$ exttt{L}140$ AllO Manage data/files by evaluating and analyzing order setting new trial date.	I130 A104 Analyze and evaluate issues re: finalizing proposed report and recommendations regarding Sandin's motion to strike; receipt, review and analysis of correspondence from opposing counsel objecting to proposed report and recommendations; analyze and evaluate strategy for addressing the objections during Court order call with the Discovery Commissioner.

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L130 A111 Review and analysis of Dave Sandin deposition in order to ascertain

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/14		MSK	1.10	154.00	8	1240 A104 Legal Analysis of Anthony Sandin's deposition for evidence and to support motion for summary judgment.
/14		MSK	4.30	602.00	8	1240 A104 Legal Analysis of Dave Brown's deposition for evidence and to support motion for summary judgment.
/14		MSK	2.90	406.00	8	$ ext{L240 A104 Legal Analysis}$ of Dave Sandin's deposition (Vol. I) for evidence and to support motion for summary judgment.
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./14		MSK	3.60	504.00	8	$ ext{L}240$ AlO4 Legal Analysis of deposition of David Sandin (Vol. I) to prepare evidence and documents to support motion for summary judgment.
./14		MSK	2.50	350.00	8	L240 A104 Legal Analysis of deposition of David Sandin (Vol. II) to prepare evidence and document to support motion for summary judgment.
./14		MSK	1.50	210.00	8	1240 Al04 legal Analysis of deposition of Deborah Mosher to prepare evidence and document to support motion for summary judgment.
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L210 A107 Communicate (outside counsel) with Oregon Mutual's counsel regarding

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Il20 Al06 Provide input on presiding judge as part of Utica's required status

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L340 A102 Research rule on payment of fees of expert depositions and righ to

1340 Al09 Appear for/Attend deposition of expert Kevin Kirdendall.	B	420.00	3.00	MSK	/15
L330 A109 Prepare for and attend deposition of Mary Heinz (OMI's damages expert).	B B	672.00	4.20	Iđ	/15
I130 A101 Plan and Prepare for Kevin Kirkendall's deposition; analyze and evaluate issues re: Plaintiff's strategy of establishing duty through custom and practice and ways to combat the same through expert deposition; analyze and evaluate issues re: anticipated dispositive motion; exchange correspondences with opposing counsel re: cementing deposition date for Mr. Freudenberger.	ט סי	96.00	0.60	PL	:/15
I130 A101 Prepare for and attend deposition of Mary Heinz, OMI's expert on damages.	ש	832.00	5.20	TĀ	:/15
L440 $$ A104 Legal Analysis of trial and tasks and assignments to prepare for trial on April 27, 2015.	ש טי	196.00	1.40	MSK	:/15
${\tt L340~A107~Communicate}$ (outside counsel) with opposing counsel regarding dates for expert depositions.	ש	28.00	0.20	MSK	:/15
1330 A109 Appear for/Attend and defend deposition of Paul Burkett; subsequent consultation with opposing counsel re: moving subsequent depositions such that Northern California experts can be deposed back to back.	В В	352.00	2.20	IA	,/15
I130 A101 Convert deposition of Bordenave to video deposition; exchange correspondences with opposing counsel re: reorganizing depositions so that Northern California depositions can occur back to back; receipt, review and analysis of amended deposition notice of Mr. Wey and Mr. McKinnon; exchange several correspondences with opposing counsel regarding the same.	ש	208.00	1.30	ТĀ	,/15
$\tt L350~A104~Legal~Analysis$ of facts and evidence regarding Sandin's prior notices to OPH of missed insurance premiums.	ש	714.00	5.10	MSK	,/15
1340 A107 Communicate extensively (outside counsel) with OMI's counsel and opposing counsel regarding schedule for expert depositions and moving depositions.	ש	154.00	1.10	MSK	./15
L340 A101 Travel to Reno; in person meeting with Paul Burkett in preparation for his deposition the following day.	ש	832.00	5.20	PI	:/15
L340 A103 Preparation of outlines for expert depositions.	8	28.00	0.20	MSK	:/15
I130 A103 Review and analysis of notes from meeting with Mr. Kirkendall in preparation for Mary Heinz deposition; receipt, review and analysis of correspondence from OMI's counsel re: intent to appear via video conference for Paul Burkett's deposition; analyze and evaluate issues re: whether payment for Ms. Heinz needs to be coordinated in advance of her deposition.	8 2	80.00	0.50	PL	:/15
${\tt L340~A107~Communicate}$ (outside counsel) with OMI's counsel regarding expert depositions.	B	42.00	0.30	MSK	:/15
cancel depositions for non-payment of fees.		Dollars Gp	Hours	Emp	

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L330 A101 Review and analysis of all expert reports produced to date and various parts of the record in preparation for deposition of Neal Bordenave, OPH's expert on agent standard of care.	L330 \pm Al01 Travel to Chico California in anticipation of taking deposition of OPH's agent / broker standard of care expert deposition, Neal Bordenave.	expert).

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1330 Al04 Review and analyze staffing for remaining depositions.	care expert.	L330 A101 Draft deposition outline for Neal Bordenave, OPH's agent standard of

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1240 AlO3 Preparation of motion for summary judgment by citing to deposition testimony and documents as evidence to support motion.	B P 1340 A103 Preparation of deposition summary of Paul Burkett.	B P I330 A104 Review and analyze staffing for remaining depositions.

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L130 A109 Attend and take deposition of OPH's expert on agent standard of care.

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B P L420 A104 Review expert witness reports of Don Way and documents referenced	I330 A109 Travel to San Jose in anticipation of deposition of OMI's expert on agent standard of care, Don Way.

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B P L240 A104 Review relevant portions of clients' deposition testimony ostensibly	therein; prepare deposition outline for Mr. Way's deposition.	The second section of the second section of the second sec

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P L340 A104 Post deposition analysis and note to file on issues raised during	termination as a "value added service," and Sandin's counter-testimony stating that it was never their policy to notify their clients of cancellations.	1240 A104 Review relevant portions of clients' deposition testimony ostensibly

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L240 A103 Preparation of section on prior notices of missed or late payments for

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e-trial disclosures of witnesses and exhibits pursuant	motion in limine to exclude evidence of Dave Sandin's	OMI's motion for summary judgment and case law and	review and analysis of correspondence from retained expert Paul	what evidence should be excluded by way of motions in	possible motions in limine against Plaintiff.	(outside counsel) with OMI's counsel regarding possible	s and legislative history regarding whether agent has for summary judgment.	L250 A102 Conduct research in support of motion in limine to exclude any evidence	proposed motion for summary judgment.	motion for summary judgment by reviewing and checking	anticipated motion for summary judgment and arguments	deposition transcript of Stephan Freudenberger.	deposition transcript of Don Way.	on agent's duty of care to support summary judgment	summary judgment motion by evaluating and analyzing Bordenave and incorporating relevant portions into nt.	-	deposition of expert Edward McKinnon

L120 A104 Legal Analysis of pre-trial disclosures. L440 A101 Analyze and evaluate issues re: staffing deposition summaries.	ש ש טי טי	32.00 16.00	0.20	14 14	:/15
1250 Al04 Legal Analysis of OMI's motion to exclude any evidence of speculative damages and to exclude Plaintiff's expert testimony to the extent it includes any legal opinions.	В Ф	48.00	0.30	Id	:/15
1440 A104 Receipt, review and analysis of correspondence from opposing counsel re: request to stipulate to omitting any evidence of arson and unpaid rents; review of record for evidence of either in order to meaningfully respond.	В Ф	80.00	0.50	Id	:/15
L250 \pm 103 Finalize motion in limine to exclude any evidence relating to Mr. Sandin's revoked Nevada license.	B טי	16.00	0.10	Tq	:/15
L250 Al04 Legal Analysis of motion to bifurcate trial.	B 9	48.00	0.30	Iđ	:/15
1250 A104 Receipt, review and analysis of meet and confer correspondence from opposing counsel seeking consent to exclude evidence of arson and unpaid rents.	B 9	32.00	0.20	Iđ	:/15
L430 A103 Preparation of motion in limine to exclude evidence of Dave Sandin's Nevada license. [NO CHARGE]	B ש	0.00	1.10	MSK	:/15
L430 $\tt A104\ Legal\ Analysis\ of\ OPH's\ motion\ to\ bifurcate\ trial\ splitting\ liability\ and\ damages.$	8	70.00	0.50	MSK	:/15
1430 A107 Communicate (outside counsel) with opposing counsel regarding meet and confer requirement on proposed motions in limine and excluding evidence at trial.	B 7	98.00	0.70	MSK	:/15
L430 A103 Preparation of Pre-trial disclosures by reviewing documents and selecting document to be used as exhibits.	ט טי	994.00	7.10	MSK	:/15
${\tt L340~A104~Legal~Analysis}$ of impending motions in limine deadline and evidence for which to seek exclusion.	טי טי	16.00	0.10	Id	·/15
L430 \pm A103 Preparation of Pre-trial Discloses by reviewing and analyzing exhibits to include.	8	1,022.00	7.30	MSK	·/15
L430 \pm 107 Communicate (outside counsel) with OMI's counsel regarding motions in limine and trial deadlines.	טי טי	56.00	0.40	MSK	·/15
L430 A107 Communicate (outside counsel) with OPH's counsel regarding motion in limine to exclude evidence of Dave Sandin's license status and whether OPH will stipulate to exclude.	В Ф	42.00	0.30	MSK	/15
L430 A103 Preparation of motion in limine excluding evidence of Dave Sandin's expired Nevada license. [NO CHARGE]	B 7	0.00	3.20	MSK	'/15
L210 A104 Legal Analysis of writ of attachment filed against OPH.	д в Р	Dollars 14.00	Hours 0.10	Emp	'/15

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L250 A104 Legal Analysis of draft reply in support of Sandin defendants' motion

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L120 A108 Communicate (other external) with OMI's counsel regarding summary

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${ t L460~Al02~Research~case~law,~statues,~and~rules~on~motion~for~attorney's~fees~and~costs.}$	${ t L460~A102}$ Research case law and statutes to support motion for attorney's fees and costs.	L120 A108 Communicate with Greg Stewart regarding .	I120 A107 Communicate (outside counsel) Receipt, review and analysis of correspondence from OPH's counsel re: responsive letter to Court regarding competing orders memorializing judgment in favor of OMI.	1240 AlO3 Preparation of letter to Judge Sturman regarding proposed order granting summary judgment and arguments against OPH's proposed changes to the order.	L240 A107 Communicate (outside counsel) with opposing counsel regarding proposed order granting summary judgment.	I120 A107 Communicate (outside counsel) Receipt, review and analysis of correspondence from OMI's counsel re: letter sent to the court regarding disagreement over proposed judgment and anticipated competing orders in light of the same. +I120	1240 Al07 Communicate (outside counsel) with OPH's counsel regarding proposed order granting summary judgment.	<pre>1240 Al07 Communicate (outside counsel) with OMI's counsel regarding their proposed order granting summary judgment.</pre>	I120 A107 Communicate (outside counsel) Review and analysis of correspondence from opposing counsel re: proposed changes to findings of fact, conclusions of law and judgment and prudence of accepting/rejecting the same.	1210 Al03 Preparation of order granting motion for summary judgment after counsel for plaintiff submitted its comments.	Il20 Al04 Legal Analysis of Receipt, brief review and analysis of proposed changes to order granting summary judgment as submitted by OPH's counsel.	Il20 Al04 Legal Analysis of opposing counsel comments to proposed order granting summary judgment and possible response to comments.	1240 A107 Communicate (outside counsel) with opposing counsel regarding comments to proposed order granting summary judgment.	L250 A107 Communicate (outside counsel) with opposing counsel regarding proposed order granting motion for summary judgment.	Y PRE-BILLING LEDGER Run On 07/31/15 02/15/13-07/31/15 Page 056/056 Sandin & Company, et al. adv. OPH of Las Vegas

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L430 Al03 Preparation of motion for attorney's fees and costs.

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L210 A101 Plan and Prepare for - continue preparing matrix for use as backup for	I210 A101 Plan and Prepare for - Begin evaluate and analyze list of costs and identify those that require additional supplementation, begin incorporating same into matrix for use in support of memorandum of costs.	I430 Al08 Communicate (other external) Draft electronic correspondence to Court re: memorandum of costs.	1430 A101 Plan and Prepare for - memoranda to and from Michael Kelley and Patricia Lee re:	1460 A103 Preparation of memorandum of costs.	1210 A104 Legal Analysis of OMI's motion for attorney's fees.	I120 A108 Communicate with Greg Stewart.	I460 λ 101 Plan and Prepare for - evaluate and analyze memoranda re: entry of judgment and impact on timing of memorandum of costs.	1430 A103 Preparation of Judgment in favor of Sandins and against OPH.	L460 \pm A104 Legal Analysis of filing judgment, notice of entry of judgment, and memorandum of costs and timing to do so.	I120 A105 Communicate (in firm) Conference with M. Kelley re	L460 A104 Legal Analysis of memorandum of costs filed by Oregon Mutual.	Il20 Al04 Legal Analysis of filing judgment, notice of entry of judgment, memorandum of costs, and motion for attorney's fees.	1210 A104 Legal Analysis of OMI's notice of entry of order granting summary judgment.	1460 A103 Preparation of notice of entry of order granting summary judgment.	I120 A108 Communicate with expert Paul Burkett regarding	1460 A102 Research judgments and process for filing judgment.	L460 A102 Research statutes on awarding costs to prevailing party.	1240 Al08 Communicate (other external) with Court's law clerk regarding order granting motion for summary judgment.	1210 A104 Legal Analysis of order granting OMI's motion for summary judgment.	CURRENT PERIOD AND HISTORY PRE-BILLING LEDGER Run On 07/31/15 02/15/13-07/31/15 Page 057/057 Group Sandin & Company, et al. adv. OPH of Las Vegas

1210 A101 Plan and Prepare for - Draft memorandum of costs

L250 A102 Research Review and analysis of scan/copy prints to include in memorandum of costs.

