

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

INDICATE FULL CAPTION:

TRUDI LEE LYTLE AND JOHN ALLEN
LYTLE, AS TRUSTEE OF THE LYTLE
TRUST,
Appellants
vs.
SEPTEMBER TRUST, DATED MARCH 23,
1972, et. al.
Respondents

No. 77007

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Appellants must complete this docketing statement in compliance with NRAP 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, identifying issues on appeal, assessing presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, scheduling cases for oral argument and settlement conferences, classifying cases for expedited treatment and assignment to the Court of Appeals, and compiling statistical information.

WARNING

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

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

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

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District Ct. Case No. A-17-765372-C

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If this is a joint statement by multiple appellants, add the names and addresses of other counsel and the names of their clients on an additional sheet accompanied by a certification that they concur in the filing of this statement.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment after bench trial | <input type="checkbox"/> Dismissal: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment after jury verdict | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of jurisdiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summary judgment | <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to state a claim |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Default judgment | <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to prosecute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant/Denial of injunction | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce Decree: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant/Denial of declaratory relief | <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Modification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Review of agency determination | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other disposition (specify): <u>Attorney Fees</u> |

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

- ☐ Child Custody
- ☐ Venue
- ☐ Termination of parental rights

6. Pending and prior proceedings in this court. List the case name and docket number of all appeals or original proceedings presently or previously pending before this court which are related to this appeal:

BOULDEN, et. al. v. TRUDI LEE LYTLE, JOHN ALLEN LYTLE, THE LYTLE TRUST,
Case No. A-16-747800-C, Supreme Court Docket No. 73039

SEPTEMBER TRUST, DATED MARCH 23, 1972 v. TRUDI LEE LYTLE AND JOHN
ALLEN LYTLE, AS TRUSTEES OF THE LYTLE TRUST, Case No. A-17-765372-C,
Suprem Court Docket No. 76198

7. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts. List the case name, number and court of all pending and prior proceedings in other courts which are related to this appeal (e.g., bankruptcy, consolidated or bifurcated proceedings) and their dates of disposition:

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

The District Court granted summary judgment, which was appealed by Appellants in Docket No. 76198. The District Court subsequently granted Respondents' post-judgment Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs and Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements and Defendant ' s Motion to Retax and Settle Memorandum of Costs, entered on September 11, 2018.

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

Whther the District Court erred in awarding Respondents attorneys' fees and costs where no statute or agreement provided for such an award.

10. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues. If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised:

11. Constitutional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?

☐ N/A

☐ Yes

☒ No

If not, explain:

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

☐ Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))

☐ An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions

☐ A substantial issue of first impression

☐ An issue of public policy

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

☐ A ballot question

If so, explain:

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

While there is presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals, Appellants contend that this case should be retained by the Supreme Court due to its familiarity with the issues and matters at hand. The Supreme Court has considered and determined appeals related to Appellants and Rosemere Estates Property Owners Association, which issues are unique and involved herein. Further, the Supreme Court currently is retaining a related appeal, Docket No. 73039.

14. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last? _____

Was it a bench or jury trial? _____

15. Judicial Disqualification. Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? If so, which Justice?

No.

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16. Date of entry of written judgment or order appealed from September 11, 2018

If no written judgment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for seeking appellate review:

17. Date written notice of entry of judgment or order was served September 13, 2018

Was service by:

☐ Delivery

☒ Mail/electronic/fax

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

(a) Specify the type of motion, the date and method of service of the motion, and the date of filing.

☐ NRCP 50(b) Date of filing _____

☐ NRCP 52(b) Date of filing _____

☐ NRCP 59 Date of filing _____

NOTE: Motions made pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the time for filing a notice of appeal. See AA Primo Builders v. Washington, 126 Nev. ____, 245 P.3d 1190 (2010).

(b) Date of entry of written order resolving tolling motion _____

(c) Date written notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served _____

Was service by:

☐ Delivery

☐ Mail

19. Date notice of appeal filed September 14, 2018

If more than one party has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each notice of appeal was filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal:

20. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, e.g., NRAP 4(a) or other

NRAP 4(a)

SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY

21. Specify the statute or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review the judgment or order appealed from:

(a)

☐ NRAP 3A(b)(1)

☐ NRS 38.205

☐ NRAP 3A(b)(2)

☐ NRS 233B.150

☐ NRAP 3A(b)(3)

☐ NRS 703.376

☒ Other (specify) NRAP3A(b)(8)

(b) Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order:

Final judgment was entered against Appellants. Attorneys fees and costs were awarded after the final judgment pursuant to motion and a memorandum of costs, on September 11, 2018.

22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court:

(a) Parties:

Trudi Lee Lytle, John Allen Lytle, Trustee of the Lytle Trust, September Trust, dated March 23, 1972; Gerry R. Zobrist and Jolin G. Zobrist, as Trustees of the Gerry G. Zobrist Family Trust; Raynoldo G. Sandoval and Julie Marie Sandoval Gegen, as Trustees of the Raynoldo G and Evelyn A. Sandoval Joint Living and Devolution Trust dated May 27, 1992; and Dennis A. Gegen and Julie S. Gegen

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

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

Respondents made claims for quiet title and declaratory relief. All claims were disposed of via summary judgment on May 25, 2018. Respondents were then awarded attorneys' fees and costs as a post-judgment award on September 11, 2018.

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:

(b) Specify the parties remaining below:

(c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment?

☐ Yes

☒ No

26. If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):

The order is independently appealable under NRAP3A(b)(8)

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

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

VERIFICATION

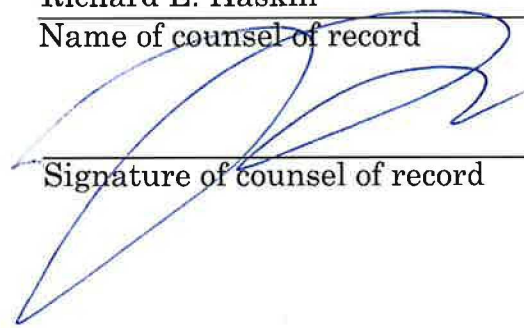
I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this docketing statement, that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I have attached all required documents to this docketing statement.

Trudi Lytle and John Allen Lytle
Name of appellant

October 17, 2018
Date

Nevada, Clark County
State and county where signed

Richard E. Haskin
Name of counsel of record


Signature of counsel of record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 17 day of October, 2018, I served a copy of this completed docketing statement upon all counsel of record:

☐ By personally serving it upon him/her; or

☒ By mailing it by first class mail with sufficient postage prepaid to the following address(es): (NOTE: If all names and addresses cannot fit below, please list names below and attach a separate sheet with the addresses.)

Dated this 17th day of October, 2018


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8 **EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

9 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

10 SEPTEMBER TRUST, DATED MARCH
11 23, 1972; GERRY R. ZOBRIST AND
12 JOLIN G. ZOBRIST, AS TRUSTEES OF
13 THE GERRY R. ZOBRIST AND JOLIN G.
14 ZOBRIST FAMILY TRUST; RAYNALDO
15 G. SANDOVAL AND JULIE MARIE
16 SANDOVAL GEGEN, AS TRUSTEES OF
17 THE RAYNALDO G. AND EVELYN A.
18 SANDOVAL JOINT LIVING AND
19 DEVOLUTION TRUST DATED MAY 27,
20 1992; and DENNIS A. GEGEN AND
21 JULIE S. GEGEN, HUSBAND AND
22 WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS,

17 **Plaintiffs,**

18 **vs.**

19 TRUDI LEE LYTLE AND JOHN ALLEN
20 LYTLE, AS TRUSTEES OF THE LYTLE
21 TRUST; JOHN DOES I through V; and
22 ROE ENTITIES I through V, inclusive,

22 **Defendants.**

A-17-765372-C

Case No.:

Dept. No.: Department 28

COMPLAINT

24 Plaintiffs, September Trust, dated March 23, 1972 ("September Trust"), Gerry R. Zobrist
25 and Jolin G. Zobrist, as Trustees of the Gerry R. Zobrist and Jolin G. Zobrist Family Trust
26 ("Zobrist Trust"), Raynaldo G. Sandoval and Julie Marie Sandoval Gegen, as Trustees of the
27 Raynaldo G. and Evelyn A. Sandoval Joint Living and Devolution Trust Dated May 27, 1992
28 ("Sandoval Trust"), Dennis A. Gegen and Julie S. Gegen, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants

1 (hereafter "Gegen") (hereafter September Trust, Zobrist Trust, Sandoval Trust and Gegen may
2 be collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs"), by and through their attorneys, Christensen James &
3 Martin, hereby complain against Trudi Lee Lytle and John Allen Lytle, as Trustees of the Lytle
4 Trust (collectively the "Lyttles" or "Defendants"), JOHN DOES I through V; and ROE
5 ENTITIES I through V, as follows:

6 PARTIES, JURISDICTION & VENUE

7 1. The September Trust is the owner of the residential property in Clark County,
8 Nevada known as 1861 Rosemere Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117, Assessor's Parcel No. 163-
9 03-313-004 ("September Property").

10 2. The Zobrist Trust is the owner of the residential property in Clark County,
11 Nevada known as 1901 Rosemere Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117, Assessor's Parcel No. 163-
12 03-313-005 ("Zobrist Property").

13 3. The Sandoval Trust is the owner of the residential property in Clark County,
14 Nevada known as 1860 Rosemere Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117, Assessor's Parcel No. 163-
15 03-313-001 ("Sandoval Property").

16 4. Gegen is the owner of the residential property in Clark County, Nevada known as
17 1831 Rosemere Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117, Assessor's Parcel No. 163-03-313-003
18 ("Gegen Property") (hereafter September Property, Zobrist Property, Sandoval Property and
19 Gegen Property may be collectively referred to as Plaintiffs' Properties).

20 5. Upon information and belief, Trudi Lee Lytle and John Allen Lytle are residents
21 of Clark County, and are co-trustees of the Lytle Trust.

22 6. Venue for this proceeding is proper before the above-entitled Court as the events
23 relating to this matter occurred in Clark County, Nevada and the property that is the subject of
24 this litigation is in Clark County, Nevada.

