## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

A CAB, LLC; AND A CAB SERIES,	) Supreme Court No. 77050
LLC,	) Electronically Filed
Appellants,	Aug 05 2020 04:15 p.m. Elizabeth A. Brown Clerk of Supreme Court
V.	)
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MICHAEL MURRAY; AND	)
MICHAEL RENO, INDIVIDUALLY	)
AND ON BEHALF OF ALL OTHERS	)
SIMILARLY SITUATED,	)
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Respondents.	)
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Appeal from the Eighth Judicial District Court Case No. A-12-669926-C

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MR. GREENBERG: Yes.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- at deposition; I probably wouldn't use the term "illegal" when you ask him the question. That's number one.

Number two, why can't you take that deposition currently?

MR. GREENBERG: Because I don't know what his profit was from the company. And they're not willing -- they gave me a net income amount for the company, A Cab. They are not willing to stipulate that that is the net amount of gain that Mr. Nady received from the company's business.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Maybe you should ask him during deposition.

MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, I asked him 2015 in his deposition to tell me what --

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Yeah, but that deposition didn't go very well.

MR. GREENBERG: It didn't go very well. And his answer was, I don't know; okay? Whatever the income was to the company is going on his 1040, because he is apparently the only member of the LLC. If there's more than one member of an LLC, it must file a separate return, a K-1 is issued. There is no K-1. They don't have to issue a K-1. So essentially he is the company.

I would find what the income was by looking at his Schedule C and his Schedule E of his 1040. I wouldn't need the rest of his 1040 because it would have to be listed on one or both of those schedules. They don't want to produce that information to me. They don't want to stipulate that the net income of the company was, in fact, the net income to Mr. Nady during the relevant time period.

So how -- if I'm going to go to trial, Your Honor, and I'm going to get a finding responsibility by Mr. Nady, and he's going to say, well, I'm not responsible to the extent greater than what my profit was how -- how -- and what my financial gain was from the supposed illegal activities, then how am I going to establish what that number is? Isn't the burden on me to show the extent of what he should be responsible for?

If he's going to assume 100 percent responsibility if A Cab can't pay a judgment, then I don't care. But if he's going to interpose this defense then I need to be able to establish for purposes of trial what -- well, what was his gain?

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Isn't that more appropriately for a judgment debtor exam once you get a judgment?

MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, a judgment, they're not joint and severally liable defendants here. Presumably, he is

liable only to the amount of his gain, or at least he has a 1 defense to raise based on that. So you're saying that I 2 should proceed to trial, get a judgment. If A Cab doesn't pay, then determine in a supplementary proceeding what the 4 extent of his liability is based on his gain from the 5 operations. 6 7 It could be approached that way. And if the District Judge authorized it, and I reserved my rights in that 8 fashion, my right -- you know, my clients' interests would be 9 protected. I acknowledge that, Your Honor. I just don't know 10 that that makes sense; okay? 11 12 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: I don't know what makes sense anymore on this case to be candid with you. 13 14 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Your Honor? 15 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Have you turned over all the financial information --16 I did. 17 MS. RODRIGUEZ: DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- that I previously 18 19 ordered? 20 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. 21 Exactly. 22 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 23 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- with regard to the --24 you know, the net worth?

MS. RODRIGUEZ:

We just had -- we -- you had these

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arguments before. We spent an hour --
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: I know.
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             MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- arguing about this and Your Honor
   said we didn't have to turn over the full tax --
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER:
                                       I did.
             MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- documents. We turned over the
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   Profit and Loss Statements as you ordered. We turned over all
   of the tax information, the W-2s I believe, W-2s --
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             MR. GREENBERG: There is no W-2, Your Honor.
             MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- for Nady. What did she receive?
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            I'm sorry. I was -- I was thinking of the wrong tax
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    1099's.
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    form.
             DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: All right.
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             MS. RODRIGUEZ: 1099s for Nady and family as
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    ordered.
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             DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Okay. Mr. Greenberg --
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             MS. RODRIGUEZ: I told Mr. Greenberg --
             MR. GREENBERG: Yes, Your Honor?
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             MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- anything else, he needs to ask
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   Mr. Nady at the deposition. If he's interested in -- in the
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21 interplay between the company and what Nady profits from, he's
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   got the tax documents in front of him. He can thoroughly ask
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   him all of that at a deposition. I don't know why he chose to
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   abandon that deposition.
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Well, I think he probably
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wants the other information on the health insurance which you are working on providing him.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: That has nothing to -- that was the PMK. That was the 30(b)(6). Or he -- probably he's going to notice another 30(b)(6) on the health insurance.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: You know what; I'm going to rely on you all to prepare your case for trial. You know it much better than I do, and I know it better than I would like to know it. So you all need to get busy, get your discovery exchanged.

Mr. Greenberg, I would go ahead and take his deposition. If you want to wait for the health insurance so you can take the PMK and his individual deposition at one time, take it. Ask the financial questions that you feel you need to ask. You're either going to draw an objection and an instruction not to answer, and then I will have to deal with it by a separate motion.

But I can't do anymore right now. This is what I can do. If you're not satisfied, you're welcome to talk to the District Court Judge.

MR. GREENBERG: Yes, Your Honor.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: But you have the Profit and Loss. You have his 1099 forms.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: All Income Statements as well.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: All Income Statements.

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MR. GREENBERG: 1 T --- T ---DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Move forward. 2 3 MS. RODRIGUEZ: And there will not be an instruction not to answer. That's what I told Mr. Greenberg; he's ready 4 5 to answer these questions. MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, again, some of these 6 issues involve evidentiary determinations and how the case would proceed at trial or --8 9 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: I understand. MR. GREENBERG: -- potential judgment. And perhaps 10 I should address them to the District Court. If Your Honor is 11 12 not going to order the production of Schedule C and the Schedule E of the 1040, then you're not. I understand. 13 14 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: I'm not. And I --15 MR. GREENBERG: And I don't want to belabor the point. 16 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: We've already addressed 17 that issue. 18 19 MR. GREENBERG: Okay. DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: I've already ordered the 20 21 financial documents. MR. GREENBERG: 22 Then --23 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: If -- if you think that my 24 recommendation was not appropriate, then you should object. 25 I think he did object. MS. RODRIGUEZ:

Well --1 MR. GREENBERG: 2 MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- you object already? DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: And what did the --3 MR. GREENBERG: -- Your Honor --4 5 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- Judge say? MR. GREENBERG: -- I couldn't really object to the 6 financial disclosures because I didn't have them until about a week ago or 10 days ago. 8 What I'd ask Your Honor to do, is if we could have a 9 Report and Recommendation just confirming you're not ordering 10 disclosure of the Schedule C and the Schedule E of Mr. Nady, 11 12 and the 1040s, I'll have it in the record. And that way, if I want to object to that ruling by Your Honor, I'll take it --13 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: But I've already --14 MR. GREENBERG: -- to District Judge. 15 16 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- made that decision. 17 MR. GREENBERG: Well, you -- you --DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: You do a Motion to 18 Reconsider to the District Court Judge. You sign the order. 19 If you signed it, do a Motion to Reconsider to him. I don't 20 21 want to -- I don't want to revisit that issue because I've 22 already made a recommendation on it. 23 MR. GREENBERG: Well --24 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: If the Judge has signed it, 25 then do a Motion to Reconsider to the Judge.