L460 A103 Preparation of memorandum of costs with Risa Beck.

L210 $\mathtt{A}104$ Legal Analysis of notice of withdrawal by Robert Langford as counsel for plaintiff.

1460 Al03 Preparation of motion for attorney's fees and costs.

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REGISTER OF ACTIONS CASE No. A-12-672158-C

O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc., Plaintiff(s) vs. Oregon Mutual

Insurance Company, Defendant(s)

§ Case Type: **Breach of Contract** Insurance Carrier Subtype: 8 Date Filed: 11/19/2012 Location: Department 26 š Cross-Reference Case A672158 Number: Supreme Court No.: 68543

PARTY INFORMATION

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Defendant Sandin & Co

Patricia Lee Retained 7023852500(W)

Defendant Sandin, Dave Sandin, David Patricia Lee Retained 7023852500(W)

Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc. Margaret A. McLetchie Retained 702-728-5300(W)

EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT

08/29/2014 All Pending Motions (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Bulla, Bonnie)

David Sandin and Sandin & Co.'s Motion to Strike Rebuttal Report of Neal Bordenave on OST Oregon Mutual Insurance Company's Joinder to Strike Rebuttal Expert Report of Neal Bordenave on OST

Minutes

08/29/2014 9:00 AM

- David Sandin and Sandin & Co.'s Motion to Strike Rebuttal Report of Neal Bordenave on OST Oregon Mutual Insurance Company's Joinder to Strike Rebuttal Expert Report of Neal Bordenave on OST Commissioner did not receive Pltf's courtesy copy of Opposition. Oral opposition present by Mr. Langford. Commissioner will treat the rebuttal expert as an initial expert, but Defts will get a new initial expert date. COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, David Sandin and Sandin & Co.'s Motion to Strike Rebuttal Report of Neal Bordenave and Joinder are DENIED; alternative relief is provided; Neal Bordenave is not a rebuttal expert, and he will be treated as an initial expert in this case. COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, discovery cutoff EXTENDED to 1/30/2015; adding parties, amended pleadings, and initial expert disclosures DUE 10/30/14 for Deft only; rebuttal expert disclosures DUE 12/1/14; FILE dispositive motions to 3/2/2015; Trial ready 4/13/2015. If Commissioner sees this conduct again, counsel will not get a pass. Commissioner advised counsel read the Rules. Mr. Kelley to prepare the Report and Recommendations, and counsel to approve as to form and content. A proper report must be timely submitted within 10 days of the hearing. Otherwise, counsel will pay a contribution. Mr. Kelley to appear at status check hearing to report on the Report and Recommendations. 10/3/14 11:00 a.m. Status Check: Compliance

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY NEVADA

O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc.,

Plaintiff,

Oregon Mutual Insurance Company, Dave Sandin, and Sandin & Co.,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-12-672158-C

Dept. No.: XXVI

OPPOSITION TO DAVE SANDIN AND SANDIN & CO.'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS

COMES NOW Plaintiff, O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc. ("O.P.H."), by and through its attorney of record, Margaret A. McLetchie, of McLetchie Shell LLC, and hereby submits this Opposition to Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co.'s Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs.

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This Opposition is based upon the papers and pleadings on file herein, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities submitted in support hereof, the attached exhibits, and any oral argument this Court may entertain.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of September, 2015.

By: /s/ Margaret A. McLetchie
Margaret A. McLetchie

Nevada Bar No. 10931 MCLETCHIE SHELL LLC 701 East Bridger Ave., Suite 520 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Attorney for Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Plaintiff filed its initial Complaint in this matter on November 19, 2012 naming Oregon Mutual Insurance Company ("OMI"), as well as Sandin & Co., a corporation, and Dave Sandin, an individual (the "Sandin Defendants"). After service of the Complaint, the Sandin Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss on December 26, 2012. This Motion was heard on February 13, 2013, and decided in the Plaintiff's favor. Before discovery had begun in this case, and even before the Sandin Defendants filed an Answer to the Plaintiff's Complaint, the Sandin Defendants served an Offer of Judgement on the Plaintiff in the amount of \$2,000.00. Given that the parties had yet to begin discovery, that the Plaintiff had successfully pled its Complaint to survive a motion to dismiss, and that Plaintiff had not received an Answer from the Sandin Defendants, the Plaintiff prudently rejected the \$2,000 Offer of Judgement.

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II. ARGUMENT

At this time, the case was put into arbitration and the parties began discovery. It was not until August 18, 2013, that the case was removed from Nevada's Arbitration program. Following discovery, OMI and the Sandin Defendants moved for Summary Judgment on March 17, 2015. On June 30, 2015, the Court entered separate orders as to OMI and the Sandin Defendants granting their respective motions for summary judgment. The Notice of Entry of Judgement was filed on August 13, 2015.

Pursuant to Nev. R. Civ. P. 68, a party is not entitled to attorney's fees simply because it served an Offer of Judgment on the opposing party and that party failed to achieve a more favorable verdict. The "purpose of NRCP 68 is to encourage settlement, it is not to force plaintiffs unfairly to forego legitimate claims." Beattie v. Thomas, 668 P.2d 268, 274 (Nev. 1983). Thus the Court has the discretion to determine if, and in what amount, a grant of attorney's fees is reasonable. The Nevada Supreme Court has provided guidance to trial courts in making this determination, stating:

> In exercising its discretion regarding the allowance of fees and costs under NRCP 68 ... the trial court must carefully evaluate the following factors: (1) whether the plaintiff's claim was brought in good faith; (2) whether the defendants' offer of judgment was reasonable and in good faith in both its timing and amount; (3) whether the plaintiff's decision to reject the offer and proceed to trial was grossly unreasonable or in bad faith; and (4) whether the fees sought by the offeror are reasonable and justified in amount."

Trustees of Carpenters for S. Nevada Health and Welfare Trust v. Better Bldg. Co., 710 P.2d 1379, 1382 (Nev. 1985) (citing Beattie, 668 P.2d at 274).

The Nevada Supreme Court has also found that while the party served an offer of judgment may have lost the case entirely, the timing of the offer is relevant to whether the decision to reject was reasonable and in good faith. See Id. at 1382 (stating that the court did not abuse its discretion in denying attorney's fees to a party who failed to provide essential documents to the offeree at the time the offeree decided to reject an offer of judgment); See also Wynn v. Smith, 16 P.3d 424, 429 (Nev. 2001)(holding that the trial court did not abuse

its discretion in refusing attorney's fees to a prevailing party when the offeree required discovery to determine the liability of the parties and the offer of judgment was premature).

In this case, O.P.H.'s claims were brought in good faith. However, the offer of judgment provided by the Sandin Defendants was woefully premature and in an amount that would not have begun to compensate O.P.H. for the damages caused by its lapsed insurance policy. As such, an award of attorney's fees pursuant to Nev. R. Civ. P. 68 is not appropriate.

1. The Plaintiff's Claims Against the Sandin Defendants were Brought in Good Faith.

Despite the claims of the Sandin Defendants, the Plaintiff brought a cognizable claim against them. This is not only verified by the fact that the Plaintiffs' legal claims survived a motion to dismiss, but by the fact that no discovery had taken place at the time of the filing. As such, it is unclear how Plaintiff brought the claims in bad faith when the legal theory it was predicated upon had been upheld and the facts of the case had not yet been discovered. There is no evidence that Plaintiff acted maliciously or without a good faith belief that its claims were meritorious.

2. The Sandin Defendants' Early Offer of Judgment in the Amount of \$2,000.00 was Unreasonable and not in Good Faith.

The Sandin Defendants contend that their \$2,000 offer was not only reasonably timed but tendered in a reasonable amount. What the defendants seem to ignore is that, in this case, a popular Las Vegas restaurant burned to the ground. Without money to rebuild the restaurant, O.P.H. suffered, and continues to suffer, hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost profits. Two thousand dollars would not even begin to compensate the Plaintiff for the damages suffered by having its insurance lapse.

Further, the timing of the Offer of Judgment was entirely premature. The Sandin Defendants had not answered the Complaint at the time that the offer was presented. As such, O.P.H. was not given notice of the Sandin Defendants' contentions, affirmative defenses, or access to any allegedly exculpatory discovery. To hold that the Plaintiff should have accepted an inadequate offer before any opportunity to litigate the case is unreasonable.

3. O.P.H. Decision to Reject the Offer and Proceed to Trial was Reasonable and Made in Good Faith.

The offer of judgment in this case was served the day after the Plaintiff prevailed on a motion to dismiss brought by the Sandin Defendants. In denying a motion to dismiss, the Court would be required to find that the Plaintiff sufficiently pled a legal claim on which relief could be granted. It is incongruous to suggest that Plaintiff could prevail on such a motion, and then accept the merest scintilla of their damages the next day. O.P.H.'s decision to proceed at this time was not only reasonable and in good faith, but the right decision at the time.

4. The Fees Being Sought by the Sandin Defendants are Excessive and Unreasonable.

Pursuant to Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat. Bank, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (Nev. 1969), the Court must decide if the attorney fees being sought are reasonable in light of the following factors.

(1) the qualities of the advocate: his ability, his training, education, experience, professional standing and skill; (2) the character of the work to be done: its difficulty, its intricacy, its importance, time and skill required, the responsibility imposed and the prominence and character of the parties where they affect the importance of the litigation; (3) the work actually performed by the lawyer: the skill, time and attention given to the work; (4) the result: whether the attorney was successful and what benefits were derived.

As to the first and fourth factor, the Plaintiff does not contend that Ms. Lee, Mr. Kelly, and Ms. Branson are less than competent or unqualified to perform the job assigned to them. Nor does the Plaintiff deny that the attorneys prevailed in a summary judgement motion. However, the billing in this case far exceeds the "character of the work" that was required by this case.

The Sandin Defendants assert it was "unreasonable" for the Plaintiff to reject the offer of judgment while the case was still in arbitration, because the cap for damages at that stage was \$50,000. However, despite the Sandin Defendants' obvious knowledge of the limitations of an arbitration action, the attorneys for the Sandin Defendants managed to bill over \$35,000.00 from the time that they served the offer of judgment to the time that the case

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was exempted from arbitration. See "Exhibit E" to the Defendants' Motion for Fees. Racking up \$35,000 during an incomplete arbitration proceeding, when the cap for an award of attorney's fees is \$3,000, is objectively unreasonable in itself. See Nev. Arb. R. 16(E).

An award of \$140,857.00 in attorney's fees to the Sandin Defendants for a case that did not go to trial is unreasonable on its face. As such, if this Court is inclined to grant attorney's fees despite the premature and unreasonable nature of the offer of judgment, the Plaintiff requests that the fees be reduced by 50% to reflect the rampant over-billing as well as the excessive time spent by the attorneys while the case was in arbitration.

5. The Court Should Reduce the Costs Claimed by the Sandin Defendants by \$13,850 in Limiting the Expert Fees to the Statutory \$1,500.00.

Nev. R. Civ. P. 68 allows a party to recover their attorney's fees and costs where (1) they make an offer of judgment to an opposing party, (2) the offer is declined, and (3) the opposing party fails to secure a better result at trial. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.115 is a statutory codification of a similar concept, with the difference that under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.115, a party may recover taxable costs, including those paid to expert witnesses. In defining the meaning of "costs" Nev. Rev. Stat. § 18.005(5) limits the amount recoverable for expert witness costs to \$1,500.00 for each of five expert witnesses, unless the court allows a larger fee out of necessity.

In this case, the Sandin Defendants hired Paul Burkett, ostensibly to provide expert testimony in his capacity as President of an insurance company. However, it does not appear that his services were necessary in the instant matter. He was not subject to deposition or required to give testimony. See Memorandum of Costs, pp. 4-10. In his invoice, Mr. Burkett billed for several reports, however his potential testimony and findings are not present anywhere in the Sandin Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment. Id.; See also Motion for Summary Judgment dated March 17, 2015. Consequently, there is little reason, let alone necessity, that would warrant an award of expert costs outside the statutory maximum.

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III. CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Court deny the Sandin Defendants' Motion for Attorney's Fees in its entirety. In the alternative, the Plaintiff requests the Court reduce the attorney's fees by 50% to reflect the over-billing of a straightforward case. Finally, the Plaintiff requests this Court reduce the award of expert costs to the statutory maximum of \$1,500.00.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of September, 2015.

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Pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2 and N.E.F.C.R. 9, I hereby certify that on this 28th day of September, 2015, I did cause a true copy of the foregoing OPPOSITION TO DAVE SANDIN AND SANDIN & CO.'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS, to be filed and served electronically using the Wiznet Electronic Service system, to the following counsel of record:

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L110 A108 Communicate (other external) Telephone conference with Nationwide Legal Support re service of subpoena and Oregon procedures.