25 7. The true names and capacities, whether partnership, individual, corporate,
26 company, associate or otherwise, of Defendants John Does I through V and Roe Entities I
27 through V, inclusive, are presently unknown to Plaintiffs, who therefore sue said Defendants by
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1 such fictitious names. Such Defendants may be responsible for or liable to Plaintiffs by virtue of
2 the actions hereinafter described. Plaintiffs reserve the right to amend the Complaint to insert any
3 additional charging allegations, together with the true identities and capacities, when the same
4 have been ascertained.

5 8. Wherever appearing in this Complaint, each and every reference to Defendants or
6 to any of them is intended to be and shall be a reference to all Defendants hereto, and to each of
7 them, named and unnamed, including all fictitiously named Defendants, unless said reference is
8 otherwise specifically qualified.

9 9. At all times material herein, Defendants, and each of them, were an owner, a co-
10 owner, an agent, officer, manager, employee, representative, partner and/or alter ego of its co-
11 defendants, or otherwise acting on behalf of each and every remaining Defendant and, in doing
12 the things herein alleged, were acting within the course and scope of their authorities as an
13 owner, a co-owner, an agent, officer, manager, employee, representative, partner and/or alter ego
14 of its co-defendants, with the full knowledge, permission and consent of each and every
15 remaining defendant, each co-defendant having ratified the acts of the other co-defendants.

16 10. At all times material herein and to the best of Plaintiffs' knowledge, the Lytles,
17 and John Does and Roe Entities have been operating as alter egos and conduits of each other and
18 to serve the purpose of each other, and not as individual entities or persons, so as to permit the
19 individual Defendants to escape liability, whose business operations have been operated under
20 common labor, ownership, control and an interrelationship of operations, such that they
21 constitute a single business in fact. The Court should disregard the corporate or business shell to
22 the extent necessary to afford complete relief.

23 11. Plaintiffs have been required to retain the services of Christensen James & Martin
24 to prosecute this action and are entitled to receive their reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

25 12. Jurisdiction and venue may also be based upon facts alleged elsewhere in this
26 Complaint.

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2 21. Thereafter, in August and September of 2016, the Lytles recorded with the Clark
3 County Recorder's office two different abstracts of the Rosemere Judgment I. The first Abstract
4 (filed in August) specifically listed the parcel numbers of the Plaintiffs' Properties as properties
5 to which the Rosemere Judgment I was to attach but pursuant to the records of the Clark County
6 Recorder's Office only attached to one (1) of the Plaintiffs' Properties-the Sandoval Property.
7 However, the first recorded Abstract appears on a Title Report for the Zobrist Property. The
8 second Abstract (filed in September) only listed one parcel number but attached to three (3) of
9 the Plaintiffs' Properties (hereafter the 2 Abstracts are "Abstracts of Judgment"). Therefore,
10 both the Abstracts of Judgment affect and are an unlawful encumbrance on all of Plaintiffs'
11 Properties.
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13 22. When the Lytles recorded the Abstracts of Judgment, the Lytles specifically
14 included the parcel numbers of the Plaintiffs' Properties even though Plaintiffs were not parties
15 to the Rosemere Litigation from which the Rosemere Judgment I arose.
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17 23. The Plaintiffs have no legal duty to pay the Rosemere Judgment I and have
18 advised the Lytles of this fact and have requested that the Lytles remove the Abstracts of
19 Judgment from their Properties.
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21 24. The Lytles knew or should have known that the Plaintiffs did not have a legal
22 duty to pay the Rosemere Judgment I.
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24 25. The Abstracts of Judgment were wrongfully recorded against the Plaintiffs'
25 Properties and the Lytles knew or should have known the Abstracts of Judgment were
26 wrongfully recorded.
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28 26. Other property owners in the Rosemere Subdivision, the Bouldens (Parcel No.
163-03-313-008) and the Lamothes (Parcel No. 163-03-313-002) have already filed a lawsuit
(Case No. A-16-747900-C) regarding this same issue ("BL Lawsuit"), because the Rosemere

1 Judgment I was recorded against all the properties in the Subdivision except for the Lytle's
2 property.

3 27. On July 25, 2017, the Court issued its Order in the BL Lawsuit Granting Motion
4 to Alter or Amend Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law ("Order").

5 28. In its Order, the Court found that, among other things, the Association is not
6 subject to NRS 116.3117, the Bouldens and Lamothes were not parties to the Rosemere
7 Litigation, the Rosemere Judgment I is not an obligation or debt of the Bouldens or the Lamothes
8 and that the Abstracts of Judgment were improperly recorded against such properties and must
9 be expunged and stricken from the record.

10 29. After the Court issued its Order, the Lytles released their liens against the
11 Boulden and Lamothes properties but have not released their liens against the Plaintiffs'
12 Properties.

13 30. Although the Plaintiffs and Lytles have participated in settlement discussions and
14 the Plaintiffs have requested the same relief granted to the Bouldens and Lamothes, as of the date
15 of filing this Complaint, the Lytles have not agreed to release the Abstracts of Judgment
16 wrongfully recorded against the Plaintiffs' Properties.

17 **Rosemere Litigation II**

18 31. In 2010, the Lytles filed another suit against the Rosemere Association directly in
19 Case No. A-10-631355-C ("Rosemere Litigation II"). The Lytles did not name the Plaintiffs or
20 any other lot owners as Defendants in the Rosemere Litigation II.

21 32. On or about November 14, 2016, the Lytles were granted Summary Judgment
22 against the Rosemere Association.

23 33. On or about July 20, 2017, the District Court signed an Abstract of Judgment in
24 the amount of \$1,103,158.12. ("Rosemere Judgment II").

25 34. The Plaintiffs were not named parties in the Rosemere II Litigation and did not
26 have notice of the same.

1 35. As of the date of filing this Complaint, the Rosemere Judgment II has not been
2 recorded against the Plaintiffs' Properties.

3 **Rosemere Litigation III**

4 36. On or about April 2, 2015, the Lytles filed a third case (Case No. A-15-716420-
5 C) against the Association and named as Defendants Sherman L. Kearl ("Kearl") and Gerry G.
6 Zobrist ("Zobrist") ("Rosemere Litigation III"). On April 8, 2015, the Lytles filed an Errata to
7 the Complaint amending it so that all references to Kearl and Zobrist were taken out of the
8 Complaint.

9 37. On or about September 13, 2017, the Court entered its Order granting Summary
10 Judgment for Declaratory Relief as against the Association ("Rosemere Judgment III). On
11 November 8, 2017, the Court granted a Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs in this case.

12 38. As of the date of filing this Complaint, the Rosemere Judgment III has not been
13 recorded against the Plaintiffs' Properties.

14 39. It has been necessary for Plaintiffs to obtain legal counsel to pursue their rights
15 and protect their interests as they relate to the allegations asserted in this Complaint.

16 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 [Quiet Title]

18 40. Plaintiffs herein restate and re-allege Paragraphs 1 through 39 of this Complaint
19 as if fully set forth herein and incorporate the same by reference.

20 41. The Lytles, by their claims and actions, have asserted certain rights to lien the
21 Plaintiffs' Properties.

22 42. The Lytles are without any legal basis whatsoever to lien the Plaintiffs'
23 Properties.

24 43. The Lytles are without any legal basis whatsoever to claim any interest in the
25 Plaintiffs' Properties, including any rights to lien or sell the same.

26 44. As a proximate result of the Lytles' actions, the titles to the Plaintiffs' Properties
27 have been improperly and illegally clouded.

1 45. Plaintiffs are entitled to an Order from this Court pursuant to NRS 40.010
2 quieting title in their names and expunging the Abstracts of Judgment.

3 46. Plaintiffs herein have been required to retain the services of Christensen James &
4 Martin to prosecute this action, and are entitled to an award of attorney's fees and costs.

5 SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

6 [Declaratory Relief]

7 47. Plaintiffs herein restate and re-allege Paragraphs 1 through 46 of this Complaint
8 as if fully set forth herein and incorporate the same by reference.

9 48. A dispute and actual controversy exists between the parties relative to their
10 interpretation of the rights and duties of the Plaintiffs regarding the Rosemere Judgments, the
11 recorded Abstracts of Judgment, and the Plaintiffs' Properties.

12 49. The Plaintiffs are entitled to a declaration from the Court, to the effect that the
13 Rosemere Judgments against the Rosemere Estates Home Owners Association are not judgments
14 against the Plaintiffs, separately or individually, and that the Rosemere Judgments and the
15 Abstracts of Judgment were improperly and unlawfully recorded against the Plaintiffs'
16 Properties.

17 50. Plaintiffs do not owe any money whatsoever to the Lytles.

18 51. Plaintiffs do not have an adequate remedy at law because they cannot sell their
19 Properties with the Abstracts of Judgment recorded against their Properties.

20 52. Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable harm if they are not able to sell their Properties
21 due to the recording of the Abstracts of Judgment.

22 53. Further, if the Lytles were to record the Rosemere Judgment II or the Rosemere
23 Judgment III like they have the Rosemere Judgment I, the Plaintiffs will not have an adequate
24 remedy at law because they could not sell their Properties.

25 54. The Lytles have threatened to record the Rosemere Judgment II against other
26 homeowners in the Rosemere Subdivision

27 55. Plaintiffs are likely to prevail on their claims against the Lytles.
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1 56. The Plaintiffs are entitled to a declaration from the Court, to the effect that the
2 Rosemere Judgment II and Rosemere Judgment III against the Rosemere Estates Home Owners
3 Association is not a judgment against the Plaintiffs, separately or individually, and that the
4 Rosemere Judgment II and Rosemere Judgment III cannot be recorded against the Plaintiffs'
5 Properties.

6 57. Plaintiffs are entitled to an Order from this Court expunging the liens in the form
7 of the recorded Abstracts of Judgment and declaring that the Rosemere Judgment II and the
8 Rosemere Judgment III may not be recorded against the Plaintiffs' Properties.

9 58. Plaintiffs have been required to retain the services of Christensen James & Martin
10 to prosecute this action, and are entitled to an award of attorney's fees and costs.