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              MR. GREENBERG:
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              MS. RODRIGUEZ:
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              MR. GREENBERG:
    how we need to proceed --
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER:
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              MR. GREENBERG: -- if -- if necessary, Your Honor.
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              There are at least three or four other issues that
    are outstanding. I don't know if the Court wants to take the
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    time to address them.
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Well, we could --
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              MR. GREENBERG: It's up to Your Honor.
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Well, we could take a vote
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    of the audience. I think the answer is going to be "no". But
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    actually everyone seems to be enjoying the argument now, so
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    I'm getting, you know, encouragement here.
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              What else do we have to address, Mr. Greenberg?
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    you just give me a list?
              MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, this is in -- primarily
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    in the second supplement I submitted to Your Honor.
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   were disclosures at Mr. Nady's recent deposition regarding
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   materials that have not been produced or that are otherwise
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    germane and can be produced.
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Can you just give me a
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    list?
              MR. GREENBERG: Okay. There are Excels of the daily
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time every driver worked. They're called "J-Rolls" sometimes.
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    These exist. They were maintained in the normal course of
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   business.
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Haven't I already addressed
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    this issue?
             MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, they were --
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             MS. RODRIGUEZ: Your Honor, I've --
             MR. GREENBERG: -- they were --
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             MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- just received the supplement
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    yesterday and he's got a whole new list of items. And I'm
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    really not prepared to address all of that.
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER:
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             MS. RODRIGUEZ: You -- you ordered a certain time
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    for supplements. We just got this yesterday.
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER:
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              MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor --
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: So the J-Rolls, I thought
   we had address that like months ago. So maybe --
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             MR. GREENBERG: Yes, Your Honor --
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- I'm confused.
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   And Mr. Nady doesn't -- at his deposition confirms the
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    existence of these things, says if -- they should be in the
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    computer system. If they're there, we can produce them. Why
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    they weren't produced, he has no explanation. They should be
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produced. They should have been produced, Your Honor. 1 2 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: What's the second item? MR. GREENBERG: The second issue, Your Honor, is 3 that Mr. Nady testified that the Quickbooks system will 4 indicate to us whether someone is recorded as having a spouse, 5 being married or unmarried. This is required on a W-4 form 6 for every employee and it will also tell us how many dependents they're claiming for tax purposes. 8 We would like that information produced because it's 9 going to tell us what the cost was for a particular employee. 10 Somebody who isn't married, Your Honor, clearly has no 11 12 interest in getting spousal coverage. DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Well, then it's going to 13 show whether they took the individual plan or the family plan. 14 I am not inclined to go further. 15

MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, it's not going to show whether they took any plan. It's simply going to tell us whether they had a spouse to insure. That's all. We --

You can tell that --DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: No. the issue is, did they offer health insurance and was it 21 within the 10 percent of their overall salary. Those are the issues. You don't need --

MR. GREENBERG: Yeah.

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DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- to know everybody's 24 25 individual arrangements.

MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, defendants will argue that for the single person they complied, but maybe not for the spouse or the person — the person who was married or had dependents because it cost the person with the spouse more, Your Honor.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: I understand that. But you can make that argument without knowing these details.

MR. GREENBERG: But, Your Honor, how am I going to know who had to -- who had the spouse and had to pay more and didn't --

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Because you're going to see the payment being made.

MR. GREENBERG: No, I won't, Your Honor. If they didn't enroll, I won't see it. And they could have enrolled only for themselves --

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Well --

MR. GREENBERG: -- not for the spouse. The plans didn't even offer spousal coverage for certain time periods, so they weren't eligible to enroll their spouse.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Okay.

MR. GREENBERG: I have that from the disclosures. If Your Honor wants this briefed more fully and we should return, I will do so. I appreciate we're taking up a lot of your time.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: So my question is, we have

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the date of hire, the date of rehire. We have the financial
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   information, the amount that the plan was offered. So should
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   not we -- shouldn't we be able to derive whether they took an
   individual plan, no plan, or the family plan? Isn't there a
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   way to capture that information?
             MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, it's not whether they
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   took any plan. It's whether they could have covered
   themselves and their dependents within the 10 percent once
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   they were eligible.
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Well, you don't need to
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    know all the details.
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             MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, if they -- if they had a
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   spouse, they couldn't cover the spouse if the plan didn't
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   offer spousal coverage which --
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: But that's a different --
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              MR. GREENBERG: -- it didn't.
              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- issue.
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              MR. GREENBERG: No. Your Honor --
              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- just going in circles.
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              MR. GREENBERG: Your --
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             MR. GREENBERG: Can I -- can I --
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- on that issue. What is
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   your third issue?
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MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, all I would ask is 1 permission to brief that issue and return it by motion. 2 3 Then you'll have to bring a DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: separate motion. 4 5 Thank you, Your Honor. MR. GREENBERG: DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Number three, what's your 6 third issue? MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, there was testimony at 8 the deposition that we -- we noticed Mr. Nady as a 30(b)(6) 9 witness to tell us about the PDF storage, electronic scanned 10 storage of trip sheets. He came to the deposition. He could 11 tell us nothing about that. 12 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: You have the trip sheets 13 14 now. 15 Your Honor, I don't have them in the MR. GREENBERG: PDF form. If they're stored in PDF form, not 500,000 pages of 16 17 paper form, I want them, and they should be produced, and it's very easy to produce them. Mr. Nady even testified at his 18 deposition that if they were there --19 20 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Didn't we address --GREENBERG: -- they could be copied. 22 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- these issues before? Is this like Groundhog Day where I'm hearing the same things all 23 24 over again? Because that's --