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L110 A105 Communicate (in firm) Conference with Katy Branson re

all parties in light of OPH's accusations that OPH requested auto-pay and Sandin

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L110 A102 Research whether commissions statements are discoverable.	₩ ₽	126.00	0.90	ZKB	/13	
${\tt I320~A103~Preparation}$ of revised subpoena duces tecum and notice of deposition to reflect new location for deposition.	ש	22.50	0.30	RKB	/13	
t L320~A104~Analyze and evaluate issues re subpoena duces tecum and location of deposition in OR.	טי טי	7.50	0.10	RKB	/13	
IllO AlO3 Preparation of final draft of subpoena and corresponding documents and forward to D. Campbell with	В	70.00	0.50	ZKB	'/13	
L110 A104 Legal Analysis of pleading	ט טי	70.00	0.50	ZKB	1/13	
IllO AlO4 Legal Analysis of requests for production to OMI in follow-up of deposition testimony concerning Bizlink report.	ש	84.00	0.60	ZKB	1/13	
IllO AlO3 Preparation of third supplemental disclosure statement with new custodians of records and additional documentation.	ש	126.00	0.90	ZKB	1/13	
L320 Al03 Preparation of revised subpoena and notice of deposition to incorporate additional language for requested documents.	В Ф	22.50	0.30	RKB	/13	
L320 A104 Analyze and evaluate issues re subpoena to be issued in Oregon.	8	15.00	0.20	RKB	/13	
L310 A104 Analyze and evaluate issues re: OPH's written discovery requests.	8	32.00	0.20	ŢŢ	/13	
IllO AlO4 Legal Analysis of order granting plaintiff's request for exemption and effect of the same on timing of discovery deadlines.	ש	56.00	0.40	ZKB	:/13	
IllO $\tt Al07$ Communicate (outside counsel) regarding service of subpoena in Oregon and coordinating the same.	ש	42.00	0.30	ZKB	:/13	
IllO λ 103 Preparation of additional language of correspondence to λ . Burnaford and Certificate of λ 104 Authenticity.	ש	15.00	0.20	RKB	:/13	
IllO λ 103 Preparation of additional language for notice of deposition for custodian of records.	ש	15.00	0.20	RKB	:/13	
L120 A104 Legal Analysis of deposition summaries to be prepared for Mr. Stewart.	8	112.00	0.70	ŢŢ	/13	
L110 A104 Legal Analysis of OMI's opposition to request for exemption.	8	56.00	0.40	ZKB	/13	
IllO λ 104 Analyze and evaluate issues re documents required by local counsel to serve subpoena without commission.	ש	15.00	0.20	RKB	/13	
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L110 A107 Communicate (outside counsel) with opposing counsel regarding potential

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Illo Alo3 Preparation of file of relevant discovery documents and deposition testimony for P. Burkett to review and assist with his expert report opinion

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L120 A105 Communicate (in firm) with Katy Branson regarding

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L330 A104 Legal Analysis of notice of deposition of Plaintiff's principal, Stephen Freudenberger.	B	14.00	0.10	MSK	:/14
I120 λ 107 Receipt, review and analysis of letter from OMI's counsel regarding trial and depositions.	ט טי	14.00	0.10	MSK	:/14
1240 AlO3 Preparation of motion for summary judgment on plaintiff's claims against Sandin defendants.	B קי	126.00	0.90	MSK	./14
I120 A104 Legal Analysis of plaintiff's third set of discovery to OMI.	8 8	28.00	0.20	MSK	./14
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IllO $\mathtt{A104}$ Receipt, review and analysis of OPH's Eight Supplemental Disclosure Statement.	ט טי	32.00	0.20	Id	/14
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NOTICE OF MOTION

TO: MARGARET A. McLETCHIE, attorney for O.P.H. OF LAS VEGAS INC.; and

TO: ROBERT W. FREEMAN & PRISCILLA L. O'BRIANT, attorneys for OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE CO .:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will bring DAVE SANDIN AND

SANDIN & CO.'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS before Department

XXVI of the above entitled Court in courtroom 3H on the 6th day of October

2015, at the hour of ___9 o'clock, _a .m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

DATED this 2nd day of September, 2015.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

1. Introduction.

This suit arose as a result of an August 17, 2012 fire that destroyed Plaintiff's restaurant at 4833 West Charleston Boulevard in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Sandin defendants, insurance agents and/or insurance brokers, procured insurance for Plaintiff from Oregon Mutual Insurance Company ("Oregon Mutual" or "OMI") for coverage of its restaurant. Plaintiff was to pay all of its premiums directly to Oregon Mutual. Approximately seven months into the policy period, Plaintiff failed to pay the monthly premium due on July 26, 2012. On August 1, 2012, Oregon Mutual sent a notice of cancellation for non-payment to Plaintiff, warning Plaintiff that failure to cure the missed premium would result in cancellation of its policy, effective August 16, 2012. Plaintiff did not make its July premium, and the policy was cancelled accordingly. The fire occurred one day later.

Early in the litigation, the Sandin defendants served an offer of judgment to OPH in the amount of \$2,000. OPH did not accept the offer of judgment, and by rule, the offer was deemed rejected. Recently, the Court granted the Sandin defendants' motion for summary judgment on all of OPH's claims against the Sandin defendants. Therefore, the Sandin defendants obtained a more favorable result in the litigation than their offer of judgment. Accordingly, the Sandin defendants are entitled to their costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

2. Procedural Background.

Plaintiff commenced this action on November 11, 2012, by filing claims against Oregon Mutual and the Sandin defendants. *See* Complaint, on file. On December 26, 2012, the Sandin defendants filed a motion to dismiss seeking to dismiss all the claims against them for failure to state a claim pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5). *See* Motion to Dismiss, on file. The Sandin defendants' motion to dismiss was denied without prejudice. *See* Order Denying the Sandin Defendants' Motion to Dismiss dated March 12, 2013, on file. On February 14, 2013, the Sandin defendants served an Offer of Judgment to OPH pursuant to NRCP 68 and/or NRS 17.115. *See* Exhibit B. The Offer of Judgment provided that "defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co. . . . offer judgment to be taken by plaintiff, OPH of Las Vegas, Inc., against the

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Sandin defendants in this action, in the amount of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$2,000.00)." Id. OPH did not accept the offer and it expired ten days after the date of service pursuant to NRCP 68 and NRS 17.115.

On March 17, 2015, the Sandin defendants filed their motion for summary judgment, seeking judgment on all of OPH's claims against them. On May 14, 2015, a hearing was held before this Court on the Sandin defendants' motion for summary judgment. At the hearing, the Court granted both the Sandin defendants' and Oregon Mutual's motions for summary judgment. An order was entered on July 1, 2015 granting the Sandin defendants' motion for summary judgment. On August 13, 2015, judgment was entered in favor of the Sandin defendants and against OPH an all of OPH's claims against the Sandin defendants. See Notice of Entry of Judgment, on file.

3. Legal Argument.

Legal standard to enforce an offer of judgment. A.

The Sandin defendants move the Court for an order granting attorneys' fees and costs due to OPH's rejection of the Sandin defendants' offer of judgment. The Sandin defendants obtained a more favorable judgment on summary judgment than the offer of judgment. Accordingly, the Sandin defendants are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs. The strong public policy supporting this rule is to encourage parties in litigation to settle on reasonable terms when available, rather than requiring the parties and the court to incur the substantial costs and expenditure of time and resources proceeding to trial.

Under NRCP 68(a), "[a]t any time more than 10 days before trial, any party may serve an offer in writing to allow judgment to be taken in accordance with its terms and conditions." NRCP 68(a). If the offeree rejects an offer and fails to obtain a more favorable judgment, "the offeree shall pay the offeror's post-offer costs, applicable interest on the judgment from the time of the offer to the time of entry of the judgment and reasonable attorney's fees, if any be allowed, actually incurred by the offeror from the time of the offer." NRCP 68(f)(2). Further,

¹ Also on hearing that day was Oregon Mutual's motion for summary judgment.

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NRS 17.115 provides:

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- 1. At any time more than 10 days before trial, any party may serve upon one or more other parties a written offer to allow judgment to be taken in accordance with the terms and conditions of the offer of judgment.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in this section, of a party who rejects an offer of judgment fails to obtain a more favorable judgment, the court:
 - © Shall order the party to pay the taxable costs incurred by the party who made the offer; and
 - (d) May order the party to pay to the party who made the offer any or all of the following:
 - (2) Any applicable interest on the judgment for the period from the date of service of the offer to the date of entry of the judgment.
 - (3) Reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the party who made the offer for the period from the date of service of the offer to the date of entry of the judgment.

NRS 17.115(1) & (4).

The Court must consider various factors when determining whether to award attorney's fees and costs under NRCP 68. The factors are as follows: (1) whether the offeree's claims were brought in good faith; (2) whether the offeror's offer of judgment was reasonable and in good faith in both its timing and amount; (3) whether the offeree's decision to reject the offer and proceed to trial was grossly unreasonable or in bad faith; and (4) whether the fees sought by the offeror are reasonable and justified in amount. See RTTC Commc'ns., LLC v. Saratoga Flier, Inc., 121 Nev. 34, 41, 110 P.3d 24, 28 (2005) (citing Beattie v. Thomas, 99 Nev. 579, 588-89, 668 P.2d 268, 274 (1983)). In addition, when deciding whether to award attorneys' fees, the Court must consider the factors in Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969).

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B. Legal analysis.

1. OPH's claims were not brought in good faith.²

As a threshold matter, OPH's claims were not brought in good faith. In this lawsuit, OPH attempted to shift the blame for the missed premium to the Sandin defendants and Oregon Mutual. Plaintiff's claims against the Sandin defendants were centered on two main themes: (1) the Sandin defendants had a legal duty to notify OPH that it was late making its monthly insurance premium and (2) Dave Sandin breached some fictitious duty to OPH by allowing his Nevada license to lapse.

With regard to the first point, the Sandin defendants had no idea of the pending cancellation and could not inform OPH to pay its premium. OPH did not dispute that the Sandin defendants did not have knowledge of the pending cancellation. Whether or not the Sandin defendants had a legal obligation to notify OPH of the pending cancellation, the Sandin defendants could not inform OPH of the pending cancellation. *See* Order Granting Defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co.'s Motion for Summary Judgment, ¶ 10 (Conclusions of Law), on file.

Further, in Nevada, insurance agents do not have a fiduciary relationship with their clients. An "insurance agent is obliged to use reasonable diligence to place the insurance and seasonably to notify the client if he is unable to do so." *Keddie v. Beneficial Insurance, Inc.*, 94 Nev. 418, 420, 580 P.2d 955, 956 (1978).³ The Nevada Supreme Court has further stated that "[a]n insurance agent or broker does not owe the insured any additional duties other than procuring the requested insurance." *Flaherty v. Kelly*, 2013 WL 7155078 (Nev. Dec. 18, 2013)

² In its opposition to the motion for summary judgment, OPH consented to judgment in the Sandin defendants' favor on the claim for violation of 686A.310. Clearly this claim was not brought in good faith. *See Albert H. Wohlers & Co. v. Bartgis*, 114 Nev. 1249, 969 P.2d 949 (1998).

³ See also Havas v. Carter, 89 Nev 497, 499-500, 515 P.2d 397, 399 (1973) ("the general rule [is] that an insurance agent or broker who undertakes to procure insurance for another owes an obligation to his client to use reasonable diligence in attempting to place the insurance and to seasonably notify the client if he, the agent or broker, is unable to obtain the insurance").

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(unpublished). It has been further stated that "no Nevada court has imposed on insurance brokers a fiduciary duty toward insureds." *CBC Financial, Inc. v. Apex Insurance Managers, LLC*, 291 Fed.Appx. 30, *4 (9th Cir. Aug. 14, 2008) (unpublished).

With regard to the second point, the fact that Dave Sandin's Nevada license had expired at the time the subject Policy was issued had nothing to do with the issues in this case.⁴ The licensing status of a non-resident agent is purely an administrative matter. *See* NRS 683A.201(1) & (3). NRS 683A.201 does not provide for a private right of action. Rather, it provides for an administrative fine. NRS 686A.015(1) provides that "[n]otwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner has exclusive jurisdiction in regulating the subject of trade practices in the business of insurance in this state." The Nevada Supreme Court has held that matters within Title 57, including the licensing of agents, is an administrative matter. *See Allstate Ins. Co. v. Thorpe*, 123 Nev. 565, 572, 170 P.3d 989, 994 (2007).

In granting summary judgment, this Court stated:

I think that this is one of those cases where maybe the federal approach is better than the Nevada approach where you traverse the legal standard of the pleading early on and dismiss the cases earlier rather than give parties a chance. Nevada is a place that believes in giving people a chance and that's – that was my intention when I sent you off on this odyssey and maybe that was a disservice to your client because I just don't see how after everything we can say that this is anything other than just a contract that fails because your client didn't pay his premium

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I think I have to grant both of these summary judgments. As I said, you know, maybe the federal system is better and you would have saved all this time you guys spent on the discovery. I don't know. You know, like I said, we want to give people a chance here

Transcript of Proceeding dated May 14, 2015, at 46:11-21; 48:16-20.

OPH's claims were not based on the law or any legal principle. In opposition to the summary judgment motion, Plaintiff never submitted any case law to support its two theories of the case. OPH knew that it had no legal basis for its claims, but pursued the claims hoping that a jury would return a verdict in its favor out of sympathy for the tragic situation.