11 PRAYER FOR RELIEF

12 WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs pray for Judgment against Defendants as follows:

13 1. For an order restraining the Lytles, and each of them, their, agents, servants,
14 employees, attorneys, successors and assign, from foreclosing upon or selling the Plaintiffs'
15 Properties and from doing, causing, or permitting to be done, directly or indirectly, any acts
16 whereby the rights of the Plaintiffs in said property is in any matter impaired, violated or
17 interfered with and that the Abstracts of Judgment should be stricken from the records of the
18 Clark County Recorder's Office;

19 2. For an Order quieting title of the Properties in favor of the Plaintiffs and against
20 the Lytles;

21 3. For a declaration that the Lytles, and each of them, have no right, title or interest
22 in the Plaintiffs' Properties, and a judgment and order quieting the Plaintiffs' title, canceling and
23 expunging the Abstracts of Judgment;

24 4. For Plaintiffs' attorney's fees and costs incurred in this action, and

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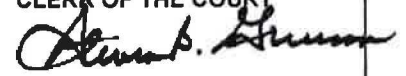
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5. For such further relief as the Court may deem proper under the circumstances.

DATED this 29th day of November, 2017.

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13 **DISTRICT COURT**

14 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

15 SEPTEMBER TRUST, DATED MARCH 23,
16 1972; GERRY R. ZOBRIST AND JOLIN G.
17 ZOBRIST, AS TRUSTEES OF THE GERRY R.
18 ZOBRIST AND JOLIN G. ZOBRIST FAMILY
19 TRUST; RAYNALDO G. SANDOVAL AND
20 JULIE MARIE SANDOVAL GEGEN, AS
21 TRUSTEES OF THE RAYNALDO G. AND
22 EVELYN A. SANDOVAL JOINT LIVING AND
23 DEVOLUTION TRUST DATED MAY 27, 1992;
24 and DENNIS A. GEGEN AND JULIE S. GEGEN,
25 HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS,

26 Plaintiff,

27 v.

28 TRUDI LEE LYTLE AND JOHN ALLEN
LYTLE, AS TRUSTEES OF THE LYTLE
TRUST; JOHN DOES I through V, inclusive, ROE
ENTITIES I through V, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-17-765372-C
Dept.: XXVIII

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Defendants TRUDI LEE LYTLE and JOHN ALLEN LYTLE, Trustees of
THE LYTLE TRUST ("Defendants"), by and through their counsel of record, Richard E. Haskin,
Esq., and Timothy Elson, Esq., of the law firm of GIBBS, GIDEN, LOCHER, TURNER, SENET &
WITTBRODT, LLP, and hereby answers Plaintiffs SEPTEMBER TRUST, DATED MARCH 23,
1972; GERRY R. ZOBRIST AND JOLIN G. ZOBRIST, AS TRUSTEES OF THE GERRY R.
ZOBRIST AND JOLIN G. ZOBRIST FAMILY TRUST; RAYNALDO G. SANDOVAL AND
JULIE MARIE SANDOVAL GEGEN, AS TRUSTEES OF THE RAYNALDO G. AND EVELYN

1 A. SANDOVAL JOINT LIVING AND DEVOLUTION TRUST DATED MAY 27, 1992; and
2 DENNIS A. GEGEN AND JULIE S. GEGEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS
3 (collectively "Plaintiffs") Complaint as follows:

4 1. As to Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the allegations set
5 forth in said Paragraphs.

6 2. As to Paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or
7 information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained therein. Said Paragraphs also
8 contain legal conclusions rather than facts that need to be admitted or denied. Defendants deny the
9 same on that basis.

10 3. As to Paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Complaint, Defendants deny the allegations
11 contained in said Paragraphs.

12 4. As to Paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or
13 information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained therein.

14 5. Defendants repeat herein by this reference Paragraphs 1 through 12, inclusive, with
15 the same force and effect as if said Paragraphs were set forth herein in full.

16 6. As to Paragraphs 14 and 15 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the allegations set
17 forth in said Paragraphs.

18 7. As to Paragraphs 16 and 17 of the Complaint, the CC&Rs for Rosemere Estates
19 Property Owners' Association ("REPOA") speak for themselves, and the foregoing Paragraphs
20 contained legal conclusions rather than facts that need to be either admitted or denied. Defendants
21 deny the same on that basis.

22 8. As to Paragraph 18 of the Complaint, Defendants admit that REPOA was formed in
23 1997 as the formal association for the Rosemere Estates community, as provided in the CC&Rs.
24 Defendants deny the remaining allegations contained in this Paragraph.

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1 9. As to Paragraph 19, Defendants admit that they filed a lawsuit against REPOA in
2 Case No. A-09-593497-C ("NRED 1"); however, Defendants deny that they did not name any
3 Plaintiffs in the NRED 1 Litigation. Defendants attempted to name Sherman Kearl and Gerry
4 Zobrist as individual defendants in that action via an amended complaint, but the motion for leave to
5 amend to allow their addition was denied by the Court.

6 10. As to Paragraph 20, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.

7 11. As to Paragraph 21, Defendants admit that they recorded abstracts of judgment with
8 the Clark County Recorder's Office against Plaintiffs' Properties with respect to the NRED 1
9 Litigation. With respect to the remaining allegations in Paragraph 21, the abstracts of judgment
10 speak for themselves. Therefore, Defendants deny the remaining allegations for the foregoing
11 reasons.

12 12. As to Paragraph 22 through 25, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

13 13. As to Paragraph 26, Defendants admit that two other Rosemere Estates property
14 owners filed a lawsuit against Defendants in a separate action, Case No. A-16-747900-C.

15 14. As to Paragraph 27, Defendants admit the allegation contained therein.

16 15. As to Paragraph 28, the paragraph contains conclusions of law that can neither be
17 admitted nor denied. Further, the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law referenced therein speak
18 for themselves. For those reasons, Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 28.

19 16. As to Paragraph 29, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.

20 17. As to Paragraph 30 through 34, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

21 18. As to Paragraph 35 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the allegation contained
22 therein.

23 19. As to Paragraph 36 of the Complaint, Defendants deny that they filed an Errata to the
24 Complaint for the purpose of removing the names "Kearl" and "Zobrist" from the Complaint.
25 Defendants admit the remaining allegations in this Paragraph.

26 20. As to Paragraphs 37 and 38 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the allegations
27 contained therein.

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21. As to Paragraph 39 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained therein.

22. Defendants repeat herein by this reference Paragraphs 1 through 22, inclusive, with the same force and effect as if said Paragraphs were set forth herein in full.

23. As to Paragraphs 41 through 46 of the Complaint, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

24. Defendants repeat herein by this reference Paragraphs 1 through 23, inclusive, with the same force and effect as if said Paragraphs were set forth herein in full.

25. As to Paragraph 48 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.

26. As to Paragraphs 49 through 58 of the Complaint, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

WHEREFORE, Defendants pray for relief as follows:

1. That the Complaint be dismissed and that Plaintiffs take nothing by way of its Complaint;
2. For costs and disbursements in connection with this action;
3. For reasonable attorney's fees, and
4. For such other and further relief that this Court deems just and proper.

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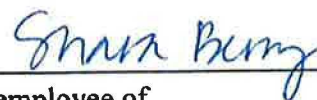
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10 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

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12 THE MARJORIE B. BOULDEN TRUST,
13 LINDA LAMOTHE AND JACQUES
14 LAMOTHE, TRUSTEES OF THE
15 JACQUES & LINDA LAMOTHE LIVING
16 TRUST,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 vs.

19 TRUDI LEE LYTTLE, JOHN ALLEN
20 LYTTLE, THE LYTTLE TRUST, DOES I
21 through X, and ROE CORPORATIONS I
22 through X,

23 Defendants.

24 **AND ALL RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS**
25 **AND CROSS-CLAIMS**

26 SEPTEMBER TRUST, DATED MARCH 23,
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SANDOVAL JOINT LIVING AND

Case No.: A-16-747800-C
Dept. No.: XVIII

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
SUMMARY JUDGMENT OR, IN THE
ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR
JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS
AND DENYING COUNTERMOTION
FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Date: May 2, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Case No.: A-17-765372-C
Dept. No.: XXVIII

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1 DEVOLUTION TRUST DATED MAY 27,
2 1992; and DENNIS A. GEGEN AND JULIE
3 S. GEGEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS
4 JOINT TENANTS,

5 Plaintiffs,

6 vs.

7 TRUDI LEE LYTLE AND JOHN ALLEN
8 LYTLE, AS TRUSTEES OF THE LYTLE
9 TRUST; JOHN DOES I through V; and ROE
10 ENTITIES I through V, inclusive,

11 Defendants.

12 Presently before the Court is Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment or, in the
13 Alternative, Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings filed by the September Trust, dated March
14 23, 1972 ("September Trust"), Gerry R. Zobrist and Jolin G. Zobrist, as Trustees of the Gerry R.
15 Zobrist and Jolin G. Zobrist Family Trust ("Zobrist Trust"), Raynaldo G. Sandoval and Julie
16 Marie Sandoval Gegen, as Trustees of the Raynaldo G. and Evelyn A. Sandoval Joint Living and
17 Devolution Trust dated May 27, 1992 ("Sandoval Trust"), and Dennis A. Gegen and Julie S.
18 Gegen, Husband and Wife, as Joint Tenants ("Dennis & Julie Gegen") (collectively the
19 "Plaintiffs") in Case No. A-17-765372-C, and Defendants' Countermotion for Summary
20 Judgment filed by Trudi Lee Lytle and John Allen Lytle, as Trustees of the Lytle Trust ("Lytle
21 Trust") in Case No. A-17-765372-C, which came on for hearing on March 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
22 and May 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Department XVIII of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark
23 County, Nevada.

24 Wesley J. Smith, Esq. of Christensen James & Martin appeared on behalf of the Plaintiffs
25 September Trust, Zobrist Trust, Sandoval Trust, and Dennis & Julie Gegen. Richard Haskin,
26 Esq. of Gibbs Giden Locher Turner Senet & Wittbrodt LLP appeared on behalf of the Lytle
27 Trust. Daniel T. Foley, Esq. of Foley & Oakes, PC appeared on behalf of Marjorie B. Boulden,
28 Trustee of the Marjorie B. Boulden Trust, amended and restated dated July 17, 1996 ("Boulden

1 Trust”) and Linda Lamothe and Jacques Lamothe, Trustees of the Jacques and Linda Lamothe
2 Living Trust (“Lamothe Trust”). Christina H. Wang, Esq. of Fidelity Law Group appeared on
3 behalf of Robert Z. Disman and Yvonne A. Disman (“Robert & Yvonne Disman”).