MR. GREENBERG: Yes, you --

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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- how I feel.
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              MR. GREENBERG: -- you are, Your Honor, because I
    don't --
             MS. RODRIGUEZ: And it's not the subject of --
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             MR. GREENBERG: -- I don't get --
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                              -- any of his Motions to Compel.
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              MS. RODRIGUEZ:
             MR. GREENBERG: -- I don't get production or
   forthrightness from --
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             MS. RODRIGUEZ: That's not true.
             MR. GREENBERG: -- not from counsel, but from the
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   defendants about --
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Well --
             MR. GREENBERG: -- the materials that they have --
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- but counsel's --
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             MR. GREENBERG: -- and can produce.
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             DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- the one who's
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   responsible.
             Ms. Rodriguez, what was the deal with the PDF format
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   on this? I cannot recall.
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             MS. RODRIGUEZ: The PDFs have always been made
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   he's welcome to come look at this PDFs. Now, I have contacted
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   Jim Morgan -- back to Jim Morgan, the computer guy -- to
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   figure out how he can copy 500,000 PDFs to Mr. Greenberg. I
   went back last night and I reviewed one of your earlier
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   furnish an external disk drive, I believe, to have them
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   copied. I --
              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: That's right. Weren't --
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              MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- I believe it's --
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER:
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             MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, Mr. Wall was present for that
    one. I think --
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              MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor --
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              MS. RODRIGUEZ:
   talk to Mr. Morgan about that. He suggests that he purchase
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   it and bill Mr. Greenberg. I think it's going to be less than
   the $500 that Mr. Greenberg offered. I'll certainly discuss
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    it with him --
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             MR. GREENBERG: Yes, Your Honor.
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              MS. RODRIGUEZ:
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER:
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             MS. RODRIGUEZ: But just for viruses and bugs and
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   things like that, just for protection.
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              DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER:
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              MS. RODRIGUEZ:
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              MR. GREENBERG:
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              MS. RODRIGUEZ: But it's a huge project. It's not
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   a button and give him all this electronic data but it's --
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it's a lot more complex. And --1 2 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: I understand. MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- this has been a shell game for 3 us, too, because every time we give him something it's -- it's 4 quite a production and then he doesn't like it. And so then 5 we're back here asking for something else. 6 7 MR. GREENBERG: And, Your Honor --DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: All right. I'm -- I'm 8 going to let counsel follow-up on the PDF issue. 9 MR. GREENBERG: Okay. So we -- we will -- we will 10 leave that for further hopeful -- hopeful resolution --11 12 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Hopeful resolution. MR. GREENBERG: -- by counsel. 13 The one remaining issue that I wanted to bring to 14 Your Honor's attention was this Department of Labor Excel file 15 and this request that had been made to the Department of Labor 16 for that file. I have asked defendants to sign an 17 authorization waiving one of the FOIA exemptions. There's a 18 FOIA exemption where the Department of Labor will not disclose 19 20 information from a private business. DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Haven't we talked about 22 this as well? 23 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. But this is a --24 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: What was the --

MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- new one.

1 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: -- ultimate -- okay. MS. RODRIGUEZ: This is a new one where he's wanting 2 Mr. Nady to sign a full authorization. So we've never -- no, that's -- that's a new one that I just got yesterday. 4 5 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Okay. So you're going to have to have a 2.34 conference on it and bring a separate 6 Motion to Compel. MR. GREENBERG: We will do so, Your Honor. 8 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: All right. And you might 9 want to address the J-Roll while you're at it. 10 Okay. I'm not going to handle anything further 11 12 today. MR. GREENBERG: Yes, Your Honor. 13 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: I really am not inclined to 14 set you for another Status Check. I am inclined to tell you, 15 though, that I will hear that motion, Mr. Greenberg. You just 16 17 need to prepare it and file it. And that's when you'll come 18 back. That will presumably be in January 19 MR. GREENBERG: sometime, Your Honor. 20 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: MR. GREENBERG: And I hope you have a good holiday 22 23 because you won't be seeing us until after the holidays, so 24 that should make it a little better.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Well, I don't know about

that. I might go through withdrawals.

Okay. So prepare your motion, if necessary, but let's give defense counsel an opportunity to pull together some of the additional information. Have your 2.34. Make sure, Ms. Rodriguez, you provide the cost of the hard drive or whatever mechanism Mr. Morgan's going to use to download this information, so Mr. Greenberg knows in advance what it is going to cost.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: Right.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Okay?

MS. RODRIGUEZ: I understand.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: All right.

THE CLERK: Who's going to be preparing the Report and Recommendation?

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Do we need a Report and Recommendation from today's hearing? Yes, we do. Ms. Rodriguez, you are going to prepare it. You're going to run it by counsel to approve as to form and content. That would be a really nice holiday gift for me, if you all could sign off on one Report and Recommendation. If you can't just submit your own and I'll look at both of them.

MR. GREENBERG: We -- we did come close on the one, Your Honor.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: You did. I --

MR. GREENBERG: It was --

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             MR. GREENBERG: -- but one sentence, perhaps.
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             DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: One paragraph.
             MR. GREENBERG: Yes.
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             MS. RODRIGUEZ: I don't think so.
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before, Happy Holidays. Thank you, Your Honor. You too. MS. RODRIGUEZ: MR. WALL: Thank you, Your Honor. (Proceeding concluded at 11:12 a.m.) CERTIFICATE ATTEST: I hereby certify that I have truly and correctly transcribed the audio/visual proceedings in the above-entitled case to the best of my ability. Quint Hand JULIE LORD, INDEPENDENT TRANSCRIBER 

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### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

MICHAEL MURRAY, and MICHAEL Case No.: A-12-669926-C RENO, Individually and on behalf of others similarly situated, Dept.: XVIII Plaintiffs, ERRATA TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PARTIAL VS. SUMMARY JUDGMENT A CAB TAXI SERVICE LLC, and A CAB, LLC, Hearing Date: February 14, 2017 Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m. Defendants.

Leon Greenberg, an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada, hereby affirms, under the penalty of perjury, that:

- 1. I am submitting this Errata because two Exhibits referenced in plaintiffs' motion for partial summary judgment, filed on January 11, 2017, were either incomplete or omitted.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit "1" is the one page document referenced as Exhibit "D" at page 7, lines 4-11 in the declaration of Charles Bass. This document was omitted from that declaration as filed.
- 3. Attached as Exhibit "2" are two pages that were to appear as Exhibit "B" of the declaration of Leon Greenberg. These pages were not completely set forth in that declaration as filed.

4. I apologize for any inconvenience or confusion the foregoing errors caused and appreciate the Court's allowance of this Errata.