⁴ Plaintiff's own expert agreed that the expired license was a non-issue.

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Therefore, on the first factor, OPH's claim were brought in bad faith.

The Sandin defendants' offer of judgment was reasonable and in good faith 2. in both its timing and amount.

The Sandin defendants served their offer of judgment on February 14, 2013. This was one day after the hearing on the Sandin defendants' motion to dismiss, where the Court denied the motion. Thus, the offer of judgment was served early on in an effort to resolve the case before any of the parties expended a large sum of time and money on the case.

The offer of judgment for \$2,000 was also reasonable in its amount. The Sandin defendants felt very confident that they would defend against OPH's claims, whether on summary judgment or at trial. The Court granted summary judgment in the Sandin defendants' favor on all OPH's claims. Additionally, at the time of the offer of judgment, the case was part of the mandatory arbitration program.⁵ In the mandatory arbitration program, damages are limited to \$50,000. Nevada Arbitration Rules 16(B) ("The maximum award that can be rendered by the arbitrator is \$50,000 per plaintiff, exclusive of attorney's fees, interest and costs."). Given the \$50,000 cap on damages, the \$2,000 offer of judgment was reasonable.

The amount is also reasonable in amount in terms of damages. Oregon Mutual's and the Sandin defendants' damages expert, Kevin Kirkendall, calculated damages under the Policy at either \$10,748 or \$54,036.6 See Expert Report dated November 29, 2014, Exhibit D. Mr. Kirdendall never apportioned liability among OMI and the Sandin defendants. The Sandin defendants, however, assert that their liability would have been less than OMI's. Therefore, the \$2,000 offer of judgment was reasonable in both its timing and amount.

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⁵ Six months after the offer of judgment, OPH filed a Request for Exemption from Arbitration. See Exhibit C. The Commissioner granted the request on September 17, 2013. See Commissioner's Decision on Request for Exemption - Granted, on file.

⁶ Mr. Kirdendall calculated damages under two scenarios. The first scenario provides that OPH's lease would be terminate ending September 15, 2012 because the landlord had the right to cancel the lease upon 30 days notice. The second scenario provides that damages are calculated through the most recent lease option date of June 30, 2014. See Exhibit D.

3. OPH's decision to reject the offer and proceed to discovery and towards trial was grossly unreasonable.

OPH's decision to reject the offer was unreasonable. As stated in subsection 1 above, OPH's claims were brought in bad faith and were not grounded in the law. There was no legal basis whatsoever for OPH's claims against the Sandin defendants. Therefore, OPH's decision to reject the offer and proceed through months and months of discovery was unreasonable.

4. The fees sought by the Sandin defendants are reasonable and justified in amount.

The penalty for rejecting the offer and failing to secure a more favorable outcome at trial is the rejecting party pays costs and fees from the date of the offer forward. The Sandin defendants served the offer of judgment on February 14, 2013. Currently, the Sandin defendants' attorneys' fees incurred from February 14, 2013 to the present total \$140,857.00. *See* the itemized fee analysis from February 14, 2013 to the present, attached as Exhibit E. The Sandin defendants' counsel utilized a total of 1,063.50 hours defending the case post-offer of judgment. *See id.* The hourly rates of the Sandin defendants' counsel are more than reasonable. The primary attorneys on the case billed their time at deeply discounted rates. Patricia Lee billed her time at a discounted rate of \$160 per hour and the associates (Michael Kelley and Katy Branson) billed their time at a discounted rate of \$140. Their standard billing rates are \$360 and \$295, respectively. The hourly rate for the Sandin defendants' counsel is more than reasonable based on the experience of counsel, the quality of representation, and results achieved in this case.

Further, the Sandin defendants' total costs of defending the case equals \$20,948.63. See the Verified Memorandum of Costs, on file. Overall, the fees and costs that the Sandin defendants incurred were reasonable considering the work performed, the quality of advocacy, and the result achieved. Accordingly, the Sandin defendants should be awarded these fees and costs based on the law and strong public policy on which the law is based.

Although the offer of judgment permits the Sandin defendants to recover post-offer costs, NRS 18 permits the Sandin defendants to recover all costs as the prevailing party.

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Additionally, the fees and costs are reasonable given the circumstances of the case. As stated above, OPH's commenced this litigation on November 11, 2012. Discovery did not close until March 6, 2015, almost two-and-a-half years after the case commenced. The motions for summary judgment were not filed until March 17, 2015. The delay in the case was almost entirely attributable to OPH. First, the case was assigned to the mandatory arbitration program because OPH did not file a request for exemption. On August 28, 2013, OPH finally filed a Request for Exemption from Arbitration. See Exhibit C. The Commissioner granted the request on September 17, 2013. See Commissioner's Decision on Request for Exemption - Granted, on file.

Additionally, OPH initially failed to designate an expert to support its claims for bad faith and statutory violations. OMI later improperly designated Neal Bordenave as a rebuttal witness even though he supported OPH's case in chief. The Sandin defendants and OMI moved to strike Mr. Bordenave' report. Although agreeing that the report was not a proper rebuttal report, Commissioner Bulla denied the motion. Commissioner Bulla allowed OPH to treat Mr. Bordenave as an initial expert and defendant would be provided with a new initial expert deadline. *See* Minutes of August 29, 2014 hearing, Exhibit F.

In a subsequent phone conference between the parties and Commissioner Bulla, OPH complaint that Bordenave's "rebuttal" report had been limited so as to only act as a rebuttal and OPH would therefore be prejudiced if that report was used as OPH's initial report. Based on this, Commissioner Bulla reset the expert disclosure deadlines, providing staggered disclosures, resulting in the necessity for OMI to provide updated expert and rebuttal reports to respond to Bordenave's new "initial" expert report. *See* Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations, on file. Plaintiff's failure to appropriately and timely disclose its expert witness resulted in increased fees and costs to the Sandin defendants.

In addition to those procedural hurdles, there have been sixteen (16) depositions taken by the parties, which includes expert depositions. Of the sixteen depositions, eleven (11) were taken outside of the Las Vegas Valley, with many occurring in Oregon and Northern

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California. Thus, counsel was required to travel to the various sites for the depositions.

The fees sought by the Sandin defendants are reasonable and justified in amount by the length of the litigation and also the complexity and travel required.

5. The Sandin defendants are entitled to their attorneys' fees pursuant to the Brunzell factors.

The fourth Beattie factor (whether the fees sought by the offeror are reasonable and justified in amount) implicates Brunzell, the 1969 Nevada Supreme Court case that sets forth factors for courts to consider in rendering attorneys' fees awards. See Gunderson v. D.R. Horton, Inc., — Nev. —, 319 P.3d 606, 616 (2014), reh'g denied (Apr. 23, 2014) (concluding that the district court's failure to consider the Brunzell factors within its Beattie analysis constitutes an abuse of discretion); see also Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat'l Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969).8 Brunzell establishes that the trial court must consider:

- the character and difficulty of the work performed; (1)
- (2) the work actually performed by the attorney;
- (3) the qualities of the advocate; and
- the result obtained. (4)

See Brunzell, 85 Nev. at 350, 455 P.2d at 33.

The first Brunzell factor, i.e., the character and difficulty of the work performed, favors an award of attorneys' to the Sandin defendants. As stated above, OPH was attempting to shift blame for the missed premium onto the Sandin defendants and OMI. While the facts were not terribly complex, this case presented an unique issue to the Sandin defendants: whether the Sandin defendants could be held liable as insurance agents for a missed premium by the insured under a theory of breach of fiduciary duty and/or negligence. This issue required the

⁸ However, recently the Nevada Supreme Court ruled that other accepted methods may be used to calculate attorneys' fees, provided that the Brunzell factors are still considered. See Haley v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct., — Nev. —, 273 P.3d 855, 860 (2012) (""[I]n determining the amount of fees to award, the court is not limited to one specific approach; its analysis may begin with any method rationally designed to calculate a reasonable amount,' so long as the requested amount is reviewed in light of the factors set forth in Brunzell . . .") (quoting Shuette v. Beazer Homes Holdings Corp., 121 Nev. 837, 864-65, 124 P.3d 530, 549 (2005))).

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Sandin defendants to retain an expert witness specifically to address this issue. Additionally, counsel was required to spend numerous hours researching this issue to defend themselves against OPH's claims.

Concerning the second Brunzell factor, the work actually performed by the attorney, the Sandin defendants were primarily represented by Patricia Lee, Michael Kelley, and Kathryn Branson. As stated above, OPH commenced this litigation on November 11, 2012. Discovery did not close until March 6, 2015, almost two-and-a-half years after the case commenced. There were sixteen depositions that required preparation and travel throughout Nevada, California, and Oregon. To prepare the motion for summary judgment, counsel was required to review and summarize each deposition and cite to relevant portions of deposition transcripts. Additionally, OPH produced over 11,000 pages of documents in discovery (not counting the documents produced by the Sandin defendants and OMI). Counsel was required to review the documents and cull the necessary documents for each deposition and finally, the summary judgment motion. The Sandin defendants also retained two experts. Counsel also filed a motion to strike an expert witness. Even though the motion was not granted, Commissioner Bulla recognized that the motion had merit but was lenient on OPH. Counsel also prepared and opposed several motions in limine and had begun trial preparation because the trial date was scheduled for April 27, 2015 (the trial date was continued at the calendar call on April 2, 2015).

Exhibit E reflects the work actually performed and necessary to the Sandin defendants' successful defense of this action. The hourly rates of the Sandin defendants' counsel are more than reasonable. Patricia Lee billed her time at a discounted rate of \$160 per hour and the associates (Michael Kelley and Katy Branson) billed their time at a discounted rate of \$140. Their normal billing rates are \$360 and \$295, respectively. The hourly rate for the Sandin defendants' counsel is more than reasonable based on the experience of counsel, the quality of representation, and results achieved in this case.

Nevada courts have found much higher attorney hourly rates to constitute "prevailing

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market rates." See, e.g., Cuzze v. Univ. & Cmty. Coll. Sys. of Nevada, 123 Nev. 598, 606, 172 P.3d 131, 137 (2007) (finding that the trial court "properly determined... that the \$250 per hour fee claimed by respondents' counsel was reasonable."); see also, e.g., Tallman v. CPS Sec. (USA), Inc., 23 F. Supp. 3d 1249, 1259 (D. Nev. 2014) (awarding a labor and employment attorney with over 20 years of experience \$400 an hour, and a labor and employment attorney with four years of experience \$240 an hour); see also, e.g., CLM Partners LLC v. Fiesta Palms, LLC, No. 2:11-CV-01387-PMP, 2013 WL 6388760, at *5 (D. Nev. Dec. 5, 2013) (surveying rate determinations among cases in the District of Nevada and finding "hourly rates as much as \$450 for a partner and \$250 for an experienced associate to be the prevailing market rate"); see also Easley v. U.S. Home Corp., No. 2:11-CV-00357-ECR, 2012 WL 3245526, at *3 (D. Nev. Aug. 7, 2012) objections overruled, No. 2:11-CV-00357-MMD, 2013 WL 1145138 (D. Nev. Mar. 18, 2013) (finding \$340 an hour to be reasonable in the Las Vegas legal market for someone with ten years of experience in the areas of labor and employment law).

Considering the third *Brunzell* factor, the qualities of the advocate, the law firm of Hutchison & Steffen and its attorneys are well known in the Las Vegas community. Ms. Lee has worked on this case since its inception as the lead attorney. Ms. Lee has over twelve years of experience in handling commercial litigation matters in Nevada, five of which have been as a partner with H&S. Ms. Lee has been consistently recognized as one of the Legal Elite, published in Nevada Business Magazine. Ms. Lee was assisted by other H&S attorneys, including Michael Kelley and Kathryn Branson. Mr. Kelley graduated law school in 2005 and was admitted to the State Bar of Nevada in October 2006. Mr. Kelley has practiced civil and commercial litigation for over nine years.

Concerning the fourth Brunzell factor, the result obtained, the Sandin defendants prevailed on their motion for summary judgment on all claims asserted against them.

In sum, each of the Brunzell factors support a finding that the Sandin defendants' attorneys' fees are reasonable. The Sandin defendants respectfully request that the Court find that the attorneys' fees of \$140,857.00 are reasonable and orders an award of this full amount.

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C. The Sandin defendants are entitled to costs pursuant to NRS Chapter 18.9

Pursuant to NRS Chapter 18, the Sandin defendants are entitled to costs. Under NRS 18.020(3), "[c]osts must be allowed of course to the prevailing party against any adverse party against whom judgment is rendered . . . [i]n an action for the recovery of money or damages, where the plaintiff seeks to recover more than \$2,500." NRS 18.020(3). Further, NRS 18.050 provides judicial discretion in allowing costs. NRS 18.110(1) provides:

The party in whose favor judgment is rendered, and who claims costs, must file with the clerk, and serve a copy upon the adverse party, within 5 days after the entry of judgment, or such further time as the court or judge may grant, a memorandum of the items of the costs in the action or proceeding, which memorandum must be verified by the oath of the party, or the party's attorney or agent, or by the clerk of the party's attorney, stating that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the items are correct, and that the costs have been necessarily incurred in the action or proceeding.