4 The Court having considered the Motions and exhibits, having heard the arguments of
5 counsel, for all the reasons contained in the Plaintiffs’ Motion for Summary Judgment or, in the
6 Alternative, Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, and with good cause appearing therefore, the
7 Court hereby enters the following Order:

8 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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10 1. The September Trust is the owner of the residential property in Clark County,
11 Nevada known as 1861 Rosemere Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117, Assessor’s Parcel No. 163-
12 03-313-004 (“September Property”).

13 2. The Zobrist Trust is the owner of the residential property in Clark County,
14 Nevada known as 1901 Rosemere Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117, Assessor’s Parcel No. 163-
15 03-313-005 (“Zobrist Property”).

16 3. The Sandoval Trust is the owner of the residential property in Clark County,
17 Nevada known as 1860 Rosemere Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117, Assessor’s Parcel No. 163-
18 03-313-001 (“Sandoval Property”).

19 4. Dennis & Julie Gegen are the owner of the residential property in Clark County,
20 Nevada known as 1831 Rosemere Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117, Assessor’s Parcel No. 163-
21 03-313-003 (“Gegen Property”) (hereafter September Property, Zobrist Property, Sandoval
22 Property and Gegen Property may be collectively referred to as “Plaintiffs’ Properties”).
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24 5. The Plaintiffs’ Properties are located in the Rosemere Estates subdivision
25 (“Rosemere Subdivision” or “Subdivision”) and are subject to the CC&R’s recorded January 4,
26 1994 (the “CC&Rs”).
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1 6. John Allen Lytle and Trudi Lee Lytle are the Trustees of the Lytle Trust
2 (collectively "Lytle Trust") which owns that certain residential property known as parcel number
3 163-03-313-009 (the "Lytle Property"), also located in the Rosemere Subdivision.

4 7. In 2009, the Lytles filed suit against the Rosemere Association directly in the
5 Eighth Judicial District Court, Case No. A-09-593497-C ("Rosemere Litigation I").

6 8. None of the Plaintiffs were ever parties in the Rosemere Litigation I.

7 9. None of the Plaintiffs were a "losing party" in the Rosemere Litigation I as that
8 term is found in Section 25 of the Original CC&Rs.
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10 10. The Lytles obtained a Summary Judgment for Declaratory Relief from the District
11 Court in the Rosemere Litigation I, which found and ruled as follows:

12 a. The Association is a limited purpose association under NRS 116.1201, is not a
13 Chapter 116 "unit-owners' association," and is relegated to only those specific
14 duties and powers set forth in Paragraph 21 of the Original CC&Rs and NRS
116.1201.

15 b. The Association did not have any powers beyond those of the "property owners
16 committee" designation in the Original CC&Rs - simply to care for the
17 landscaping and other common elements of Rosemere Estates as set forth in
Paragraph 21 of the Original CC&Rs.

18 c. Consistent with the absence of a governing body, the Developer provided each
19 homeowner the right to independently enforce the Original CC&Rs against one
another.

20 d. The Amended and Restated CC&Rs recorded with the Clark County Recorder's
21 Office as Instrument No. 20070703-0001934 (the "Amended CC&Rs") are
invalid, and the Amended CC&Rs have no force and effect.

22 11. Pursuant to NRS 116.1201(2) much of NRS Chapter 116 does not apply to the
23 Association because it is a limited purpose association that is not a rural agricultural residential
24 community.
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26 12. After obtaining Summary Judgment in the Rosemere Litigation I, the Lytle Trust
27 filed a Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs against the Association, and conducted a prove-up
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1 hearing on damages. After hearing all matters, a Final Judgment was entered in the Lytle Trust's
2 favor against the Association for \$361,238.59, which includes damages, attorneys' fees and costs
3 (the "Final Judgment").

4 13. After obtaining the Attorneys' Fees Judgment, the Lytle Trust, on August 16,
5 2016, recorded with the Clark County Recorder's office an Abstract of Judgment referencing the
6 Final Judgment against the Association, recorded as Instrument No. 20160818-0001198 (the
7 "First Abstract of Judgment").

8 14. In the First Abstract of Judgment, the Lytle Trust listed the parcel numbers for all
9 of the Plaintiffs' Properties as properties to which the First Abstract of Judgment and Final
10 Judgment was to attach.

11 15. On September 2, 2016, the Lytle Trust recorded with the Clark County Recorder's
12 office an Abstract of Judgment referencing the Final Judgment against the Association, recorded
13 as Instrument No. 20160902-0002685 (the "Second Abstract of Judgment"). The Second
14 Abstract of Judgment listed the parcel number of the Gegen Property only as the property to
15 which the Judgment was to attach.

16 16. On September 2, 2016, the Lytle Trust recorded with the Clark County Recorder's
17 office an Abstract of Judgment referencing the Final Judgment against the Association, recorded
18 as Instrument No. 20160902-0002686 (the "Third Abstract of Judgment"). The Third Abstract of
19 Judgment listed the parcel number of the September Trust Property only as the property to which
20 the Judgment was to attach.

21 17. On September 2, 2016, the Lytle Trust recorded with the Clark County Recorder's
22 office an Abstract of Judgment referencing the Final Judgment against the Association, recorded
23 as Instrument No. 20160902-0002687 (the "Fourth Abstract of Judgment"). The Fourth Abstract
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1 of Judgment listed the parcel number of the Zobrist Trust Property only as the property to which
2 the Judgment was to attach.

3 18. In 2010, the Lytle Trust filed another suit against the Rosemere Association
4 directly in Case No. A-10-631355-C ("Rosemere Litigation II"). The Lytle Trust did not name
5 the Plaintiffs as Defendants in the Rosemere Litigation II.

6 19. On or about November 14, 2016, the Lytle Trust was granted Summary Judgment
7 against the Rosemere Association.

8 20. On or about July 20, 2017, the District Court signed an Abstract of Judgment in
9 the amount of \$1,103,158.12. ("Rosemere Judgment II").
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11 21. The Plaintiffs were not named parties in the Rosemere II Litigation.

12 22. On or about April 2, 2015, the Lytle Trust filed a third case (Case No. A-15-
13 716420-C) against the Association and named as Defendants Sherman L. Kearl ("Kearl") and
14 Gerry G. Zobrist ("Zobrist") ("Rosemere Litigation III"). On April 8, 2015, the Lytles filed an
15 Errata to the Complaint amending it so that all references to Kearl and Zobrist were taken out of
16 the Complaint.
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18 23. On or about September 13, 2017, the Court in the entered its Order granting
19 Summary Judgment for Declaratory Relief as against the Association ("Rosemere Judgment III").
20 On November 8, 2017, the Rosemere Litigation III Court granted a Motion for Attorney's Fees
21 and Costs.

22 24. On February 24, 2017, the Boulden Trust, owner of Parcel No. 163-03-313-008 in
23 the Rosemere Subdivision, and the Lamothe Trust, owner of Parcel No. 163-03-313-002 in the
24 Rosemere Subdivision, filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment in this Court in this Case,
25 Case No. A-16-747900-C.
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1 25. This Court granted the Boulden Trust's and Lamothe Trust's Motion for Partial
2 Summary Judgment, and on July 25, 2017, entered its Order Granting Motion to Alter or Amend
3 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law ("Order").

4 26. In its Order, the Court found that, among other things, the Association is not
5 subject to NRS 116.3117, the Boulden Trust and Lamothe Trust were not parties to the
6 Rosemere Litigation, the Rosemere Judgment I (referred to as the "Rosemere LP Litigation" in
7 the Order) is not an obligation or debt of the Boulden Trust or the Lamothe Trust and that the
8 Abstracts of Judgment were improperly recorded against their properties and must be expunged
9 and stricken from the record.
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11 27. After the Court issued its Order, the Lytles released their liens against the
12 Boulden Trust and Lamothe Trust properties.

13 28. On February 21, 2018, Case No. A-17-765372-C was consolidated with Case No.
14 A-16-747900-C.
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16 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

17 1. The Court's prior Order with respect to Boulden Trust's and Lamothe Trust's
18 Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, Case No. A-16-747900-C, is the law of the case, to the
19 extent applicable to Plaintiffs' claims.

20 2. The Association is a "limited purpose association" as referenced in NRS
21 116.1201(2).

22 3. As a limited purpose association, NRS 116.3117 is not applicable to the
23 Association.
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25 4. As a result of the Rosemere Litigation I, the Amended CC&Rs were judicially
26 declared to have been improperly adopted and recorded, the Amended CC&Rs are invalid and
27 have no force and effect and were declared *void ab initio*.
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1 5. The Plaintiffs were not parties to the Rosemere Litigation I, Rosemere Litigation
2 II or Rosemere Litigation III.

3 6. The Plaintiffs were not "losing parties" in the Rosemere Litigation I, Rosemere
4 Litigation II or Rosemere Litigation III as per Section 25 of the Original CC&Rs.

5 7. Rosemere Judgments I, II and III in favor of the Lytle Trust, are not against, and
6 are not an obligation of the Plaintiffs to the Lytle Trust.

7 8. Rosemere Judgments I, II and III are against the Association and are not an
8 obligation or debt owed by the Plaintiffs to the Lytle Trust.
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10 9. The First Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160818-0001198
11 was improperly recorded against the Plaintiffs' Properties and constitutes a cloud against each of
12 the Plaintiffs' Properties.

13 10. The Second Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160902-0002685
14 was improperly recorded against the Gegen Property and constitutes a cloud against the Gegen
15 Property.
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17 11. The Third Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160902-0002686
18 was improperly recorded against the September Trust Property and constitutes a cloud against
19 the September Trust Property.

20 12. The Fourth Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160902-0002687
21 was improperly recorded against the Zobrist Trust Property and constitutes a cloud against the
22 Zobrist Trust Property.
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ORDER

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law above, and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment is GRANTED.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Lytle Trust's Countermotion for Summary Judgment is DENIED.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Lytle Trust improperly clouded the title to the September Property.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Lytle Trust improperly clouded the title to the Zobrist Property.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Lytle Trust improperly clouded the title to the Sandoval Property.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Lytle Trust improperly clouded the title to the Gegen Property.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the First Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160818-0001198 in the Clark County Recorder's Office is hereby expunged and stricken from the records of the Clark County Recorder's Office.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Second Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160902-0002685 in the Clark County Recorder's Office is hereby expunged and stricken from the records of the Clark County Recorder's Office.

1 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
2 Third Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160902-0002686 in the Clark County
3 Recorder's Office is hereby expunged and stricken from the records of the Clark County
4 Recorder's Office.