I have read the foregoing and affirm the same is true and correct.

Affirmed this 13th day of January, 2017

Leon Greenberg

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that on January 13, 2017, she served the within:

#### ERRATA TO MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

by court electronic service to:

TO:

Esther C. Rodriguez, Esq. RODRIGUEZ LAW OFFICES, P.C. 10161 Park Run Drive, Suite 150 Las Vegas, NV 89145

/s/ Sydney Saucier

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## EXHIBIT "1"

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### **DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND ANSWER** TO ASSERT A THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT

Defendants A Cab, LLC and Creighton J. Nady, by and through their attorneys of record, and pursuant to NRCP 10(a) and NRCP 15, hereby move for leave to amend their Answer to Assert a Third Party Complaint against Leon Greenberg, Esq., Leon Greenberg Professional Corporation, and Dana Sniegocki, Esq.

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This Motion is based upon the pleadings and papers on file, the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, and any oral argument that may be entertained at the hearing of this Motion.

DATED this <u>27<sup>th</sup></u> day of January, 2017.

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### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

### RODRIGUEZ LAW OFFICES, P. C.

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I.

### **POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

### 1. The Requested Amendments Conform to the Evidence

A proposed amended answer with third-party complaint is attached for the Court's review at **Exhibit 1**. The requested amendments are tailored to conform to the evidence obtained during the discovery period. The requested amendment is to assert a third-party complaint against those persons and entities which have engaged in champerty, interfered with business and contractual relations, and seek to profit from the continued litigation of others.

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"A champertous agreement is one in which a person without interest in another's litigation undertakes to carry on the litigation at his own expense, in whole or in part, in consideration of receiving, in the event of success, a part of the proceeds of the litigation." Martin v. Morgan Drive Away, Inc., 665 F.2d 598, 603 (5th Cir.1982), cert. dismissed, 458 U.S. 1122, 103 S.Ct. 5, 73 L.Ed.2d 1394 (1982). "To maintain the suit of another is now, and always has been, held to be unlawful, unless the person maintaining has some interest in the subject of the suit." Lum v. Stinnett, 87 Nev. 402, 408, 488 P.2d 347, 350 (1971) (citing Gruber v. Baker, 20 Nev. 453, 23 P. 858, 862 (1890)). "Where a person promoting the suit of another has any interest whatever, legal or equitable, in the thing demanded, ... he is in effect also a suitor according to the nature and extent of his interest." McIntosh v. Harbour Club Villas Condominium, 421 So.2d 10, 11 (Fla.Dist.Ct.App.1982). Schwartz v. Eliades, 939 P.2d at 1036.

See also, Vosberg Equipment v. Zupancic, 737 P.2d 522, 103 Nev. 266 (1987) stating: In 1890 this court held that even in the absence of statute it was, under the common law of England, unlawful to "maintain the suit of another" unless the person maintaining the suit "has some interest in the subject of the suit." Gruber v. Baker, 20 Nev. 453, 469, 23 P. 858 (1890). In Lum v. Stinnett, 87 Nev. 402, 408, 488 P.2d 347, 350 (1971), we recognized the "common law offense of maintenance" as existing "when a person without interest in a suit officiously intermeddles therein by assisting either party with money or otherwise to prosecute or defend it." Champerty is maintenance with the additional feature of an agreement for the payment of compensation or personal profit from the subject of the suit. Lum v. Stinnett, 87 Nev. at 408, 488 P.2d at 350. Vosberg Equipment v. Zupancic, 737 P.2d at 523.

In the present case, the evidence has demonstrated that Third-Party Defendants Greenberg, Leon Greenberg Professional Corporation, and Sniegocki are not acting on behalf of their clients'

interests, but rather are seeking to profit themselves from prolonged litigation and a fee-shifting mechanism. The depositions and discovery responses of the named Plaintiffs, Michael Murray and Michael Reno, make it clear that both had no interest in the litigation, had no understanding of the litigation, and had merely signed up when solicited by Third-Party Defendants.

Further, when Defendant made a good faith attempt to resolve the claim, at a value exceeding 10 times the value of the claim, the clients were not made aware of such offers. Third-Party Defendants had no interest in what was best for the Plaintiffs, but rather stood to obtain further financial gain by prolonging the litigation and escalating attorney fees in a fee-shifting type case.

Most recently, Third-Party Defendant Greenberg confirmed that he will not engage in any mediation or alternative type of resolution, nor will he disclose a settlement demand. Further, Third-Party Defendants have now commenced interfering with Third-Party Plaintiffs' ability to resolve and negotiate other matters with other employees.

Further, Third-party defendants have tortiously interfered with the contractual relations of A Cab employees, as evidenced in the breach of contract of Wendy Gagliano who was induced by Third party Defendants to breach her contract with Third-Party Plaintiffs. Therefore, Third-Party Plaintiffs assert they have been damaged by Third-Party Defendants' purposeful and intentional acts, and request the Court's leave to amend to conform to the evidence in the record.

Also telling is that Third-Party Defendants have continued to drag out the litigation asking for extension after extension with the Court, indicating they need more time to prepare, and compelling discovery which they in fact then do not utilize. In reality, Third-Party Defendants have been prolonging the litigation to continue advertising and attempting to recruit more clients by stating, "there is no set deadline for this case to be finished." *Third-Party Defendants' website advertising page*, Exhibit 2. The website and ad is targeted directly to Third-Party Plaintiff A Cab's employees, and in fact is labeled "A Cab Driver's Page." Exhibit 2.

### 2. NRCP 15 Supports That Leave to Amend Should Be Granted.

A party may amend the party's pleading only by leave of court or by written consent of the adverse party; and leave shall be freely given when justice so requires. **NRCP 15**.

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In the absence of any apparent or declared reason - such as undue delay, bad faith or dilatory motive on the part of the movant - the leave to amend should be freely given. Stephens v. Southern Nev. Music Co., 89 Nev. 104, 507 P.2d 138 (1973). Here, there has been no bad faith in seeking these amendments. In fact, Defendants are seeking these amendments well in advance of the new deadlines extended by the Court and the Discovery Commissioner. See DCRR extending deadlines at Plaintiffs' request at Exhibit 3. The Discovery Commissioner further extended deadlines, making the recommended Close of Discovery April 28, 2017. Therefore, the proposed amendment will not affect the discovery deadlines or trial date.