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In March of this year, the Nevada Supreme Court addressed awards of costs under NRS 18 in Cadle Co. v. Woods & Erickson, LLP, — Nev. —, 345 P.3d 1049 (2015). The Cadle court first reiterated that NRS 18.020 "give[s] district courts wide, but not unlimited, discretion to award costs to prevailing parties." Id. at 1054. A court cannot award costs based on a party's mere estimate of costs; rather, "costs must be reasonable, necessary, and actually incurred." Id. A verified memorandum of costs filed with the clerk and served on the adverse parties pursuant to NRS 18.110 must be supported with "justifying documentation" to demonstrate precisely how the fees "were necessary to and incurred in the present action." Bobby Berosini, Ltd. v. PETA, 114 Nev. 1348, 1352-53, 971 P.2d 383,386 (1998) (finding that it was an abuse of discretion to award the prevailing party costs because the party did not

⁹ NRS 17.115(4)(c) provides that the Court "shall order the [offeree who fails to obtain a more favorable judgment] to pay the taxable costs incurred by the party who made the offer." NRCP 68(f)(2) provides that "[i]f the offeree rejects an offer and fails to obtain a more favorable judgment, (2) the offeree shall pay the offeror's post-offer costs, applicable interest on the judgment from the time of the offer to the time of entry of the judgment and reasonable attorney's fees, if any be allowed, actually incurred by the offeror from the time of the offer."

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provide sufficient evidence in form of itemization and/or justifying documentation to support its request for requested costs).

Here, the Sandin defendants are the prevailing parties in an action in which OPH sought to recover more than \$2,500, thereby granting the Sandin defendants a statutory right to obtain costs from OPH. Pursuant to NRS 18.110, on August 19, 2015, the Sandin defendants filed a verified memorandum of costs for amounts totaling \$20,948.63. *See* Memorandum of Costs, on file. The Sandin defendants are entitled to these costs.

4. Conclusion.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should award the Sandin defendants their attorneys' fees from the date of the offer of judgment and theirs costs.

DATED this 2 day of September, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of HUTCHISON & STEFFEN, LLC. and that on this day of September, 2015, I caused the above and foregoing document entitled DAVE SANDIN AND SANDIN & CO.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY

- by placing same to be deposited for mailing in the United States Mail, in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was prepaid in Las Vegas, Nevada; and/or
- □ to be served via electronic mail; and/or
- pursuant to NEFCR 9, EDCR 8.05(a) and 8.05(f), to be electronically served through the Eighth Judicial District Court's electronic filing system, with the date and time of the electronic service substituted for the date and place of deposit in the mail; and/or
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EXHIBIT A

DECLARATION OF PATRICIA LEE PURSUANT TO NRS § 53.045

- I, Patricia Lee, hereby declare under the penalty of perjury:
- 1. I am a resident of Nevada and over 18 years old.
- 2. I am a partner with Hutchison & Steffen, LLC ("H&S" or "the Firm") counsel for defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co. (the "Sandin defendants") in Case No. A-12-672158-C, in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Nevada.
- 3. I make this declaration in support of the Sandin defendants' motion for attorneys' fees and costs (the "Motion").
 - 4. The information in the Motion is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
 - 5. I have been the lead attorney on this case since its inception.
- 6. I have more than twelve years of experience as an attorney practicing primarily in the areas of business and commercial litigation, five of which have been as a partner at H&S. I have tried over a dozen cases in my career.
- 7. I have been recognized for my professional work. I have been named one of *Nevada Business Magazine*'s Legal Elite.
- 8. On February 14, 2013, the Sandin defendants served an offer of judgment to plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc. in the amount of \$2,000. A true and correct copy of the offer of judgment is attached to the Motion as Exhibit B.
- 9. The time and labor spent on this case was significant, which resulted in a successful motion for summary judgment for the Sandin defendants on all of plaintiff's claims. The primary attorneys on the case were myself, Michael Kelley, and Katy Branson. Additionally, I worked with attorneys Joseph S. Kistler, Erin Lee Truman, Cami M. Perkins, Jessica S. Taylor, Brandon J. Trout, and Amber Sanuels and law clerks Tyler G. Mackay and Katherine Currie-Diamond, and paralegal Risa K. Beck.
- 10. Mr. Kelley and Ms. Branson were the primary associates on this case. Mr. Kelley graduated law school in 2005 and was admitted to the State Bar of Nevada in October 2006. Mr. Kelley has practiced civil and commercial litigation for over nine years. Mr. Kelley and Ms. Branson were involved in all aspects of the case, including but not limited to,

written discovery, depositions, expert discovery, motion practice, and preparing the motion for summary judgment.

- 11. Paralegal Risa Beck assembled the verified memorandum of costs and supporting documentation filed on August 19, 2015 and assembled the itemized fee analysis for this Motion.
- 12. The rates for partners on the case, myself included, is \$160 per hour.
 Associates billed their time at \$140 per hour. Law clerks and paralegals were billed at \$75 per hour. My standard billing rate is \$360 and Mr. Kelley's standard rate is \$295.
- 13. Not only are these rates far below the Firm's usual and customary rates, but they are well below the standard rates charged by firms of our size and stature for legal services in Southern Nevada. The Firm has had our own *standard* rates approved by other courts in Nevada.
- 14. From February 15, 2013 to July 30, 2015, the firm spent a total of 1,063.50 hours of billable time working on this case.
- 15. The total attorneys' fees from H&S for this case from February 15, 2013 through July 30, 2015 is \$140,857.00, as set forth in the billing statements attached as Exhibit E. In light of the reduced hourly rate, I believe the entirety of H&S's fees and costs are a conservative figure that should be awarded.
- 16. The entries and associated attorneys' fees contained in the billing reports attached as Exhibit E, and based on my experience as a practicing attorney in this jurisdiction, are reasonable in light of my skill, background, and experience. These attorneys' fees and costs have been necessarily and actually incurred in the successful defense of the Sandin defendants in this case.
- 17. I have reviewed and edited the bills in this case and believe that the fees and costs charged are reasonable.
- 18. The result obtained for the Sandin defendants was significant; the Court granted summary judgment in the Sandin defendants' on all of plaintiff's claims.
 - 19. This case presented an unique issue to the Sandin defendants: whether the

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Sandin defendants could be held liable as insurance agents for a missed premium by the insured under a theory of breach of fiduciary duty and/or negligence. This issue required the Sandin defendants to retain an expert witness specifically to address this issue. Additionally, counsel was required to spend numerous hours researching this issue to defend themselves against OPH's claims.

20. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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EXHIBIT B

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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

O.P.H. OF LAS VEGAS, INC., Case No.: A-12-672158-C Plaintiff, Dept. No.: XXVII v. OFFER OF JUDGMENT OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, DAVE SANDIN, and SANDIN & CO., Defendants.

TO: O.P.H. OF LAS VEGAS, INC.; and

MAGGIE MCLETCHIE, ESQ., its attorney of record: TO:

Pursuant to NRCP 68 and/or NRS 17.115, defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co. (the "Sandin defendants") offer judgment to be taken by plaintiff, OPH of Las Vegas, Inc. ("OPH"), against the Sandin defendants in this action, in the amount of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$2,000.00).

This offer precludes a separate allowance of costs, fees and interest.

This offer is made for the purposes specified in NRCP 68 and/or NRS 17.115 and to resolve all claims set forth in OPH's complaint against the Sandin defendants, as alleged in OPH's complaint on file herein. This Offer of Judgment should not be construed as either an admission that any individual or entity is liable in this action, or that OPH has suffered any

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A PROFESSIONAL LLC PECCOLE PROFESSIONAL PARK 10080 WEST ALTA DRIVE, SUITE 200 LAS VEGAS, NY 89145 specific damages. Accordingly, and pursuant to the foregoing rules and statutes, judgment against the offering defendants may not be entered unless specifically ordered by the District Court.

Pursuant to NRCP 68 and NRS 17.115, this offer will expire ten (10) days after the date of its service on OPH.

DATED this May of February, 2013.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of HUTCHISON & STEFFEN, LLC. and that on this /4td ay of February, 2013, I caused the above and foregoing document entitled OFFER OF JUDGMENT to be served as follows:

- by placing same to be deposited for mailing in the United States Mail, in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was prepaid in Las Vegas, Nevada; and/or
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- to be hand-delivered;

to the attorneys listed below at the address and emails indicated below:

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According to Nev. Arb. R. 5, a "request for exemption must [generally] be filed within 20 days after filing of an answer by the first answering defendant, and the party requesting the exemption must certify that his or her case is included in the categories of exempt cases listed in Rule 3." NAR 5(A). However, "[f]or good cause shown, an appropriate case may be removed from the program upon the filing of an untimely request for exemption..." NAR 5(A). Pursuant to Nev. Arb. R. 5, Plaintiff now requests the exemption and removal of this matter from arbitration for the reasons set forth below.

In accordance with Nev. Arb. R. 5, a specific summary of the facts which supports my contention for exemption is as follows:

- On the early morning hours of August 17, 2012, the Plaintiff's restaurant, located at 4833 W. Charleston, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89102 was completely destroyed by a fire.
- This matter involves a dispute between Plaintiff and Defendants Oregon Mutual 2. Insurance Company, Dave Sandin, and Sandin & Co., in which a significant amount of damages is claimed by Plaintiff based upon the fire damage to the building located at 4833 W. Charleston, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.
- 3. Specifically, this matter seeks to determine the rights and liabilities of the parties in this matter with respect to an insurance policy entered into between Plaintiff and Defendant Oregon Mutual Insurance, and the rights and liabilities as between Plaintiff and Defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co. concerning both this insurance policy and the parties' professional relationship.

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1	4. The policy limits of the insurance policy at issue total more than \$50,000.00.
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3	5. The damages suffered by Plaintiff in this matter include lost revenue which totals
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6 7	6. Initially, an exemption from the Arbitration Program in this matter was not
8	sought, because the Arbitration Progarm presented an opportunity to "obtain[] a prompt
9	and equitable resolution" of the dispute between the parties involved in this litigation. See
10	NAR 2(A).
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12	7. According to Nev. Arb. R. 3(B), "[a]ny civil case, regardless of the monetary
13	value, the amount in controversy, or the relief sought, may be submitted to the program
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15	upon the agreement of all parties and the approval of the district judge to whom the case is
16	assigned." NAR 3(B). Operating according to Nev. Arb. R. 3(B), and the general
17	principles set forth in Nev. Arb. R. 2, the Plaintiff determined that proceeding with this
18	matter through the Alternative Dispute Resolution process would resolve the issues in this
19	case more promptly, effectively, and in a cost-efficient manner.
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22	8. In fact, it was believed by Plaintiff that all issues, including the substantial
23	amount of damages claimed in this matter, could be resolved by the Arbitrator assigned to
24	this matter. See NAR 2(C) (" [t]he intent of these rules is to give considerable discretion
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- 10. However, it has recently been brought to the undersigned's attention that the parties in this matter have not, and would not, be stipulating or agreeing to allow the arbitrator to deviate from the maximum award amount set forth in Nev. Arb. R. 16(B). NAR 16(b)("It]he arbitrator shall determine all issues raised by the pleadings in cases that are subject to arbitration under the program, including issues of comparative negligence, if any, damages, if any, and costs. The maximum award that can be rendered by the arbitrator is \$50,000 per plaintiff, exclusive of attorney's fees, interest, and costs.")
- 11. Operating according to the Nevada Arbitration Rules, and proceeding through arbitration could "provide a simplified procedure for obtaining a prompt" resolution of this matter. See NAR 2(A). However, the inability of the arbitrator to render a judgment consistent with the Plaintiff's actual damages in this case prevents an "equitable resolution" of this matter, which is inconsistent with the intent of the program and the application of the Nevada Arbitration Rules. See NAR 2(A) (emphasis added).

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Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above the undersigned, on behalf of the Plaintiff and pursuant to Nevada Arbitration Rules 3 and 5, hereby requests this matter be exempted and removed from the Arbitration Program.

I hereby certify pursuant to Nev. R. Civ. P. 11 this case to be within the exemption(s) marked above and am aware of the sanctions which may be imposed against any attorney or party who without good cause or justification attempts to remove a case from the arbitration program.

I further certify pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. Chapter 239B and Nev. Rev. Stat. 603A.040 that this document and any attachments thereto do not contain personal information including, without limitation, home address/phone number, social security number, driver's license number or identification card number, account number, PIN numbers, credit card number or debit card number, in combination with any required security code, access code or password that would permit access to the person's financial account.

DATED this 28th day of August, 2013.

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I hereby certify that on this 28th day of August, 2013, a copy of the foregoing REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION AND REMOVAL FROM ARBITRATION was sent by electronic mail and by U.S. MAIL, postage was fully prepaid, to the following counsel of record:

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RE: O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc. v. Oregon Mutual Insurance Company, et al. Clark County District Court Case No: A-12-672158-C

Dear Ms. O'Briant and Ms. Branson

I am providing you with this second supplement report of my opinions concerning economic damages alleged by O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc. ("OPH") in its suit against Oregon Mutual Insurance Company ("OMIC"). Specifically, I have set forth calculations of economic damages to OPH in the attached exhibits. Additionally, I have addressed a number of Ms. Heinz's comments made in her most recent report dated July 21, 2014. The following sections of this report set forth my understanding of the background of this matter, additional documents received since the dates of my initial and first supplemental reports, my calculation of economic damages to OPH and my comments concerning Ms. Heinz's most recent rerpot.