5 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
6 Fourth Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160902-0002687 in the Clark County
7 Recorder's Office is hereby expunged and stricken from the records of the Clark County
8 Recorder's Office.
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10 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
11 Lytle Trust is permanently enjoined from recording and enforcing the Judgments obtained from
12 the Rosemere Litigation I, Rosemere Litigation II and Rosemere Litigation III, or any other
13 judgments obtained against the Association, against the September Property, Zobrist Property,
14 Sandoval Property or Gegen Property.

15 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
16 Lytle Trust is permanently enjoined from taking any action in the future directly against the
17 Plaintiffs or their properties based upon the Rosemere Litigation I, Rosemere Litigation II or
18 Rosemere Litigation III.
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20 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
21 Lytle Trust is hereby ordered to release the First Abstract of Judgment, the Second Abstract of
22 Judgment, the Third Abstract of Judgment and the Fourth Abstract of Judgment recorded with
23 the Clark County Recorder within ten (10) days after the date of Notice of Entry of this Order.
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1 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

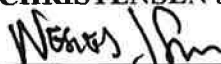
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1 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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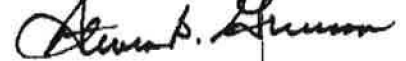
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17 TRUST,

18 Plaintiffs,

19 vs.

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22 through X, and ROE CORPORATIONS I
23 through X,

24 Defendants.

25 AND ALL RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS
26 AND CROSS-CLAIMS

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JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS
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Date: May 2, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.

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Dept. No.: XXVIII

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5 Plaintiffs,

6 vs.

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11 Defendants.

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14 **JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS AND DENYING COUNTERMOTION FOR**
15 **SUMMARY JUDGMENT** was filed with the Court on May 24, 2018, a true and correct
16 copy of which is attached hereto.

17 Dated this 25th day of May, 2018.

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I am an employee of Christensen James & Martin. On May 25, 2018, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS AND DENYING COUNTERMOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**, to be served in the following manner:

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11 Defendants.

12 Presently before the Court is Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment or, in the
13 Alternative, Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings filed by the September Trust, dated March
14 23, 1972 ("September Trust"), Gerry R. Zobrist and Jolin G. Zobrist, as Trustees of the Gerry R.
15 Zobrist and Jolin G. Zobrist Family Trust ("Zobrist Trust"), Raynaldo G. Sandoval and Julie
16 Marie Sandoval Gegen, as Trustees of the Raynaldo G. and Evelyn A. Sandoval Joint Living and
17 Devolution Trust dated May 27, 1992 ("Sandoval Trust"), and Dennis A. Gegen and Julie S.
18 Gegen, Husband and Wife, as Joint Tenants ("Dennis & Julie Gegen") (collectively the
19 "Plaintiffs") in Case No. A-17-765372-C, and Defendants' Countermotion for Summary
20 Judgment filed by Trudi Lee Lytle and John Allen Lytle, as Trustees of the Lytle Trust ("Lytle
21 Trust") in Case No. A-17-765372-C, which came on for hearing on March 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
22 and May 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Department XVIII of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark
23 County, Nevada.

24 Wesley J. Smith, Esq. of Christensen James & Martin appeared on behalf of the Plaintiffs
25 September Trust, Zobrist Trust, Sandoval Trust, and Dennis & Julie Gegen. Richard Haskin,
26 Esq. of Gibbs Giden Locher Turner Senet & Wittbrodt LLP appeared on behalf of the Lytle
27 Trust. Daniel T. Foley, Esq. of Foley & Oakes, PC appeared on behalf of Marjorie B. Boulden,
28 Trustee of the Marjorie B. Boulden Trust, amended and restated dated July 17, 1996 ("Boulden

1 Trust”) and Linda Lamothe and Jacques Lamothe, Trustees of the Jacques and Linda Lamothe
2 Living Trust (“Lamothe Trust”). Christina H. Wang, Esq. of Fidelity Law Group appeared on
3 behalf of Robert Z. Disman and Yvonne A. Disman (“Robert & Yvonne Disman”).

4 The Court having considered the Motions and exhibits, having heard the arguments of
5 counsel, for all the reasons contained in the Plaintiffs’ Motion for Summary Judgment or, in the
6 Alternative, Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, and with good cause appearing therefore, the
7 Court hereby enters the following Order:

8 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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10 1. The September Trust is the owner of the residential property in Clark County,
11 Nevada known as 1861 Rosemere Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117, Assessor’s Parcel No. 163-
12 03-313-004 (“September Property”).

13 2. The Zobrist Trust is the owner of the residential property in Clark County,
14 Nevada known as 1901 Rosemere Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117, Assessor’s Parcel No. 163-
15 03-313-005 (“Zobrist Property”).

16 3. The Sandoval Trust is the owner of the residential property in Clark County,
17 Nevada known as 1860 Rosemere Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117, Assessor’s Parcel No. 163-
18 03-313-001 (“Sandoval Property”).

19 4. Dennis & Julie Gegen are the owner of the residential property in Clark County,
20 Nevada known as 1831 Rosemere Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117, Assessor’s Parcel No. 163-
21 03-313-003 (“Gegen Property”) (hereafter September Property, Zobrist Property, Sandoval
22 Property and Gegen Property may be collectively referred to as “Plaintiffs’ Properties”).
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24 5. The Plaintiffs’ Properties are located in the Rosemere Estates subdivision
25 (“Rosemere Subdivision” or “Subdivision”) and are subject to the CC&R’s recorded January 4,
26 1994 (the “CC&Rs”).
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1 6. John Allen Lytle and Trudi Lee Lytle are the Trustees of the Lytle Trust
2 (collectively "Lytle Trust") which owns that certain residential property known as parcel number
3 163-03-313-009 (the "Lytle Property"), also located in the Rosemere Subdivision.

4 7. In 2009, the Lytles filed suit against the Rosemere Association directly in the
5 Eighth Judicial District Court, Case No. A-09-593497-C ("Rosemere Litigation I").

6 8. None of the Plaintiffs were ever parties in the Rosemere Litigation I.

7 9. None of the Plaintiffs were a "losing party" in the Rosemere Litigation I as that
8 term is found in Section 25 of the Original CC&Rs.
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10 10. The Lytles obtained a Summary Judgment for Declaratory Relief from the District
11 Court in the Rosemere Litigation I, which found and ruled as follows:

12 a. The Association is a limited purpose association under NRS 116.1201, is not a
13 Chapter 116 "unit-owners' association," and is relegated to only those specific
14 duties and powers set forth in Paragraph 21 of the Original CC&Rs and NRS
116.1201.

15 b. The Association did not have any powers beyond those of the "property owners
16 committee" designation in the Original CC&Rs - simply to care for the
17 landscaping and other common elements of Rosemere Estates as set forth in
Paragraph 21 of the Original CC&Rs.

18 c. Consistent with the absence of a governing body, the Developer provided each
19 homeowner the right to independently enforce the Original CC&Rs against one
another.

20 d. The Amended and Restated CC&Rs recorded with the Clark County Recorder's
21 Office as Instrument No. 20070703-0001934 (the "Amended CC&Rs") are
invalid, and the Amended CC&Rs have no force and effect.

22 11. Pursuant to NRS 116.1201(2) much of NRS Chapter 116 does not apply to the
23 Association because it is a limited purpose association that is not a rural agricultural residential
24 community.
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26 12. After obtaining Summary Judgment in the Rosemere Litigation I, the Lytle Trust
27 filed a Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs against the Association, and conducted a prove-up
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1 hearing on damages. After hearing all matters, a Final Judgment was entered in the Lytle Trust's
2 favor against the Association for \$361,238.59, which includes damages, attorneys' fees and costs
3 (the "Final Judgment").

4 13. After obtaining the Attorneys' Fees Judgment, the Lytle Trust, on August 16,
5 2016, recorded with the Clark County Recorder's office an Abstract of Judgment referencing the
6 Final Judgment against the Association, recorded as Instrument No. 20160818-0001198 (the
7 "First Abstract of Judgment").

8 14. In the First Abstract of Judgment, the Lytle Trust listed the parcel numbers for all
9 of the Plaintiffs' Properties as properties to which the First Abstract of Judgment and Final
10 Judgment was to attach.
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12 15. On September 2, 2016, the Lytle Trust recorded with the Clark County Recorder's
13 office an Abstract of Judgment referencing the Final Judgment against the Association, recorded
14 as Instrument No. 20160902-0002685 (the "Second Abstract of Judgment"). The Second
15 Abstract of Judgment listed the parcel number of the Gegen Property only as the property to
16 which the Judgment was to attach.
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18 16. On September 2, 2016, the Lytle Trust recorded with the Clark County Recorder's
19 office an Abstract of Judgment referencing the Final Judgment against the Association, recorded
20 as Instrument No. 20160902-0002686 (the "Third Abstract of Judgment"). The Third Abstract of
21 Judgment listed the parcel number of the September Trust Property only as the property to which
22 the Judgment was to attach.
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24 17. On September 2, 2016, the Lytle Trust recorded with the Clark County Recorder's
25 office an Abstract of Judgment referencing the Final Judgment against the Association, recorded
26 as Instrument No. 20160902-0002687 (the "Fourth Abstract of Judgment"). The Fourth Abstract
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1 of Judgment listed the parcel number of the Zobrist Trust Property only as the property to which
2 the Judgment was to attach.

3 18. In 2010, the Lytle Trust filed another suit against the Rosemere Association
4 directly in Case No. A-10-631355-C ("Rosemere Litigation II"). The Lytle Trust did not name
5 the Plaintiffs as Defendants in the Rosemere Litigation II.

6 19. On or about November 14, 2016, the Lytle Trust was granted Summary Judgment
7 against the Rosemere Association.

8 20. On or about July 20, 2017, the District Court signed an Abstract of Judgment in
9 the amount of \$1,103,158.12. ("Rosemere Judgment II").
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11 21. The Plaintiffs were not named parties in the Rosemere II Litigation.

12 22. On or about April 2, 2015, the Lytle Trust filed a third case (Case No. A-15-
13 716420-C) against the Association and named as Defendants Sherman L. Kearl ("Kearl") and
14 Gerry G. Zobrist ("Zobrist") ("Rosemere Litigation III"). On April 8, 2015, the Lytles filed an
15 Errata to the Complaint amending it so that all references to Kearl and Zobrist were taken out of
16 the Complaint.
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18 23. On or about September 13, 2017, the Court in the entered its Order granting
19 Summary Judgment for Declaratory Relief as against the Association ("Rosemere Judgment III").
20 On November 8, 2017, the Rosemere Litigation III Court granted a Motion for Attorney's Fees
21 and Costs.