II.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing, Defendants respectfully request that this Court grant Defendants leave to amend and permission to file the Third Amended Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

DATED this <u>27<sup>th</sup></u> day of January, 2017.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the <u>27<sup>th</sup></u> day of January, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Eighth Judicial District Court Clerk of Court using the E-file and Serve System which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

Leon Greenberg, Esq. Leon Greenberg Professional Corporation 2965 South Jones Boulevard, Suite E4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 Counsel for Plaintiff

/s/ Susan Dillow
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### EXHIBIT 1

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Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint on file herein ("Complaint"), admit, deny and allege as follows:

### **JURISDICTION, PARTIES AND PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

- Answering Paragraph 1 of the Complaint, Defendants are without sufficient 1. information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations, and therefore deny the same. Defendants deny the allegation that Plaintiffs are current employees.
- Answering Paragraph 2 of the Complaint, Defendants admit A Cab, LLC is a Nevada Limited Liability Company doing business in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, as a taxicab company.
- Answering Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Complaint, Defendants admit Nady is the sole 3. and managing member of A Cab, LLC. To the extent these paragraphs contain any other factual allegations requiring a response, Defendants deny same.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

Answering Paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 of the Complaint, 4. Defendants assert that the allegations contained therein are a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent these Paragraphs contain any factual allegations requiring a response, Defendants deny same.

### AS AND FOR A FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF ON BEHALF OF THE NAMED PLAINTIFFS AND ALL PERSONS SIMILARLY SITUATED PURSUANT TO **NEVADA'S CONSTITUTION**

- Answering Paragraph 15 of the Complaint, Defendants repeat and reallege their 5. answers to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 14 as though fully set forth herein.
- Answering Paragraph 16 of the Complaint, Defendants assert that the allegations 6. contained therein are a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent this Paragraph contains any factual allegations requiring a response, Defendants deny same.
- Answering Paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Complaint, Defendants deny each and every 7. allegation contained therein, including all sub-parts.
  - Answering Paragraphs 19, 20, and 21 of the Complaint, Defendants assert that the 8.

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### AS AND FOR A SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES § 608.040 ON BEHALF OF THE NAMED PLAINTIFFS AND THE PUTATIVE CLASS

- 9. Answering Paragraph 22 of the Complaint, Defendants repeat and reallege their answers to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 21 as though fully set forth herein.
- 10. Answering Paragraphs 23, 24, 25, and 26 of the Complaint, Defendants assert that the allegations contained therein are a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent these Paragraphs contain any factual allegations requiring a response, Defendants deny same.

## AS AND FOR A THIRD CLAIM AGAINST DEFENDANT NADY FOR CIVIL CONSPIRACY, AIDING AND ABETTING, CONCERT OF ACTION AND AS THE ALTER EGO OF THE CORPORATE DEFENDANTS

- 11. Answering Paragraph 27 of the Complaint, Defendants repeat and reallege their answers to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 26 as though fully set forth herein.
- 12. Answering Paragraphs 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 of the Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein, including all sub-parts.
- 13. Answering Paragraph 29 of the Complaint, Defendants assert that the allegations contained therein are a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent this Paragraph contains any factual allegations requiring a response, Defendants deny same.

### AS AND FOR A FOURTH CLAIM AGAINST Defendants NADY FOR UNJUST ENRICHMENT

- 14. Answering Paragraph 39 of the Complaint, Defendants repeat and reallege their answers to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 38 as though fully set forth herein.
- 15. Answering Paragraphs 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 of the Complaint, Defendants deny each and every allegation contained therein.

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### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Plaintiffs' prayer for relief requires no response. However, to the extent Plaintiffs' prayer asserts allegations, Defendants deny each and every allegation in the prayer for relief.

### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a first separate and affirmative defense, Defendants allege Plaintiffs' Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a second separate and affirmative defense, Defendants allege Plaintiffs have failed to mitigate their alleged damages, if any.

### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a third separate and affirmative defense, Defendants allege that Plaintiffs' damages, if any, were caused solely by the conduct of others and are not the result of any conduct of Defendants A Cab, LLC.

### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a fourth separate and affirmative defense, Defendants allege that Plaintiffs' claims are not ripe in this forum.

### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a fifth separate and affirmative defense, Defendants allege that Plaintiffs' claims are barred because Plaintiffs' own actions were the proximate cause of their damages, if any.

### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a sixth separate and affirmative defense, Defendants allege that this Court does not have jurisdiction because Plaintiffs have failed to exhaust their administrative remedies as required by Nevada law.

### SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a seventh separate and affirmative defense, Defendants allege that Plaintiffs' Complaint is barred by the doctrine of res judicata.

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### EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As an eighth separate and affirmative defense, Defendants allege that Plaintiffs' Complaint is barred by the doctrine of collateral estoppel.

### NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a ninth separate and affirmative defense, Defendants allege that Plaintiffs have failed to maintain their claims pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 23 governing class actions.

### TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a tenth separate and affirmative defense, and pursuant to N.R.C.P. 11, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of Defendants' answer to the Complaint, and therefore, these answering Defendants reserve the right to amend their answer to allege additional affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation so warrants.

### **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

As an eleventh separate and affirmative defense, Defendants deny each and every allegation of Plaintiffs' Complaint not specifically admitted or otherwise pled to herein.

### TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twelfth separate and affirmative defense, it has been necessary for this answering Defendants to retain the services of an attorney to defend this action, and Defendants are entitled to a reasonable sum as and for attorney's fees.

### THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a thirteenth separate and affirmative defense, Plaintiffs' claims are barred by statute of limitations / laches.

### FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a fourteenth separate and affirmative defense, Plaintiffs' claims are barred by unclean hands / in pari delicto/ illegality.

### FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a fifteenth separate and affirmative defense, Plaintiffs' claims are barred by fraud / theft.

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### SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a sixteenth separate and affirmative defense, Plaintiffs' claims are barred by equitable estoppel.

### SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a seventeenth separate and affirmative defense, Plaintiffs' claims are barred or otherwise limited by offset / setoff / or payments that have already been made to the amounts in question.

### EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a eighteenth separate and affirmative defense, Plaintiffs' demand for attorney fees is barred by the lack of any legal basis for Plaintiff attorney fees.

### NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a nineteenth separate and affirmative defense, Plaintiffs, through knowledge of all facts relating to the acts alleged in their Complaint, ratified through their respective acts, omissions and/or failure(s) to act, any act alleged to have been done or committed by the Defendants.

### TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twentieth separate and affirmative defense, Defendants hereby incorporate by reference those affirmative defenses enumerated in NRCP 8 for the specific reason of not waiving the same.

### TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twenty-first separate and affirmative defense, at all times, Defendants acted reasonably and in good faith in their dealings with Plaintiffs.

### TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twenty-second separate and affirmative defense, Defendants acted in good faith and did not directly or indirectly perform any acts whatsoever which would constitute a breach of any duty owed to Plaintiffs.

### TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twenty-third separate and affirmative defense, Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the doctrine of accord and satisfaction.

### TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twenty-fourth separate and affirmative defense, Plaintiffs unreasonably and

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unjustifiably delayed the assertion of their purported claims, all to Defendants' substantial detriment.

### TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twenty-fifth separate and affirmative defense, Plaintiffs' claims are barred as Plaintiffs have received payment in full.

### TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twenty-sixth separate and affirmative defense, Plaintiffs' claims are barred as Defendants based their actions upon information provided by the pertinent state and/or federal agencies, and not in ignorance/violation of the law.

### TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As a twenty-seventh separate and affirmative defense, Plaintiffs' claims are barred as punitive damages are not permissible.

WHEREFORE, Defendants prays as follow:

- 1. That Plaintiffs take nothing by way of their Complaint;
- 2. That Plaintiffs' Complaint be dismissed with prejudice in its entirety and Judgment entered in favor of Defendants;
  - 3. That Defendants be awarded their attorneys' fees, costs, and interest; and
  - 4. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

DATED this 27th day of January, 2017.

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### **DEFENDANTS' THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT**

Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs A CAB, LLC and CREIGHTON J. NADY (hereinafter "Third-Party Plaintiffs"), by and through their attorneys of record, hereby assert their Third-Party Complaint against Third-Party Defendants LEON GREENBERG, LEON GREENBERG PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, and DANA SNIEGOCKI (hereinafter collectively "Third-Party Defendants"), as follows:

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 1. At all times mentioned herein, Third-Party Plaintiff A Cab, LLC ("A Cab") is and was a Nevada Limited Liability Company licensed to do business as a taxicab company in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- 2. At all times mentioned herein, Third-Party Plaintiff Creighton J. Nady ("Nady"), a resident of Clark County, Nevada, is and was the sole managing member of A Cab, LLC.
- 3. At all times mentioned herein, it is believed Third-Party Defendant Leon Greenberg ("Greenberg"), is an attorney practicing in Clark County, Nevada who was not an employee of A Cab or Nady's, and has no relationship to either Third-Party Plaintiff.
- 4. At all times mentioned herein, it is believed Third-Party Defendant Leon Greenberg Professional Corporation ("Greenberg PC"), is a Nevada Domestic Corporation licensed to do business in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- 5. At all times mentioned herein, it is believed Third-Party Defendant Dana Sniegocki ("Sniegocki"), is an attorney practicing in Clark County, Nevada who was not an employee of A Cab or Nady's, and has no relationship to either Third-Party Plaintiff.
- 6. A Cab's obligations to pay the plaintiffs arose under employment and/or wage agreements, or in other words through an employer-employee relationship.
- 7. Plaintiffs' claims in the underlying action arise solely from each driver's employer-employee relationship.
- 8. At all time mentioned herein, Greenberg, Greenberg PC, and Sniegocki (collectively referred to as "Third-Party Defendants") never had an employer-employee relationship with any of the Third-Party Plaintiffs.

9.	On or about September 2012, Third-Party Defendants obtained the names and
addresses of A	Cab's drivers from someone other than A Cab.

- 10. Before Third-Party Defendants had a client or filed a lawsuit, Third-Party Defendants maliciously and willfully trolled for clients by using the private personal information of A Cab's drivers which he and/or she had obtained to solicit new clients. Contacting the employee drivers of A Cab through personalized letters was an invasion of their privacy. Greenberg and/or Sniegocki used private personal information to solicit new clients for the benefit of each of the Third-Party Defendants.
- 11. Since September 2012 through the present, Third-Party Defendants have continued to troll for clients by targeting Third-Party Plaintiffs' employees and drivers, including the use of online marketing, direct mailers, and publications distributed to Third-Party Plaintiffs' employees.
- 12. Third-Party Defendants' solicitation of remunerative employment was a business transaction which he and/or she engaged in for his and/or her own financial benefit. It was a business act or practice. Third-Party Defendants let potential clients know their names and their interest in performing legal services for them.
- 13. Third-Party Defendants' trolling for clients was false and deceptive. Greenberg gave his opinion on liability indicating to Third-Party Plaintiffs' employees that A Cab may have violated Nevada's Minimum Wage laws and may owe them and many other taxi drivers unpaid minimum wages. He made calculations and expressed his personal belief that many taxi drivers were collecting less than minimum wage. Greenberg's unsolicited legal advice was designed to suggest he had some significant personal knowledge about and concern for the recipient.
- 14. Third-Party Defendants acted intentionally in a manner designed to interfere with the agreements and relationships between Third-Party Plaintiffs and its drivers.
- 15. Third-Party Defendants have failed to prosecute the action in the best interest of the Plaintiffs, but rather seek self-profit; and therefore have acted in their own financial interest and benefit.
- 16. Such actions by the Third-Party Defendants include but are not limited to a complete absence of communication with Plaintiffs regarding Third-Party Plaintiffs' offers of resolution, far

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exceeding the value of the claim. Such offers were in the best interest of the individual Plaintiff, but not of Third-Party Defendants, and therefore were deliberately withheld to the detriment of Plaintiffs and Third-Party Plaintiffs.

- Third-Party Defendants have engaged in an escalation of attorney fees and costs in 17. order to maximize the profit of a fee-shifting provision, and continue to refuse offers of alternative dispute resolution, mediation, or settlement conferences all of which would be in the best interest of the Plaintiffs, but not of Third-Party Defendants.
- Third-Party Defendants have also damaged Third-Party Plaintiffs by interfering with 18. Third-Party Plaintiffs' business and have attempted to enjoin Third-Party Plaintiffs' settlement in other matters.
- 19. Third-Party Defendants have also interfered with the contractual relations between Third-party Plaintiffs and former employees, including but not limited to Wendy Gagliano who was enticed and/or coerced to breach her written contract with Third-Party Plaintiffs.
- With such actions, Third-Party Defendants have damaged Third-Party Plaintiffs with 20. an escalation of legal fees and costs and prolonged litigation, thereby adversely affecting the business, livelihood, well-being, and reputation of Third-Party Plaintiffs.

### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

### (Champerty)

- Third-Party Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every allegation contained 21. in paragraphs 1 through 20 of the Third-Party Complaint as specifically set forth herein.
- 22. Plaintiffs initially had no interest in this litigation, and through the time of their depositions, had no understanding of their claims against Third-Party Plaintiffs.
  - Third Party-Defendants solicited the Plaintiffs to initiate this litigation. 23.
- Third Party-Defendants undertook this litigation at their own expense and 24. prosecuted this action on behalf of Plaintiffs in consideration for receiving, in the event of success, a part of the proceeds of the litigation and personal profit from the litigation.
- The actions taken by Third-Party Defendants have not been in the best interest of the 25. Plaintiffs who they purport to represent, but instead they have acted in their own self-interests in

seeking personal profit from litigation.

- 26. This conduct by Third-Party Defendants was unlawful and as a result, Third-Party Plaintiffs have been damaged.
- 27. Third-Party Plaintiffs' damages include its legal fees, interruption of business for the time spent on this case during work hours, and damage to its business interests.

### **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

### (Intentional Interference with Contractual Relations)

- 28. Third-Party Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 27 of the Third-Party Complaint as specifically set forth herein.
- 29. Third-Party Plaintiffs have entered into contractual relations with third parties which Third-party Defendants have intentionally interfered with to the detriment of Third-party Plaintiffs.
- 30. One such contract was wherein A Cab, LLC entered into a contract known as "Severance Agreement and Release" on or about June 18, 2013, with employee Wendy A. Parison-Gagliano ("Gagliano").
- 31. In this above referenced contract, Gagliano agreed to a nondisclosure and confidentiality clause upon her separation from A Cab, LLC, in which she agreed to keep confidential and not disclose to anyone any information concerning company business not of a public nature.
- 32. Additionally, in the above referenced contract, Gagliano agreed to a nondisparagement clause agreeing not to knowingly publish any oral or written statement that is negative, disparaging, defamatory or critical of Company, its officers or employees.
  - 33. In exchange, Gagliano received and accepted \$20,000 severance compensation.
- 34. Third-Party Defendants have deliberately induced and/or coerced Gagliano into breaking her contract with Third-Party Plaintiff.
- 35. Third-Party Defendants have obtained a declaration from Gagliano in which she disparages Third-Party Plaintiffs and its employees, and purports to disclose non-public information regarding company business.
  - 36. Third-Party Defendants have engaged in tortious interference with contract rights

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1	wherein they convinced Gagliano to breach her contract with Third-Party Plaintiff through the use
2	of blackmail, threats, and/or influence.
3	37. Another such contract is wherein Third-Party Plaintiffs entered into an agreement
4	with Jasminka Dubric and other employees on or about December 28, 2016 to resolve the claims
5	arising in the District Court Case No. A721063, Jasminka Dubric v. A Cab, LLC.
6	38. Third-Party Defendants have engaged in tortious interference with contract rights
7	wherein they have attempted to convince Dubric to breach her contract with Third-Party Plaintiffs
8	through the use of blackmail, threats, and/or influence and/or other means.
9	39. As a result of such intentional acts by Third-Party Defendants, Third-Party Plaintif
10	have been damaged.
11	40. Further, it has become necessary for Third-Party Plaintiffs to retain the services an
12	attorney to defend against the lawsuit and to bring this Third-Party Complaint. Accordingly, Thir
13	Party Plaintiffs are entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred herein.
14	WHEREFORE, Third-Party Plaintiffs, expressly reserving the right to amend this third-
15	party complaint, demand judgment against Third-Party Defendants and each of them as follows:
16	1. For an award of damages in excess of \$50,000.00;
17	2. Punitive damages;
18	3. For attorneys' fees and costs of suit; and
19	4. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

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DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

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### EXHIBIT 2

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ABOUT THE SUIT A CAB DRIVERS

### A Cab Drivers

- The lawsuit against A Cab has been certified as a class action for unpaid minimum wages owed to all drivers working for A Cab from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2015. That means all drivers who worked for the company during that time period are eligible to benefit if this case has a successful outcome.
- We would like all current and former A Cab drivers who worked during the period of July 1, 2007 through the present to register their information with our office. YOU CAN DO SO USING THE FORM ON THIS PAGE. Registration is optional and you are not required to register. You may still benefit from the case without registering.
- If you'd like to see a copy of the Court's Order certifying this case as a class action, please click **HERE**.
- Because there are over 2000 individuals who are members of the class, we are not able to speak to all drivers individually by phone. E-mail communications are much more efficient. There is no set deadline for this case to be finished and the case is not scheduled for trial until January of 2017, at the earliest. The best way to stay updated about this case is by registering your e-mail address with this office so we may communicate important updates to you.

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### **FINDINGS**

- This matter came before the Discovery Commissioner as a Status Check for continued compliance and production following "Defendants' Motion for Protective Order or, in the Alternative, Motion to Terminate Deposition of a Cab, LLC 30(b)(6) Witness; Motion to Limit the Deposition of Creighton J. Nady; and Motion for Protective Order from Plaintiffs' Written Discovery on Order Shortening Time," heard on October 12, 2016; as well as "Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel the Production of Documents and Interrogatory Responses" heard on June 13, 2016.
- Following the most recent discovery hearing and status check of October 12, 2016, addressing the above referenced motions, the Nevada Supreme Court issued several decisions directly affecting the issues and discovery ordered in this matter, and thus necessitating a further discussion on compliance, production, and scope of discovery.
- Firstly, following the Nevada Supreme Court decision of Perry v. Terrible Herbst, Inc., 132 Nev. Adv. Op. No. 75 (Oct. 27, 2016), the Discovery Commissioner finds that the applicable statute of limitations and discovery period has been further defined and delineated by the Court. Accordingly, in this matter, such period is limited to a two-year time period prior to the filing of Plaintiffs' Complaint as held by the Nevada Supreme Court: "When a right of action does not have an express limitations period, we apply the most closely analogous limitations period. The MWA does not expressly indicate which limitations period applies and the most closely analogous statute to the MWA is NRS 608.260, as both permit an employee to sue his employer for failure to pay the minimum wage. Moreover, applying the NRS 608.260 limitations period is consistent with Nevada minimum wage law." Id. at pp. 10-11.
- The Discovery Commissioner finds that Plaintiffs' Complaint was filed October 8, 2012, and thus the applicable period for discovery commences October 8, 2010. Plaintiffs disagreed with this finding, arguing for an equitable tolling period. The Discovery Commissioner finds that any argument by Plaintiffs for deviating from the Supreme Court decision will have to be further briefed, and brought by motion.
- The Discovery Commissioner also finds that further guidance has been provided by the 5.