Background

On August 16, 2012, a fire allegedly destroyed the building and its contents located at 4833 W. Charleston Blvd. At the time of the subject fire, The Original Pancake House of Las Vegas, Inc., ("OPH") was operating a restaurant business pursuant to a lease dated June 30, 1999, at that location. OPH is alleging through its expert, Mary Heinz, economic damages totaling \$1,424,012.

Documents Reviewed

Documents utilized and/or reviewed by me in the preparation of this report include the documents listed in my previous reports dated June 4, 2004, and July 16, 2014 and the following documents:

See Bates OPH0124 - OPH0163.

Priscilla L. O'Briant, Esq. Michael S. Kelley, Esq. November 29, 2014 Page 2 of 5

Report of Mary Heinz, CPA, July 21, 2014

Economic Damages

Economic damages are calculated without regard to liability under three categories. These categories include lost profits, the value of destroyed inventory and the value of tenant improvements and betterments Damages are summarized in Table I and calculated on Exhibits A through C which accompany this report. Lost profits and the value of tenant improvements and betterments are calculated under two scenarios. Lost profits and tenant improvements and betterments under the first scenario utilize a 30-day lease period ending September 15, 2012. Lost profits and tenant improvements under the second scenario are based upon a 683 day damage period or through the duration of the most recent lease option date of June 30, 2014.

Loss Category	N.	enario I	Se	enario II
Lost Profits	\$	740	\$	13,716
Inventory	\$	8,460	\$	8,460
Tenant Improvements & Betterments	\$	1,548	\$	31,861
Total Losses	\$	10,748	\$	54,036

Inventory is valued at the amounts listed by OPH in its inventory listing. Restaurant equipment is valued here at its book value absent evidence from the plaintiff concerning actual cash value. Restaurant equipment and signage are excluded from the damage categories as actual cash value is to be paid only upon replacement.

Report of Ms. Heinz, July 21, 2014

In her report dated July 21, 2014, Ms. Hienz states, "Mr. Kirkendall calculated the loss payment on a proportionate basis of the original costs for tenant improvements and betterments based on when repairs are not made promptly as set forth in the insurance policy. However, the building was completely destroyed by a fire and the building was not owned by OPH. Therefore, the tenant improvement repairs could not be made and Oregon Mutual Insurance Company did not honor this policy." To the extent it is determined that the insurance contract reference to repairs refers only to a non-destroyed property Ms. Heinz would be correct that repairs could not be made. However, to the extent repairs could entail re-construction of the subject property Ms. Heinz would be mistaken. I am not aware of anything precluding OPH from negotiating with the landlord to have the property rebuilt such that OPH operations could have continued

² See Ms. Heinz's report dated July 21, 2014, p. 1.

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within a reasonable time period. Reference to OPH's non-ownership of the subject property is irrelevant as the category of damages is "tenant" improvements and betterments. A tenant is not a landlord and certainly, at least in this case, OPH was not its own landlord.

Ms. Heinz stated "Mr. Kirkendall discusses an email dated May 18, 2011 regarding the landlord's intent to terminate the lease if he found a replacement tenant. As of August, 2012, OPH was still leasing the space which indicates that fair value rent was being paid and no replacement tenant would be found." The email referenced by Ms. Heinz indicates that the lease was terminated by the landlord on or about the date of that email. OPH was occupying the subject property on a month-to-month basis and not pursuant to a long-term lease. The fact that rent was being paid by OPH as of August 2012 indicates only that rent was being paid as of August 2012. A conclusion that no tenant would be found, absent evidence, is speculative. Ms. Heinz has no reasonable basis upon which to conclude that OPH would have continued leasing the subject property through April 30, 2016. The very furthest one might reasonably calculate damages, and then only if the trier-of-fact determined that the lease had not been terminated as of May 18, 2011, would have been June 30, 2014, the date through which the most recent option to renew would have extended.

Speaking of lost profits Ms. Heinz made the following statement, "...Oregon Mutal Insurance Company paid on a claim for the loss of gross income for Saturday, August 11, 2012, totaling \$4,847.20. The claim was based on a letter dated September 10, 2012, provided from Ms. Linda Snyder, office manager, of OPH. The letter includes documentation verifying the daily revenue from July through August 10, 2012 to calculate a "5 week Saturday average" in which the claim was accepted and paid by Oregon Mutual Insurance Company. Ms. Linda Snyder provided to the insurance company the same documentation and methodology verifying the daily revenue from January, 2012, through August, 2012." Documentation relating to losses for a previous claim do not constitute calculations for the subject claim. The purpose of Ms. Heinz's reference to "documentation and methodology" is not clear as she reference no particular documents by Bates or other reference. To the extent Ms. Snyder performed any calculations, such documentation has not been provided to me as of this writing. Additionally, it is not clear whether Ms. Heinz is advocating for the calculation of damages based upon a gross revenues measure. Given her calculations of lost profits based upon net income plus officer compensation and management fees, such advocacy would be contrary to her own methodology.

Fees My rates are as follows: Analysis and Document Review \$350 per hour Secretarial \$75 per hour

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Testimony

\$450 per hour

The above opinions are based upon analyses performed to date. I reserve the right to update this report based on information and/or events which may occur or become known to me in connection with the above referenced litigation proceedings. Such documentation and/or events may impact my analysis and that impact may be material. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this matter. If you have any questions concerning this report of my opinions please call me.

Sincerely,

Kevin B. Kirkendall, MBA, CPA-CGMA, CFE

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Appendix

Exhibit A - Tenant Improvements & Betterments

Exhibit B - Damage Summary

Exhibit C - Heinz Financial Projections

OPH v. Oregon Mutual Insurance Company, et al. Lost Profits Analyses Tenant Improvements & Betterments Exhibit A

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This exhibit sets forth calculation of loss payments for tenants' improvements and betterments (tenant improvements) including leasehold improvements and furniture and fixtures based upon paragraph £ 6. d. (5) of the Oregon Mutual Insurance Policy at Bates OPH0050POL. That paragraph indicates that the loss payment is to be calculated as the original cost multiplied by the number of days from the loss to the expiration of the lease which number is then divided by the number of days from the installation of improvements to the expiration of the lease. The following calculations are performed under two scenarios. On or before the loss date it appears that OPH had received notice of the Landlord's intent to terminate the lease for cause upon securing a replacement tenant for the subject building. OPH was informed that upon securing a new tenant they would receive 30 days notice to vacate the premises. Accordingly, the first scenario calculates the loss payment relating to leasehold improvements and furniture and fixtures based upon the assumption that the remaining term of the subject lease was 30 days. Paragraph £ 6. d. (5) (b) states that "If your lease contains a renewal option, the expiration of the renewal option period will replace the expiration of the lease in this procedure." The initial lease between OPH and the initial landlord was dated September 3, 1999, with a remewal option. OPH renewed the lease for an additional 5 years. On June 30, 2004, On or about the expiration date and pursuant to a renewal option. OPH renewed the lease for an additional 5 years. On June 30, 2009, the subject lease was amended such that a new five year lease period was to begin on July 1, 2009, to extend through June 30, 2014. Under scenario 2 the lease expiration date utilized in calculating the loss payment, given the policy language noted above, is June 30, 2014.

Date of Loss (1)	8/16/2012	
Leasehold Improvements Installation (2)	11/1/1995	
	Scenario l	Scenario II
Lease expiration date (3)	15-Sep-12	30-Jun-14
Days from loss to lease expiration	30.00	683,00
Original Costs - Leasehold Improvements (4)	284,541	284,541
Original Costs - Furniture & Fixtures (4)	33,411	33,411
ays from loss to lease expiration riginal Costs - Leasehold Improvements (4) riginal Costs - Furniture & Fixtures (4) Total leasehold improvements, furniture and fixtures riginal Cost X Days From Loss to Lease Expiration	317.952	317,952
Original Cost X Days From Loss to Lease Expiration	9,538,560	217,161,216
Days from installation to lease expiration	6,163	6,816
Loss Payment	\$ 1,548 \$	138,18

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- (1) See Bates OPH1272
- (2) See Defendan's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment in Southwestern Holdings, LLC v. Stephan Freudenberger and Kim Freudenberger, p. 3.
- (3) An email from Bobby Younessi to Stephan Freudenberger dated May 18, 2011, memorialized a conversation in which Mr. Freudenberger apparently agreed to vacate the premises upon 30 days written notice. The 30 lease expiration date is based upon an assumption that the landlord would have obtained a replacement tenant and given notice to OPH 90 days after the date of the subject fire.
- (4) See Bates OPH1272.

OPH v. Oregon Mutual Insurance Company, et al. Lost Profits Analyses Damage Summary

Exhibit B

	 Scenario I	Scenario II
Lost Profits (1)	\$ 740	13,716
Inventory (2)	8,460	8,460
Leasehold Improvements (3)	1,548	31,861
Restaurant Equipment (4)	~	~
Signage (4)	 	* .
Totals	\$ 10,748 \$	54,036

Notes:

- (1) Scenario I lost profits are based upon a 30 day damage period extending from August 16, 2012 through September 15, 2012. From Ms. Heinz's projected OPH ordinary business income for the remainder of 2012 of \$3,380, daily income of \$24.67 is calculated. This figure multiplied by 30 days indicates lost profits of \$740. Scenario II lost profits are comprised of 2012 ordinary business income plus 8.5 months of 2013 ordinary business income.
- (2) Based upon OPH's inventory listing.
- (3) See Exhibit A.
- (4) Damages for restaurant equipment and signage are excluded from the calculations as cash value for these items is to be paid only upon replacement.

OPH v. Oregon Mutual Insurance Company, et al.
Lost Profits Analyses
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Cost of Goods Sold	615 601	28.06%	378.582	28.00%	403.189	28.00%	429397	28.50%	457,387	28.00%
Gross Profits	2,81,621	72,00%	973,495	72.00%	1,036,773	72,00%	1,104,163	72.00%	1,175,933	72,00%
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Compensation of Officers	15,646	4.00%	54,083	\$ 00)%	SS-575	4.00%	245,10	4.18.73	057,00	4,19174
Salaries & Wages	93,874	24.06%	324,498	24.00%	359,901	25,00%	383,390	25,00%	408,310	25.00%
Receipt and Maintenance	7,823	2,00%	27,042	2.60%	58,799	2.00%	30,671	2.00%	32,665	2,00%
200	24,000	6.14%	\$6,653	5.92%	82,455	8.73%	84,928	8,54%	87,476	5.36%
Tax on License	19,557	5.00%	57,604	3,00%	21,998	5,00%	76,578	5.00%	81,662	\$ 00%
Advertisins	3913	1.00%	13,523	3.00%	14,400	1.00%	15,336	1.00%	16,332	1 00%
Orber Deductions	46,937	12.00%	243,374	18.00%	259,193	18,009%	276,041	18,00%	295,983	18.00%
Management Fors	56,493	17.06%	1.18.728	11.00%	158,396	11 00%	168,692	13.90%	179,656	11,00%
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Ordinary Business Income	3,389	0.86%	14,592	1.08%	3,943	0.27%	3,085	0.46%	\$6.51S	0.64%

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

O.P.H. OF LAS VEGAS, INC.,

Supreme Court No. 76966

Appellant,

v.

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OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY; DAVE SANDIN; AND SANDIN & CO.,

Respondents.

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CLARK COUNTY NEVADA

O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc.,

Plaintiff.

VS.

Oregon Mutual Insurance Company, Dave Sandin, and Sandin & Co.,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-12-672158-C

Dept. No.: XXVI

NOTICE OF APPEAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas ("OPH") hereby appeals to the Supreme Court of Nevada from:

- 1. All judgments and orders in this case:
- "Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment," filed electronically February 19, 2014 (Exhibit 1);
- "Order Granting Defendant Oregon Mutual Insurance Company Motion For Summary Judgment On All Claims Against OMI," filed electronically June 30, 2015, notice of entry of which was served electronically June 30, 2015 (Exhibit 2);
- "Order Granting Defendants Dave Sandin And Sandin & Co.'s Motion For Summary Judgment," filed electronically June 30, 2015, notice of entry of which was served electronically July 1, 2015 (Exhibit 3);

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 All rulings and interlocutory orders made appealable by any of the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of July, 2015.

By: /s/ Margaret A. McLetchie

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2 and N.E.F.C.R. 9, I hereby certify that on this 30th day of July, 2015, I did cause a true copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF APPEAL in O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc. v. Oregon Mutual Ins. Co., et al., Clark County District Court Case No. A-12-672158-C, to be filed and served electronically using the Wiznet Electronic Service system, to the following counsel of record:

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The matter of Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment came before the Court for

oral argument on January 22, 2014. Counsel present were Margaret A. McLetchic and Daniel B. Heidtke of LANGFORD MCLETCHIE on behalf of Plaintiff; Robert W. Freeman and Priscilla L.

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Mutual Insurance Company: and Z. Kathryn Branson of HUTCHISON & STEFFEN on behalf of

The Court, having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file and heard oral argument and

The Court finds that whether the requirement of NRS 687B.360 was triggered by the July

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OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY; DAVE SANDIN; and SANDIN & CO.,

Defendants.

ORDER DENVING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

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Pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2 and N.E.F.C.R. 9, I hereby certify that on this 30th day of June, 2015, I did cause a true copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON ALL CLAIMS AGAINST OMI in O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc. v. Oregon Mutual Ins. Co., et. al., Clark County District Court Case No. A-12-672158-C, to be served electronically using the Wiznet Electronic Service system, to all parties with an emailaddress on record.