22 24. On February 24, 2017, the Boulden Trust, owner of Parcel No. 163-03-313-008 in
23 the Rosemere Subdivision, and the Lamothe Trust, owner of Parcel No. 163-03-313-002 in the
24 Rosemere Subdivision, filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment in this Court in this Case,
25 Case No. A-16-747900-C.
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1 25. This Court granted the Boulden Trust's and Lamothe Trust's Motion for Partial
2 Summary Judgment, and on July 25, 2017, entered its Order Granting Motion to Alter or Amend
3 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law ("Order").

4 26. In its Order, the Court found that, among other things, the Association is not
5 subject to NRS 116.3117, the Boulden Trust and Lamothe Trust were not parties to the
6 Rosemere Litigation, the Rosemere Judgment I (referred to as the "Rosemere LP Litigation" in
7 the Order) is not an obligation or debt of the Boulden Trust or the Lamothe Trust and that the
8 Abstracts of Judgment were improperly recorded against their properties and must be expunged
9 and stricken from the record.
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11 27. After the Court issued its Order, the Lytles released their liens against the
12 Boulden Trust and Lamothe Trust properties.

13 28. On February 21, 2018, Case No. A-17-765372-C was consolidated with Case No.
14 A-16-747900-C.
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16 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

17 1. The Court's prior Order with respect to Boulden Trust's and Lamothe Trust's
18 Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, Case No. A-16-747900-C, is the law of the case, to the
19 extent applicable to Plaintiffs' claims.

20 2. The Association is a "limited purpose association" as referenced in NRS
21 116.1201(2).

22 3. As a limited purpose association, NRS 116.3117 is not applicable to the
23 Association.
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25 4. As a result of the Rosemere Litigation I, the Amended CC&Rs were judicially
26 declared to have been improperly adopted and recorded, the Amended CC&Rs are invalid and
27 have no force and effect and were declared *void ab initio*.
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1 5. The Plaintiffs were not parties to the Rosemere Litigation I, Rosemere Litigation
2 II or Rosemere Litigation III.

3 6. The Plaintiffs were not "losing parties" in the Rosemere Litigation I, Rosemere
4 Litigation II or Rosemere Litigation III as per Section 25 of the Original CC&Rs.

5 7. Rosemere Judgments I, II and III in favor of the Lytle Trust, are not against, and
6 are not an obligation of the Plaintiffs to the Lytle Trust.

7 8. Rosemere Judgments I, II and III are against the Association and are not an
8 obligation or debt owed by the Plaintiffs to the Lytle Trust.

9 9. The First Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160818-0001198
10 was improperly recorded against the Plaintiffs' Properties and constitutes a cloud against each of
11 the Plaintiffs' Properties.

12 10. The Second Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160902-0002685
13 was improperly recorded against the Gegen Property and constitutes a cloud against the Gegen
14 Property.

15 11. The Third Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160902-0002686
16 was improperly recorded against the September Trust Property and constitutes a cloud against
17 the September Trust Property.

18 12. The Fourth Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160902-0002687
19 was improperly recorded against the Zobrist Trust Property and constitutes a cloud against the
20 Zobrist Trust Property.

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ORDER

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law above, and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment is GRANTED.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Lytle Trust's Countermotion for Summary Judgment is DENIED.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Lytle Trust improperly clouded the title to the September Property.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Lytle Trust improperly clouded the title to the Zobrist Property.

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Lytle Trust improperly clouded the title to the Gegen Property.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the First Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160818-0001198 in the Clark County Recorder's Office is hereby expunged and stricken from the records of the Clark County Recorder's Office.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Second Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160902-0002685 in the Clark County Recorder's Office is hereby expunged and stricken from the records of the Clark County Recorder's Office.

1 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
2 Third Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160902-0002686 in the Clark County
3 Recorder's Office is hereby expunged and stricken from the records of the Clark County
4 Recorder's Office.

5 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
6 Fourth Abstract of Judgment recorded as Instrument No. 20160902-0002687 in the Clark County
7 Recorder's Office is hereby expunged and stricken from the records of the Clark County
8 Recorder's Office.

9 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
10 Lytle Trust is permanently enjoined from recording and enforcing the Judgments obtained from
11 the Rosemere Litigation I, Rosemere Litigation II and Rosemere Litigation III, or any other
12 judgments obtained against the Association, against the September Property, Zobrist Property,
13 Sandoval Property or Gegen Property.

14 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
15 Lytle Trust is permanently enjoined from taking any action in the future directly against the
16 Plaintiffs or their properties based upon the Rosemere Litigation I, Rosemere Litigation II or
17 Rosemere Litigation III.

18 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
19 Lytle Trust is hereby ordered to release the First Abstract of Judgment, the Second Abstract of
20 Judgment, the Third Abstract of Judgment and the Fourth Abstract of Judgment recorded with
21 the Clark County Recorder within ten (10) days after the date of Notice of Entry of this Order.

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1 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

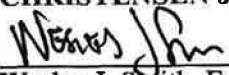
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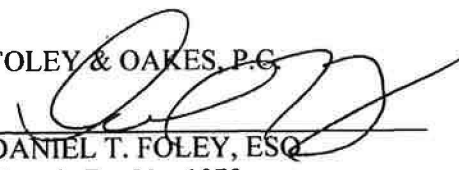
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LAMOTHE, TRUSTEES OF THE
JACQUES & LINDA LAMOTHE LIVING
TRUST,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

TRUDI LEE LYTLE, JOHN ALLEN
LYTLE, THE LYTLE TRUST, DOES I
through X, and ROE CORPORATIONS I
through X,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-16-747800-C
Dept. No.: XVIII

**ORDER REGARDING PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES
AND COSTS AND MEMORANDUM
OF COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
AND DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO
RETAKE AND SETTLE
MEMORANDUM OF COSTS**

Date: August 9, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.

AND ALL RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS
AND CROSS-CLAIMS

SEPTEMBER TRUST, DATED MARCH 23,
1972; GERRY R. ZOBRIST AND JOLIN G.
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R. ZOBRIST AND JOLIN G. ZOBRIST
FAMILY TRUST; RAYNALDO G.
SANDOVAL AND JULIE MARIE
SANDOVAL GEGEN, AS TRUSTEES OF
THE RAYNALDO G. AND EVELYN A.
SANDOVAL JOINT LIVING AND

Case No.: A-17-765372-C
Dept. No.: XXVIII

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1 DEVOLUTION TRUST DATED MAY 27,
2 1992; and DENNIS A. GEGEN AND JULIE
3 S. GEGEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS
4 JOINT TENANTS,

5 Plaintiffs,

6 vs.

7 TRUDI LEE LYTLE AND JOHN ALLEN
8 LYTLE, AS TRUSTEES OF THE LYTLE
9 TRUST; JOHN DOES I through V; and ROE
10 ENTITIES I through V, inclusive,

11 Defendants.

12 Presently before the Court is Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs and
13 Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements (hereafter collectively "Plaintiffs' Motion") filed by
14 the September Trust, dated March 23, 1972 ("September Trust"), Gerry R. Zobrist and Jolin G.
15 Zobrist, as Trustees of the Gerry R. Zobrist and Jolin G. Zobrist Family Trust ("Zobrist Trust"),
16 Raynaldo G. Sandoval and Julie Marie Sandoval Gegen, as Trustees of the Raynaldo G. and
17 Evelyn A. Sandoval Joint Living and Devolution Trust dated May 27, 1992 ("Sandoval Trust"),
18 and Dennis A. Gegen and Julie S. Gegen, Husband and Wife, as Joint Tenants ("Dennis & Julie
19 Gegen") (collectively the "Plaintiffs") in Case No. A-17-765372-C, and Defendants' Motion to
20 Retax and Settle Memorandum of Costs ("Defendant's Motion") filed by Trudi Lee Lytle and
21 John Allen Lytle, as Trustees of the Lytle Trust ("Lytle Trust") in Case No. A-17-765372-C,
22 which came on for hearing on July 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and August 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in
23 Department XVIII of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada.

24 Wesley J. Smith, Esq. of Christensen James & Martin appeared on behalf of the Plaintiffs
25 September Trust, Zobrist Trust, Sandoval Trust, and Dennis & Julie Gegen. Richard Haskin,
26 Esq. of Gibbs Giden Locher Turner Senet & Wittbrodt LLP appeared on behalf of the Lytle
27 Trust. John M. Oakes, Esq. of Foley & Oakes, PC appeared on behalf of Marjorie B. Boulden,
28 Trustee of the Marjorie B. Boulden Trust, amended and restated dated July 17, 1996 ("Boulden

1 Trust”) and Linda Lamothe and Jacques Lamothe, Trustees of the Jacques and Linda Lamothe
2 Living Trust (“Lamothe Trust”). Christina H. Wang, Esq. of Fidelity Law Group appeared on
3 behalf of Robert Z. Disman and Yvonne A. Disman (“Robert & Yvonne Disman”).

4 The Court having considered the Plaintiffs’ Motion and exhibits and Defendant’s Motion
5 to Re-Tax and Exhibits, all Oppositions Replies and exhibits thereto, and having heard the
6 arguments of counsel, and with good cause appearing therefore, the Court hereby enters the
7 following Order:

8 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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10 In August and September of 2016, the Lytles recorded with the Clark County Recorder’s
11 office four (4) abstracts of the Final Judgment (“Abstracts of Judgment”) obtained against the
12 Rosemere Association on August 16, 2016 in Case No. A-09-593497-C, Department XII. The
13 Abstracts of Judgment were recorded against eight of the individual parcels or properties within
14 the Rosemere Subdivision, including properties owned by the Plaintiffs. The owners of the
15 encumbered properties were not Judgment Debtors under the Abstracts of Judgment.