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11	O.P.H. OF LAS VEGAS INC.,	CASE NO. A-12-672158-C Dept. No.: XXVI
12	Plaintiff,	
13	VS,	ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE
14	OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY; DAVE SANDIN; and SANDIN	COMPANY MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON ALL CLAIMS AGAINST
15	& CO.,	OMI
16	Defendants.	
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18	This matter came on for hearing on N	fay 14, 2015 in Department XXVI of the Eighth
19	Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada,	before the Honorable Gloria Sturman, on Oregon
20	Mutual Insurance Company's Motion for Sun	nmary Judgment ("OMI's Motion"). The Court,
21	having read the parties' moving papers and the	authority relied upon therein, and having engaged
22	with counsel in oral argument, hereby enters	the following undisputed material facts and legal
23	determinations on which the order is based, purs-	uant to NRCP 56(c).
24	UNDISPUTED MATERIAL FACTS	
25	 OMI issued a "Businessowner Programmer Programmer Programmer". 	otector Policy" to OPH of Las Vegas, Inc. ("OPH"
26	or "insured") at 4170 South Fort Apache Road	l, Las Vegas, Nevada, Policy No. BSP71668 (the
27	"policy") which provided coverage for the OPI	H Restaurant at 4833 West Charleston Boulevard,
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(b) The effective date of nonrenewal.

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- We will also provide a copy of the notice of cancellation, for both policies in effect less than 70 days and policies in effect 70 days or more, to the agent who wrote the policy.
- On July 9, 2012, OMI generated a billing statement to OPH which was received by OPH in July which stated that the minimum amount due was \$2,814.75 and the due date was July 26, 2012.
 - 7. OMI did not receive payment by July 26, 2012.
- On the night of July 31, 2012, OMI produced a "Notice of Cancellation" (the "notice") dated July 31, 2012 which stated:

Minimum Due 2,822,00

We did not receive the required premium payment on your account by the date it was due.

We appreciate your business and hope we can continue to serve your insurance needs. If we receive at least the minimum due on this account by 08/15/12, we will continue your coverage without interruption. If we do not receive the minimum due by 08/15/12, each policy listed below will be cancelled effective the time and date shown opposite that policy number.

Policy type Businessowner Policy	Policy number BSP716685	Effective time and date of cancellation This policy is cancelled as of: 12:01 a.m. standard time on 08/16/12
Package Policy	OM0914045	This policy is cancelled as of:

If you have any questions, please contact your agent SANDIN INSURANCE GROUP immediately at (503) 381-5570.

- OMI mailed the notice via first class mail to OPH at 4170 South Fort Apache Road,
 Las Vegas, Nevada, the corporate office of OPH.
- The notice was mailed on August 1, 2013 more than 10 days before the effective date of August 16, 2012.
- On July 31, 2012. OMI uploaded a copy of the provisional notice of cancellation to Sandin's BizLink portal
- 12. The Agency Agreement between OMI and Sandin provides that "[a] copy of all ... cancellations or renewal notices ... will be mailed or electronically transmitted to the agent."
 - OMI did not receive payment of the outstanding premium by August 15, 2012.

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- At approximately 4:00 a.m. on August 17, 2012, a fire broke out at the OPH 14. Restaurant at 4833 West Charleston Boulevard (the "fire loss").
 - OPH, through its agent, submitted a claim for the fire loss to OMI. 15.
- On August 20, 2012, OMI mailed a claim denial letter to OPH, stating that the policy 16. had been cancelled prior to the date of loss, and that OMI therefore had no obligation to indemnify OPH for the fire loss.

LEGAL DETERMINATIONS

- In finding that no coverage exists under the undisputed facts of the case and the terms 1 of the Policy, the Court is guided by the following standards governing interpretation of insurance policies in Nevada. The interpretation of an insurance contract is a question of law. Farmers Ins. Exch. v. Neal, 119 Nev. 62, 64 P.3d 472, 473 (Nev. 2003). The terms of an insurance policy must be construed "in their plain and ordinary sense and from the viewpoint of one not trained in the law," Griffin v. Old Republic Ins. Co., 122 Nev. 479, 482, 133 P.3d 251, 253 (2006); Farmers Ins. Exch. v. Neal, 119 Nev. 62, 64-65, 64 P.3d 472, 473 (2003); United National Ins. Co. v. Frontier Ins. Co., 120 Nev. 678, 684, 99 P.3d 1153, 1156-57 (2004); Vitale v. Jefferson Ins. Co., 116 Nev. 590, 594, 5 P.3d 1054, 1057 (2000). Policies are construed from the perspective of a layman rather than from "one trained in the law" and absent ambiguity, terms are to be given their plain and ordinary meaning. McDaniel v. Sierra Health & Life Ins. Co., 118 Nev. 596, 53 P.3d 904, 906 (Nev. 2002). An ambiguity exists when a policy provision is subject to two or more reasonable interpretations. Grand Hotel Gift Shop v. Granite State Ins. Co., 108 Nev. 811, 839 P.2d 599, 604 (Nev. 1992). A policy should be interpreted to effectuate the reasonable expectations of the insured. Powell v. Liberty Mut. Fire Ins. Co., 127 Nev. 14, 252 P.3d 668, 672 (2011). However, a court in Nevada will "neither rewrite unambiguous insurance provisions nor attempt to increase the legal obligations of the parties where the parties intentionally limited such obligation." Vitale, 116 Nev. at 596, 5 P.3d at 1057-58; United National, supra, 120 Nev. at 184, 99 P.3d at 1157; Neal, 119 Nev. at 65, 64 P.3d at 473; Sentency v. Fire Ins. Exch., 101 Nov. 654, 707 P.2d 1149 (1985).
- In addition to the language of the Policy, the Court's decision is also governed by 2. Nevada statutes regarding mid-term cancellation of policies, which are interpreted based on the

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policy or cancellation of a renewable policy for failure to pay a premium when due. NRS 687B.320(1)(a). The purpose of NRS 687B.320 is to "protect individuals from the arbitrary actions of insurers who cancel insurance policies without notice to their insureds." Daniels v. National Home Life Assurance Co., 103 Nev. 674, 677, 747 P.2d 897 (1987). Any notice of cancellation "must be personally delivered to the insured or mailed first class or certified to the insured at his last address known to the insurer." NRS 687B.310(6). "The notice must state the effective date of the cancellation or nonrenewal" and include a written explanation of the reasons for cancellation or nonrenewal. NRS 687B.310(6). Cancellation of a policy for failure to pay a premium when due is effective no earlier than 10 days after proper notice is delivered or mailed to the policyholder. NRS 687B.320(2). If a notice of cancellation does not state with reasonable precision the facts on which the insurer's decision is based, the notice must contain information about the policyholder's right to request the insurer provide this information. NRS 687B.360.

principles set forth above. Under NRS 687B.320, an insurer may enact a midterm cancellation of a

- 3. In applying the above statutes to the undisputed facts of this case and terms of the policy, the Court is guided by the following standards governing interpretation of statutes. The interpretation of a statute is not a question of fact for the jury, but a question of law for resolution by the court. W. v. Cal., 181 Cal. App. 3d 753, 762 (Cal. App. 1st Dist. 1986); see also State v. Schumacher, 136 Idaho 509 (Idaho Ct. App. 2001) (allowing juries to independently interpret [statute] would be an abdication of this Court's duty to construe legislative language to determine the law). It is a court's duty to interpret statutes consistent with the intent of the legislature. Rose v. First Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 105 Nev. 454, 457 (Nev. 1989). To do so, the court must give a statute's terms their plain, ordinary and usual meaning. O'Neal v. Slaughter (In re Estate of Murray), 344 P.3d 419, 421 (Nev. 2015). When construing various statutory provisions, which are part of a "scheme," a court must interpret them harmoniously and in accordance with their general purpose. Zahavi v. State, 343 P.3d 595, 600 (Nev. 2015).
- 4. The Court finds as a matter of law that the notice provided to the insured by OMI satisfies the requirements of the policy and NRS 687B310, NRS 687B320, and NRS 687B360. The notice satisfies the statutory and policy requirements because the notice 1) the notice was based on

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non-payment of premium a permissible basis for midterm cancellation of a policy, 2) was mailed first class to the insured at his last known address, 3) state the effective date of the cancellation, 4) included the reason for cancellation, 5) was effective no earlier than 10 days after it was mailed to the policyholder, and 6) stated with reasonable precision the facts on which the insurer's decision to cancel was based.

- 5. The Court finds that both the policy and applicable statutes require only that notice to the insured be mailed to the insured. As such, the Court specifically finds that proof of mailing of any notice to the insured is sufficient proof of notice.
- The Court finds that OMI met its policy obligation to provide notice to Sandin by providing electronic notice in conformance with the Agency Agreement between OMI and the Sandin.
- 7. The Court having found as a matter of law that OMI's complied with all policy and statutory requirements to effectuate cancellation and that proof of mailing is sufficient proof of notice, the Court finds as a matter of law that OMI cancelled the policy effective August 16, 2012 at 12:01 a.m.
- 8. Having found that OMI cancelled the policy effective August 16, 2012 at 12:01 a.m., the Court finds as a matter of law there is no coverage under the policy for the August 17 fire loss.
- 9. Having found that there is no coverage under the policy for the August 17 fire loss, Plaintiff's cause of action for breach of contract fails as a matter of law and OMI is entitled to summary judgment on this claim.
- that OMI's denial of coverage was reasonable as a matter of law. *Powers v. United Services Auto*Ass'n, 114 Nev. 690, 962 P.2d 596, 604 (Nev.1998) (the plaintiff must establish that the insurer had no reasonable basis for disputing coverage, and that the insurer knew or recklessly disregarded the fact that there was no reasonable basis for disputing coverage). Therefore, Plaintiff's cause of action for breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fear dealing fails as a matter of law and OMI is entitled to summary judgment on this claim.



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- 11. Having found that OMI provided notice of the pending cancellation to both OPH and Sandin as stated in the policy, Plaintiff's cause of action for fraud in the inducement fails as a matter of law and OMI is entitled to summary judgment on this claim.
- 12. Having found that the notice provided by OMI to the insured satisfied the requirements of the policy and applicable Nevada statutes and that OMI's denial of coverage was reasonable as a matter of law, Plaintiff's cause of action for violations of NRS §686A.310 fails as a matter of law and OMI is entitled to summary judgment on this claim.
- 13. Plaintiff's failure to oppose OMI's motion for summary judgment on the negligence claim constitutes consent to granting the Motion. EDCR 2.20(c). As such OMI is entitled to summary judgment on this claim.
- Plaintiff's negligence claim against OMI is barred by the economic loss doctrine.
 Terracon Cansultants Western, Inc. v. Mandalay Resorts, 125 Nev. 66, 206 P.3d 81 (2009).
- 15. For these reasons, the Court hereby orders that judgment is entered in favor of OMI on all claims against OMI by Plaintiff.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 26 tay of June, 2015

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OREGON MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, DAVE SANDIN, and SANDIN & CO.,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-12-672158-C

Dept. No.: XXVI

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Order Granting Defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co.'s Motion for Summary Judgment was entered in the above-captioned matter on June 30, 2015, a copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 10th day of July, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of HUTCHISON & STEFFEN, day of July, 2015, I caused the above and foregoing document LLC, and that on this entitled NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER to be served as follows:

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Dept. No.: XXVI

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS DAVE SANDIN AND SANDIN & CO.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co.'s (the "Sandin defendants") motion for summary judgment came on for hearing before this Court on May 14, 2015. Patricia Lee and Michael S. Kelley of Hutchison & Stoffen, LLC appeared on behalf of the Sandin defendants. Robert L. Langford of Langford McLetchie, LLC appeared on behalf of plaintiff, O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc. ("OPH" or "Plaintiff"). The Court, having considered the respective papers and submissions of each party, having heard the arguments of counsel at the hearing, hereby enters the following undisputed material facts and legal determinations on which the order is based pursuant to NRCP 56(c).

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Undisputed Material Facts

- OPH operated an Original Pancake House Restaurant at 4833 West Charleston Boulevard in Las Vegas, Nevada (the "Restaurant"). Stephan Freudenberger is the president of OPH and Lynda Snyder is the corporate office manager of OPH and reports to Mr.
 Freudenberger.
 - Defendant Dave Sandin is an insurance agent or broker based in Oregon.
- 3. In the early 2000s, Dave Sandin and his colleague began working with OPH and other Original Pancake House franchisees. Dave Sandin's colleague was initially the lead agent for OPH and Dave Sandin was his assistant. In the early to mid 2000s, David Sandin became the insurance agent for OPH and he has been the insurance agent for OPH through August 2012, except for over two years when OPH was with a different agency.
- 4. Between February 2006 and October 2008, Dave Sandin was employed by Heffernan Insurance Brokers and was subject to a non-compete agreement. During this time, Dave Sandin was not the broker for OPH. Dave Sandin did not broker any policies for OPH during this time period.
- 5. Though they are based in Oregon, the Sandin defendants have been licensed to sell insurance in Nevada. Dave Sandin first became licensed to sell insurance in Nevada in 2005. Dave Sandin, Anthony Sandin (a non-party), and Sandin & Co. were all licensed in Nevada when Sandin & Co. took over OPH's account from Dave Sandin's former employer in 2010. Dave Sandin, Anthony Sandin and Sandin & Co. have worked on Plaintiff's account since 2010. Sandin & Co.'s and Anthony Sandin's respective Nevada licences expired on June 1, 2013. Dave Sandin's Nevada license expired on April 1, 2011.
- In December 2011, the Sandin defendants recommended Oregon Mutual Insurance Company's ("Oregon Mutual") insurance to Plaintiff based on Plaintiff's coverage needs.
- Oregon Mutual issued a Businessowner Protector Policy to Plaintiff that covered the Restaurant (the "Policy").

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- The Policy's term was from December 26, 2011 through December 26, 2012.
 Sandin & Co. is identified as the agent on the Policy.
- Plaintiff received monthly statements for the premiums directly from Oregon Mutual.
- Oregon Mutual mailed a billing statement directly to Plaintiff for the payment due on or before July 26, 2012, and Plaintiff received the billing statement in July, 2014.
 - Plaintiff failed to pay its monthly premium due on July 26, 2012.
- Oregon Mutual sent a pre-cancellation notice to Plaintiff on August 1, 2012,
 with an effective cancellation date of August 16, 2012.
- 13. On August 13, 2012, prior to the cancellation of the Policy, Plaintiff realized that it did not make the monthly premium for July. In fact, Plaintiff cut a check on August 13, 2012 to Oregon Mutual for the July premium but never mailed the check. Plaintiff, however, did not contact anyone at Oregon Mutual or the Sandin defendants regarding its failure to pay the July premium.
 - The Sandin defendants did not receive a notice of cancellation.
- 15. On August 13, 2012, Plaintiff representative, Linda Snyder, contacted defendant Dave Sandin to report a break-in that occurred at the restaurant overnight between August 10, 2012 and August 11, 2012.
- On August 16, 2012, Ms. Snyder spoke with Dave Sandin to obtain a claim number for the break-in.
- 17. Oregon Mutual posted the pre-cancellation notice on BizLink, its electronic bulletin board system. The Sandin defendants did not check the BizLink system to look for notices and Oregon Mutual did not mail the pre-cancellation notice to the Sandin defendants. Because the Sandin defendants did not know about Oregon Mutual's cancellation or pending cancellation, the Sandin defendants did not inform Ms. Snyder that the Policy had been or was in danger of being cancelled.
- 18. There is no agreement between OPH and the Sandin defendants that requires the Sandin defendants to provide notice to OPH of a pending policy cancellation.

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- On August 17, 2012, a fire destroyed the Restaurant.
- 20. On August 17, 2012, after a fire destroyed the Restaurant and after the Policy had already been cancelled, the Sandin defendants became aware that the Policy had been cancelled.
- 21. On August 17, 2012 after the Sandin defendants became aware that the Policy had been cancelled, Dave Sandin contacted Plaintiff and notified Plaintiff that the Policy had been cancelled.
- 22. As a result of the cancellation of Plaintiff's Policy for non-payment on August 16, 2012, Oregon Mutual has denied coverage for the loss caused by the fire.
- 23. The sole reason for cancellation of the Policy was due to Plaintiff's failure to pay its July 26, 2012 premium on or before August 15, 2012.
- Had Plaintiff paid its July 26, 2012 premium by August 15, 2012, the Policy would have been in full force and effect on August 16, 2012 and August 17, 2012.
- 25. Had the Policy not been cancelled, Oregon Mutual would have continued to adjust the claim for the fire and Oregon Mutual would have paid losses covered under the Policy subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of the Policy.

Conclusions of Law

The Sandin defendants did not have a legal duty to notify O.P.H. of the late premium and pending cancellation.

- In Nevada, insurance agents do not have a fiduciary relationship with their clients. An "insurance agent is obliged to use reasonable diligence to place the insurance and sensonably to notify the client if he is unable to do so," Keddie v. Beneficial Insurance, Inc., 94 Nev. 418, 420, 580 P.2d 955, 956 (1978).
- Because the Sandin defendants recommended an insurer and secured a policy for Plaintiff that met all of its coverage needs, the Sandin defendants satisfied their legal duty

¹ See also Havas v. Carier, 89 Nev 497, 499-500, 515 P.2d 397, 399 (1973) ("[T]he general rule [is] that an insurance agent or broker who undertakes to produce insurance for another owes an obligation to his client to use reasonable diligence in attempting to place the insurance and to seasonably notify the client if he, the agent or broker, is unable to obtain the insurance.").

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to Plaintiff as Plaintiff's broker.

- Plaintiff's claim was denied solely because of non-payment.
- Had Plaintiff paid its July 26, 2012 premium by August 15, 2012, the Policy would have been in full force and effect on August 16, 2012 and August 17, 2012.
- 5. Had the Policy not been cancelled, Oregon Mutual would have continued to adjust the claim for the fire and Oregon Mutual would have paid losses covered under the Policy subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of the Policy.
- 6. The Court finds persuasive case law from other jurisdictions that an insurance agent does not have the legal duty to notify an insured of a late premium and/or pending cancellation.² "[W]hether a defendant owes a plaintiff a duty of care is a question of law." Scialabba v. Brandise Const. Co., 112 Nev. 965, 968, 921 P.2d 928, 930 (1996).
- 7. The Court finds that there is no express or implied agreement between the Sandin defendants and OPH that required the Sandin defendants to notify OPH of a late premium and/or a pending cancellation.
- The Sandin defendants did not have a legal duty to notify OPH of the pending cancellation based on prior course of dealing.

² See GlobalNet Financial, Com, Inc. v. Frank Crystal & Co., 449 F.3d 377, 388 (2d. Cir. 2006) ("GlobalNet is unable to prevail on its claims because Crystal was not the cause of the cancellation of coverage. . . It was GlobalNet's negligence that caused the cancellation of the insurance coverage,"); Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am. v. Goduti-Moore, 36 F. Supp. 2d 657, 665-66 (D.N.J. 1999) reversed on other grounds, 229 F.3d 212 (3d Cir. 2000) ("It would be unduly onerous for brokers to warn every client who misses a monthly premium due date that the client must pay the amount by the end of the grace period or face forfeiture."); Quintana v. Tennessee Farmers Mut. Ins. Co., 774 S.W.2d 630, 634 (Tenn. Ct. App. 1989) ("The Quintanas' long business relationship with Mr. Willis did not require him to notify them of the policy's cancellation. In the absence of an agreement creating continuing responsibilities, an insurance agent's obligation to a client ends when the agent obtains the insurance for the client. Thus, an agent has no duty to inform a client of a policy's cancellation if the client knew or should have known of the cancellation by other means,"); Rocque v. Coop. Fire Ins. Ass'n of Vermont, 438 A.2d 383, 386 (Vt. 1981) ("[W]here an insurance company is required to give direct notice of cancellation to the insured, as is the case here, an insurance agent is not liable for a failure to notify, since he is justified in assuming that the insured would be made aware of the cancellation from other sources.").

- 9. The Court finds that Dave Sandin previously notified OPH of a pending cancellation at most one time on or about May 2009. Because "the nonmoving party is entitled to have the evidence and all reasonable inferences accepted as true," this fact is not in dispute. Wiltrie v. Baby Grand Corp., 105 Nev. 291, 292, 774 P.2d 432, 433 (1989). However, Dave Sandin's one-time notification to OPH of a pending cancellation does not create a legal duty on the Sandin defendants to continually notify OPH of missed payments and pending cancellations in the future.
- The Court finds that the Sandin defendants did not receive notice of the pending cancellation and could not inform OPH to pay its premium. Therefore, whether the Sandin defendants had a legal duty to notify OPH of the pending cancellation, the Sandin defendants could not inform OPH of the pending cancellation. Absent receipt of the notice, any purported duty to inform Plaintiff of its failure to pay never arose. See Shindler v. Mid-Continent Life Ins. Co., 768 S.W.2d 331, 334 (Tex. App. 1989) ("Because there is no proof that [the agent] had notice of premiums due or policy termination, we hold that [the agent] had no duty, as a matter of law, to give notice to appellants.").

The status of Dave Sandin's Nevada license is irrelevant and cannot be the basis for Plaintiff's negligence or fraud claims.

- 11. The Policy identifies Sandin & Co. as the agent for the OPH, not Dave Sandin. Therefore, Sandin & Co., not Dave Sandin, was the agent for the Policy.
- Plaintiff's alleged damages were not caused by Dave Sandin's licensing status. For every cause of action Plaintiff pleaded, there must be a nexus between the alleged bad act (Dave Sandin's lack of an appropriate non-resident license) and the damages alleged. See Nelson v. Heer, 123 Nev. 217, 225-26, 163 P.3d 420, 426 (2007) ("Proximate cause limits liability to foreseeable consequences that are reasonably connected to both the defendant's misrepresentation or omission and the harm that the misrepresentation or omission created."); see also Foster v. Dingwall, 126 Nev. Adv. Op. 6, 227 P.3d 1042, 1052 (2010) ("[B]oth intentional and negligent misrepresentation require a showing that the claimed damages were caused by the alleged misrepresentations."); Yamaha Motor Co., USA v. Arnoult, 114 Nev.

233, 238, 955 P.2d 661, 664 (1998) ("This court has long recognized that to establish proximate causation 'it must appear that the injury was the natural and probable consequence of the negligence or wrongful act, and that it ought to have been foreseen in the light of the attending circumstances.") (internal citations omitted).

- 13. The Court finds that Dave Sandin's licensee status did not cause or contribute to Plaintiff's alleged damages, nor did any afleged misrepresentations concerning his licensing status result in Plaintiff's failure to pay its policy premium, Oregon Mutual's subsequent cancellation of Plaintiff's policy, and Oregon Mutual's denial of Plaintiff's claim of loss based on the cancellation.
- 14. The licensing status of a non-resident agent is purely an administrative matter. See NRS 683A.201(1) & (3). NRS 683A.201 does not provide for a private right of action. Rather, NRS 683A.201 provides for an administrative fine.
- 15. In order to prevail on a cause of action for negligence per se, the injury must be of the type against which the statute was intended to protect. See Anderson v. Baltrusainis, 113 Nev. 963, 944 P.2d 797 (1997); Sagebrush Ltd. v. Carson City, 99 Nev. 204, 660 P.2d 1013 (1983) ("[V]iolation of a statute may constitute negligence per se only if the injured party belongs to the class of persons that the statute was intended to protect, and the injury is of the type that the statute was intended to prevent."). "Whether a legislative enactment provides a standard of conduct in the particular situation presented by the plaintiff is a question of statutory interpretation and construction for the court." Sagebrush, 99 Nev. at 208, 660 P.2d at 1015.
- 16. Oregon Mutual's cancellation of Plaintiff's insurance policy due to Plaintiff's failure to pay the premium is not the type of injury that NRS 683A.201 is intended to prevent.
- 17. NRS 686A.015(1) provides that "[n]otwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner has exclusive jurisdiction in regulating the subject of trade practices in the business of insurance in this state."
- The Nevada Supreme Court has held that matters within Title 57, including the licensing of agents, are administrative matters. See Allstate Ins. Co. v. Thorpe, 123 Nev. 565,

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572, 170 P.3d 989, 994 (2007).

Plaintiff's claims of breach of fiduciary duty, negligence and negligence per se, fraud, and fraud in the inducement.

- 19. Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff's cause of action for breach of fiduciary duty fails as a matter of law and the Sandin defendants are entitled to summary judgment on this claim.
- 20. Plaintiff's negligence claim based on the alleged duty by the Sandin defendants to notify OPH of a pending cancellation is barred by the economic loss doctrine. Terracan Consultants Western, Inc. v. Mandaly Resorts, 125 Nev 66, 206 P.3d 81 (2009).
- 21. Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff's cause of action for negligence and negligence per se fails as a matter of law and the Sandin defendants are entitled to summary judgment on these claims.
- 22. Plaintiff cannot prove the elements required to prove fraud and fraud in the inducement. Namely, Plaintiff has not shown a misrepresentation by the Sandin defendants and causation.
- 23. Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff's cause of action for fraud in the inducement fails as a matter of law and the Sandin defendants are entitled to summary judgment on this claim.
- 24. Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff's cause of action for fraud fails as a matter of law and the Sandin defendants are entitled to summary judgment on this claim.

Plaintiff's claim of Violation of NRS 686A,310

- 25. NRS 686A.310(2) provides that "an insurer is liable to its insured for any damages sustained by the insured as a result of the commission of any act set forth in subsection 1 as an unfair practice."
- 26. The Nevada Supreme Court has held that only an insurer can be liable for unfair claims practices proscribed in NRS 686A.310. See Albert H. Wohlers & Co. v. Bartgis, 114 Nev. 1249, 1263-64, 969 P.2d 949, 959-60 (1998).

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Defendants.

Case No.: A-12-672158-C Dept. No.: XXVI

DAVE SANDIN AND SANDIN & CO.'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS

Defendants Dave Sandin and Sandin & Co. (the "Sandin defendants") move the Court for fees and costs against plaintiff O.P.H. of Las Vegas, Inc., ("OPH" or "Plaintiff"). The Court recently granted the Sandin defendants' motion for summary judgment and judgment was entered in their favor.

This motion is based on Rule 68 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, NRS 17.115, 18.005 et seq., the pleadings on file in this matter, the following points and authorities, the Declaration of Patricia Lee (attached as Exhibit A), the exhibits attached hereto, and any oral /// ///