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17 On or about December 8, 2016, a case was filed against the Lytle Trust by the Bouldens,
18 who owned Parcel No. 163-03-313-008, 1960 Rosemere Court, and the Lamothes, who own
19 Parcel No. 163-03-313-002, 1830 Rosemere Court, each located in the Rosemere Subdivision, to
20 remove the Abstracts of Judgment and plead causes of action for Quiet Title, Declaratory Relief
21 and Slander of Title. On February 24, 2017, the Bouldens and Lamothes filed a Motion for
22 Partial Summary Judgment on their Quiet Title and Declaratory Relief causes of action, which
23 the Court granted on July 25, 2017 (“Order”).

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25 In its Order, the Court found that, among other things, the Abstracts of Judgment were
26 improperly recorded and must be expunged and stricken from the record. Following the Court’s
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1 direction in the Order, the Lytle Trust released its liens against the Boulden and Lamothe
2 properties.

3 The Plaintiffs in this Action each own a property in the Rosemere Subdivision that was
4 encumbered by the Defendants' recording of the Abstracts of Judgment. Prior to initiating this
5 Action, on September 26, 2017, Plaintiffs sent a demand letter to Defendant's attorney
6 requesting that the Abstracts of Judgment be expunged from Plaintiffs' Properties as well, based
7 on the Court's Order and the identical factual and legal circumstances of the Plaintiffs'
8 properties. On several occasions, Plaintiffs' attorneys also spoke to the Lytle Trust's attorney
9 requesting that the Abstracts of Judgment be removed. The Plaintiffs requested to be placed in
10 the same position as the Bouldens and Lamothes, with the Appeal to continue and the
11 Defendants' appeal rights preserved. However, the Lytle Trust refused to release the Abstracts of
12 Judgment.
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14 On November 30, 2017, the Plaintiffs filed a Complaint and Motion for Summary
15 Judgment in Case No. A-17-765372-C, Department XXVIII, requesting that the Lytle Trust's
16 Abstracts of Judgment be removed from their Properties, just as the Court had ordered for the
17 Bouldens and Lamothes. On February 21, 2018, Case No. A-17-765372-C was consolidated with
18 Case No. A-16-747900-C.
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20 On February 9, 2018, the Defendants filed an Opposition to Motion for Summary
21 Judgment, Or, In the Alternative, Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings and Countermotion for
22 Summary Judgment ("Countermotion"). On February 21, 2018, Plaintiffs filed a Reply to the
23 Opposition and an Opposition to the Countermotion. On March 14, 2018, Defendants filed a
24 Reply to the Plaintiffs' Opposition to the Countermotion. The Motion and Countermotion came
25 on for hearing on March 21, 2018 and May 2, 2018, where the Court decided in the favor of the
26 Plaintiffs, adopting Judge Williams' prior Order as "law of the case."
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

NRS 18.010(2)(b), provides that the court may make an allowance of attorney's fees to a prevailing party

Without regard to the recovery sought, when the court finds that the claim, counterclaim, cross-claim or third-party complaint or defense of the opposing party was brought or maintained without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing party. The court shall liberally construe the provisions of this paragraph in favor of awarding attorney's fees in all appropriate situations. It is the intent of the Legislature that the court award attorney's fees pursuant to this paragraph and impose sanctions pursuant to Rule 11 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure in all appropriate situations to punish for and deter frivolous or vexatious claims and defenses because such claims and defenses overburden limited judicial resources, hinder the timely resolution of meritorious claims and increase the costs of engaging in business and providing professional services to the public.

The Defendants had notice of the Order entered by Judge Williams in Case No. A-16-747900-C in favor of substantially similarly situated property owners as the Plaintiffs. After the Order was entered and prior to this Case being filed by the Plaintiffs, the Defendants were given opportunity to avoid this litigation and to preserve their legal arguments for appeal. As this Court has already held, Judge Williams' Order is *law of the case* and binding on this Court. Therefore, given the directive in NRS 18.010(b) to liberally construe the paragraph in favor of awarding attorney's fees, the Court finds that the Defendants' defense to this action was maintained without reasonable ground. An award of Attorney's Fees to the Plaintiffs is therefore warranted. Having prevailed in this Action, the Court finds that the Plaintiffs are also entitled to an award of Costs pursuant to NRS 18.020 and NRS 18.050.

In considering the reasonableness of the amount of the Plaintiffs' requested legal fees, the Court considered the factors set forth in *Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat. Bank*, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969), to wit: 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

1 the prominence and character of the parties where they affect the importance of the litigation; 3)
2 The work actually performed by the lawyer: the skill, time and attention given to the work; and
3 4) the result: whether the attorney was successful and what benefits were derived.

4 Having considered the *Brunzell* factors and the Defendants' Motion to Retax Costs, the
5 Court finds that the Plaintiffs are entitled to their attorney's fees and costs, but exercises its
6 discretion to reduce the legal fees and costs awarded. Accordingly, the Court awards Attorney's
7 Fees and Costs to the Plaintiffs in the following amounts:
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9 Plaintiff	Attorney's Fees	Costs	Total
10 September Trust	\$13,513.26	\$250.87	\$13,764.13
11 Zobrist Trust	\$13,331.26	\$250.87	\$13,582.13
12 Sandoval Trust	\$12,616.26	\$250.87	\$12,867.13
13 Gegen	\$12,590.26	\$250.87	\$12,841.13
14 Totals	\$52,051.04	\$1,003.48	\$53,054.52

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18 **ORDER**

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20 Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law above, and good cause
21 appearing therefore,

22 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that Plaintiffs' Motion for
23 Attorney's Fees and Costs and Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements are hereby granted in
24 part and denied in part, in that the Court is awarding attorney's fees and costs to the Plaintiffs but
25 in a reduced amount.
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2 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
3 Lytle Trust's Motion to Retax and Settle Memorandum of Costs is hereby granted in part and
4 denied in part, in that the Court is awarding costs to the Plaintiffs but in a reduced amount.

5 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
6 Lytle Trust shall pay Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Four and 13/100 Dollars
7 (\$13,764.13) to the September Trust for its attorney's fees and costs.
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9 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
10 Lytle Trust shall pay Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Two and 13/100 Dollars
11 (\$13,582.13) to the Zobrist Trust for its attorney's fees and costs.

12 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
13 Lytle Trust shall pay Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Seven and 13/100 Dollars
14 (\$12,867.13) to the Sandoval Trust for its attorney's fees and costs.

15 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
16 Lytle Trust shall pay Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One and 13/100 Dollars
17 (\$12,841.13) to Dennis & Julie Gegen for their attorney's fees and costs.
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19 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the total
20 amount ordered to be paid by the Lytle Trust to the Plaintiffs collectively for attorney's fees and
21 costs is Fifty-Three Thousand Fifty-Four and 52/100 Dollars (\$53,054.52).
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23 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
24 Lytle Trust is hereby ordered to pay the attorney's fees and costs as Ordered herein by certified
25 check made payable to "Christensen James & Martin Special Client Trust Account" in the
26 amount of Fifty-Three Thousand Fifty-Four and 52/100 Dollars (\$53,054.52) and delivered to
27 the Plaintiffs' attorneys within ten (10) days after the date of Notice of Entry of this Order.
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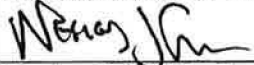
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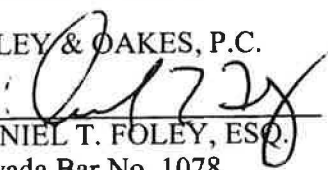
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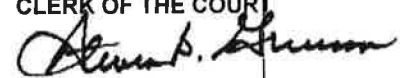
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11 Defendants.

12 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 12, 2018, the attached Order Regarding
13 Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs and Memorandum of Costs and
14 Disbursements and Defendants' Motion to Retax and Settle Memorandum of Cost was
15 entered into the Court's Docket.

16 DATED this 13th day of September, 2018.

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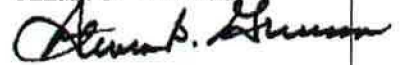
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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

MARJORIE B. BOULDEN, TRUSTEE OF
THE MARJORIE B. BOULDEN TRUST,
LINDA LAMOTHE AND JACQUES
LAMOTHE, TRUSTEES OF THE
JACQUES & LINDA LAMOTHE LIVING
TRUST,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

TRUDI LEE LYTLE, JOHN ALLEN
LYTLE, THE LYTLE TRUST, DOES I
through X, and ROE CORPORATIONS I
through X,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-16-747800-C
Dept. No.: XVIII

ORDER REGARDING PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES
AND COSTS AND MEMORANDUM
OF COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
AND DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO
RETX AND SETTLE
MEMORANDUM OF COSTS

Date: August 9, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.

**AND ALL RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS
AND CROSS-CLAIMS**

SEPTEMBER TRUST, DATED MARCH 23,
1972; GERRY R. ZOBRIST AND JOLIN G.
ZOBRIST, AS TRUSTEES OF THE GERRY
R. ZOBRIST AND JOLIN G. ZOBRIST
FAMILY TRUST; RAYNALDO G.
SANDOVAL AND JULIE MARIE
SANDOVAL GEGEN, AS TRUSTEES OF
THE RAYNALDO G. AND EVELYN A.
SANDOVAL JOINT LIVING AND

Case No.: A-17-765372-C
Dept. No.: XXVIII

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1 DEVOLUTION TRUST DATED MAY 27,
2 1992; and DENNIS A. GEGEN AND JULIE
3 S. GEGEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS
4 JOINT TENANTS,

5 Plaintiffs,

6 vs.

7 TRUDI LEE LYTLE AND JOHN ALLEN
8 LYTLE, AS TRUSTEES OF THE LYTLE
9 TRUST; JOHN DOES I through V; and ROE
10 ENTITIES I through V, inclusive,

11 Defendants.

12 Presently before the Court is Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs and
13 Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements (hereafter collectively "Plaintiffs' Motion") filed by
14 the September Trust, dated March 23, 1972 ("September Trust"), Gerry R. Zobrist and Jolin G.
15 Zobrist, as Trustees of the Gerry R. Zobrist and Jolin G. Zobrist Family Trust ("Zobrist Trust"),
16 Raynaldo G. Sandoval and Julie Marie Sandoval Gegen, as Trustees of the Raynaldo G. and
17 Evelyn A. Sandoval Joint Living and Devolution Trust dated May 27, 1992 ("Sandoval Trust"),
18 and Dennis A. Gegen and Julie S. Gegen, Husband and Wife, as Joint Tenants ("Dennis & Julie
19 Gegen") (collectively the "Plaintiffs") in Case No. A-17-765372-C, and Defendants' Motion to
20 Retax and Settle Memorandum of Costs ("Defendant's Motion") filed by Trudi Lee Lytle and
21 John Allen Lytle, as Trustees of the Lytle Trust ("Lytle Trust") in Case No. A-17-765372-C,
22 which came on for hearing on July 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and August 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in
23 Department XVIII of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada.

24 Wesley J. Smith, Esq. of Christensen James & Martin appeared on behalf of the Plaintiffs
25 September Trust, Zobrist Trust, Sandoval Trust, and Dennis & Julie Gegen. Richard Haskin,
26 Esq. of Gibbs Giden Locher Turner Senet & Wittbrodt LLP appeared on behalf of the Lytle
27 Trust. John M. Oakes, Esq. of Foley & Oakes, PC appeared on behalf of Marjorie B. Boulden,
28 Trustee of the Marjorie B. Boulden Trust, amended and restated dated July 17, 1996 ("Boulden

1 Trust”) and Linda Lamothe and Jacques Lamothe, Trustees of the Jacques and Linda Lamothe
2 Living Trust (“Lamothe Trust”). Christina H. Wang, Esq. of Fidelity Law Group appeared on
3 behalf of Robert Z. Disman and Yvonne A. Disman (“Robert & Yvonne Disman”).

4 The Court having considered the Plaintiffs’ Motion and exhibits and Defendant’s Motion
5 to Re-Tax and Exhibits, all Oppositions Replies and exhibits thereto, and having heard the
6 arguments of counsel, and with good cause appearing therefore, the Court hereby enters the
7 following Order:

8 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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10 In August and September of 2016, the Lytles recorded with the Clark County Recorder’s
11 office four (4) abstracts of the Final Judgment (“Abstracts of Judgment”) obtained against the
12 Rosemere Association on August 16, 2016 in Case No. A-09-593497-C, Department XII. The
13 Abstracts of Judgment were recorded against eight of the individual parcels or properties within
14 the Rosemere Subdivision, including properties owned by the Plaintiffs. The owners of the
15 encumbered properties were not Judgment Debtors under the Abstracts of Judgment.

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17 On or about December 8, 2016, a case was filed against the Lytle Trust by the Bouldens,
18 who owned Parcel No. 163-03-313-008, 1960 Rosemere Court, and the Lamothes, who own
19 Parcel No. 163-03-313-002, 1830 Rosemere Court, each located in the Rosemere Subdivision, to
20 remove the Abstracts of Judgment and plead causes of action for Quiet Title, Declaratory Relief
21 and Slander of Title. On February 24, 2017, the Bouldens and Lamothes filed a Motion for
22 Partial Summary Judgment on their Quiet Title and Declaratory Relief causes of action, which
23 the Court granted on July 25, 2017 (“Order”).

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25 In its Order, the Court found that, among other things, the Abstracts of Judgment were
26 improperly recorded and must be expunged and stricken from the record. Following the Court’s
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1 direction in the Order, the Lytle Trust released its liens against the Boulden and Lamothe
2 properties.

3 The Plaintiffs in this Action each own a property in the Rosemere Subdivision that was
4 encumbered by the Defendants' recording of the Abstracts of Judgment. Prior to initiating this
5 Action, on September 26, 2017, Plaintiffs sent a demand letter to Defendant's attorney
6 requesting that the Abstracts of Judgment be expunged from Plaintiffs' Properties as well, based
7 on the Court's Order and the identical factual and legal circumstances of the Plaintiffs'
8 properties. On several occasions, Plaintiffs' attorneys also spoke to the Lytle Trust's attorney
9 requesting that the Abstracts of Judgment be removed. The Plaintiffs requested to be placed in
10 the same position as the Bouldens and Lamothes, with the Appeal to continue and the
11 Defendants' appeal rights preserved. However, the Lytle Trust refused to release the Abstracts of
12 Judgment.
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14 On November 30, 2017, the Plaintiffs filed a Complaint and Motion for Summary
15 Judgment in Case No. A-17-765372-C, Department XXVIII, requesting that the Lytle Trust's
16 Abstracts of Judgment be removed from their Properties, just as the Court had ordered for the
17 Bouldens and Lamothes. On February 21, 2018, Case No. A-17-765372-C was consolidated with
18 Case No. A-16-747900-C.
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20 On February 9, 2018, the Defendants filed an Opposition to Motion for Summary
21 Judgment, Or, In the Alternative, Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings and Countermotion for
22 Summary Judgment ("Countermotion"). On February 21, 2018, Plaintiffs filed a Reply to the
23 Opposition and an Opposition to the Countermotion. On March 14, 2018, Defendants filed a
24 Reply to the Plaintiffs' Opposition to the Countermotion. The Motion and Countermotion came
25 on for hearing on March 21, 2018 and May 2, 2018, where the Court decided in the favor of the
26 Plaintiffs, adopting Judge Williams' prior Order as "law of the case."
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

NRS 18.010(2)(b), provides that the court may make an allowance of attorney's fees to a prevailing party

Without regard to the recovery sought, when the court finds that the claim, counterclaim, cross-claim or third-party complaint or defense of the opposing party was brought or maintained without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing party. The court shall liberally construe the provisions of this paragraph in favor of awarding attorney's fees in all appropriate situations. It is the intent of the Legislature that the court award attorney's fees pursuant to this paragraph and impose sanctions pursuant to Rule 11 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure in all appropriate situations to punish for and deter frivolous or vexatious claims and defenses because such claims and defenses overburden limited judicial resources, hinder the timely resolution of meritorious claims and increase the costs of engaging in business and providing professional services to the public.

The Defendants had notice of the Order entered by Judge Williams in Case No. A-16-747900-C in favor of substantially similarly situated property owners as the Plaintiffs. After the Order was entered and prior to this Case being filed by the Plaintiffs, the Defendants were given opportunity to avoid this litigation and to preserve their legal arguments for appeal. As this Court has already held, Judge Williams' Order is *law of the case* and binding on this Court. Therefore, given the directive in NRS 18.010(b) to liberally construe the paragraph in favor of awarding attorney's fees, the Court finds that the Defendants' defense to this action was maintained without reasonable ground. An award of Attorney's Fees to the Plaintiffs is therefore warranted. Having prevailed in this Action, the Court finds that the Plaintiffs are also entitled to an award of Costs pursuant to NRS 18.020 and NRS 18.050.

In considering the reasonableness of the amount of the Plaintiffs' requested legal fees, the Court considered the factors set forth in *Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat. Bank*, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969), to wit: 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

1 the prominence and character of the parties where they affect the importance of the litigation; 3)
2 The work actually performed by the lawyer: the skill, time and attention given to the work; and
3 4) the result: whether the attorney was successful and what benefits were derived.

4 Having considered the *Brunzell* factors and the Defendants' Motion to Retax Costs, the
5 Court finds that the Plaintiffs are entitled to their attorney's fees and costs, but exercises its
6 discretion to reduce the legal fees and costs awarded. Accordingly, the Court awards Attorney's
7 Fees and Costs to the Plaintiffs in the following amounts:
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9 Plaintiff	Attorney's Fees	Costs	Total
10 September Trust	\$13,513.26	\$250.87	\$13,764.13
11 Zobrist Trust	\$13,331.26	\$250.87	\$13,582.13
12 Sandoval Trust	\$12,616.26	\$250.87	\$12,867.13
13 Gegen	\$12,590.26	\$250.87	\$12,841.13
14 Totals	\$52,051.04	\$1,003.48	\$53,054.52

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19 **ORDER**

20 Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law above, and good cause
21 appearing therefore,

22 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that Plaintiffs' Motion for
23 Attorney's Fees and Costs and Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements are hereby granted in
24 part and denied in part, in that the Court is awarding attorney's fees and costs to the Plaintiffs but
25 in a reduced amount.
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2 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
3 Lytle Trust's Motion to Retax and Settle Memorandum of Costs is hereby granted in part and
4 denied in part, in that the Court is awarding costs to the Plaintiffs but in a reduced amount.

5 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
6 Lytle Trust shall pay Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Four and 13/100 Dollars
7 (\$13,764.13) to the September Trust for its attorney's fees and costs.
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9 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
10 Lytle Trust shall pay Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Two and 13/100 Dollars
11 (\$13,582.13) to the Zobrist Trust for its attorney's fees and costs.

12 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
13 Lytle Trust shall pay Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Seven and 13/100 Dollars
14 (\$12,867.13) to the Sandoval Trust for its attorney's fees and costs.

15 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
16 Lytle Trust shall pay Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One and 13/100 Dollars
17 (\$12,841.13) to Dennis & Julie Gegen for their attorney's fees and costs.
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19 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the total
20 amount ordered to be paid by the Lytle Trust to the Plaintiffs collectively for attorney's fees and
21 costs is Fifty-Three Thousand Fifty-Four and 52/100 Dollars (\$53,054.52).
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23 **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the
24 Lytle Trust is hereby ordered to pay the attorney's fees and costs as Ordered herein by certified
25 check made payable to "Christensen James & Martin Special Client Trust Account" in the
26 amount of Fifty-Three Thousand Fifty-Four and 52/100 Dollars (\$53,054.52) and delivered to
27 the Plaintiffs' attorneys within ten (10) days after the date of Notice of Entry of this Order.
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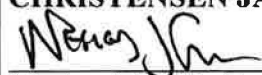
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Dated this ____ day of August, 2018.

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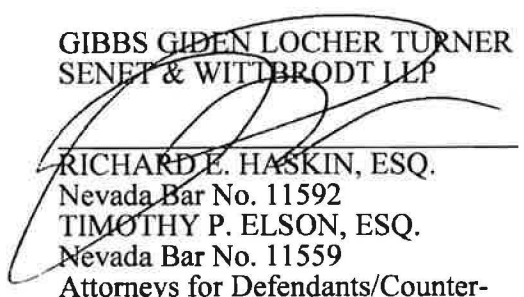
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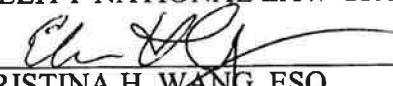
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3 Dated this 11 day of ~~August~~ ^{SEPTEMBER}, 2018.

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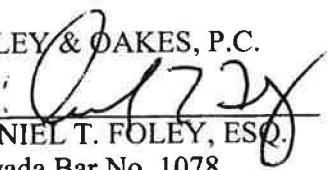
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