Nevada Supreme Court pertaining to health care benefits and the discovery disputes surrounding this issue. Following the decision of *MDC Rests. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 132 Nev Adv. Op. No. 76 (October 27, 2016), the Supreme Court has indicated "with regard to whether employers must 'offer' or 'enroll' employees in health benefit plans to pay the lower-tier wage, our holding is consistent with the Labor Commissioner's promulgations, see NAC 608.102 (2007) (providing that an employer must 'offer' health benefits), and the language of the MWA is plain: employers need only offer health benefits to pay the lower-tier wage." *Id.* at p. 12.

- 6. The Discovery Commissioner finds that the following discovery pertaining to health insurance is appropriate: costs of health insurance for the five years at issue (2010-2015) for all levels (individual plan and family plan); the criteria to access or to participate in the plan; and the waiting period for access to the plan.
- 7. In accordance with the parameters outlined by the Discovery Commissioner's order on Defendants' Motion for Protective Order, the continued deposition of Defendant's NRCP 30(b) witness was scheduled on November 22, 2016. The Discovery Commissioner further addressed the difficulties presented at the prior deposition by both parties, and indicates that she will be available to the parties should problems arise. In the event that the deposition is discontinued pursuant to Rule 30(d), and the Commissioner hears the Motion for Protective Order, the losing party will pay fees and costs.
- 8. In further discussion pertaining to Defendants' tax information (including that of non-parties) to be produced to Plaintiffs, the Discovery Commissioner finds that such records should remain confidential pursuant to NRCP 26(c) within the confines of litigation until otherwise ordered by the District Court Judge.
- 9. In further discussion regarding the prior extended discovery dates arising from the hearing of October 12, 2016, Defendants lodged an objection with the District Court asserting they would be prejudiced with the new initial expert deadline falling on December 23, 2016, and rebuttal expert deadline of January 23, 2017, and thus requested through February 3, 2017 to account for the holidays. The Discovery Commissioner finds the following new dates are appropriate, and finds that any *Objection to the DCR&R* will be withdrawn:

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April 28, 2017; Close of Discovery: Deadline to file motions to amend pleadings/add parties: January 27, 2017; January 27, 2017; Final dates for initial expert disclosures: February 28, 2017; Final date for rebuttal expert disclosures: Final date to file dispositive motions: May 31, 2017; 5 July 10, 2017. Case Ready for Trial: 6 II. **RECOMMENDATIONS** 8 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that following the decisions recently issued by the 9 Nevada Supreme Court, the following revisions be made to the prior Discovery Commissioner 10 Report and Recommendation of October 12, 2016 pertaining to "Defendants' Motion for Protective 11 Order or, in the Alternative, Motion to Terminate Deposition of a Cab, LLC 30(b)(6) Witness; 12 Motion to Limit the Deposition of Creighton J. Nady; and Motion for Protective Order from 13 Plaintiffs' Written Discovery on Order Shortening Time": 14 WHEREAS IT WAS PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED that alternative relief be provided 15 to Plaintiffs in that Defendant will provide supporting documentation and identification of 16 distributions, salary, payment to Mr. Nady and family for 2007-2015, this RECOMMENDATION is 17 modified to encompass the years 2010-2015. 18

WHEREAS IT WAS PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED that A Cab Taxi Service will provide its profit and loss statements for 2007-2015, this RECOMMENDATION is modified to encompass the years 2010-2015. Further, the discovery legarding blacks produce in lacest denied with pingue water and make produce in lacest denied with pingue its FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' tax information (including that of

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that Defendants' tax information (including that of non-parties) produced to Plaintiffs should remain confidential pursuant to NRCP 26(c) within the confines of litigation until otherwise ordered by the District Court Judge.

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER FURTHER RECOMMENDS that the Objection to the Discovery Commissioner Report and Recommendation of October 12, 2016 be WITHDRAWN and the following dates be implemented:

1. The Discovery Cutoff is extended to April 28, 2017;

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Murray v. A Cab, LLC, et al. Case Name: A-12-669926-C Case No.: Deadline to file motions to amend pleadings/add parties is extended to January 27, 2. 2017; 4 Initial Expert Disclosures are extended to January 27, 2017; 3. Rebuttal Expert Disclosures are extended to February 28, 2017; 4. 6 The deadline for filing of dispositive motions is May 31, 2017; 5. The case will be ready for trial July 10, 2017. 6. 8 The Discovery Commissioner, met with counsel for the parties, having discussed the issues 9 noted above and having reviewed any materials proposed in support thereof, hereby submits the 10 above recommendations. 11 DATED this 9 day of December, 2016. 12 13 14 15 16 Approved as to form and content: Submitted by: 17 LEON GREENBERG PROFESSIONAL RODRIGUEZ LAW OFFICES, P.C. 18 **CORPORATION** 19 LEON GREENBERG, ESQ. 20 Nevada Bar No.: 8094 Nevada Bar No.: 6473 21 DANA SNIEGOCKI, ESQ. 10161 Park Run Drive, Suite 150 Nevada Bar No.: 11715 Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 22 2965 South Jones Boulevard, Suite E3 Tel: (702) 320-8400 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 Fax (702) 320-8401 23 Tel: (702) 383-6085 info@rodriguezlaw.com Fax: (702) 385-1827 Attorneys for Defendants 24 leongreenberg@overtimelaw.com dana@overtimelaw.com 25 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 26 27

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	7	the Report in a folder of a party's lawyer in the Clerk's office. E.D.C.R. 2.34(f).								
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	3	<u>ORDER</u>
	4	The Court, having reviewed the above report and recommendations prepared by the
	5	Discovery Commissioner and,
	6	The parties having waived the right to object thereto,
	7	No timely objections having been received in the office of the Discovery Commissioner pursuant to E.D.C.R. 2.34(f),
	8	Having received the objections thereto and the written arguments in support of said
	9	objections, and good cause appearing,
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A-12-669926-C Dept. No.

VS. A CAB TAXI SERVICE LLC and A CAB, LLC, Defendants.

Plaintiffs,

### **DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO BIFURCATE ISSUE OF**

### **LIABILITY OF DEFENDANT CREIGHTON J. NADY FROM LIABILITY OF CORPORATE DEFENDANTS OR ALTERNATIVE RELIEF**

Defendants, by and through their attorneys of record, hereby submit this Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Bifurcate Issue of Liability of Defendant Creighton J. Nady from Liability of Corporate Defendants or Alternative Relief. This Opposition is based upon NRCP 42(b), and the Points and Authorities herein.

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### **POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

### 1. Applicable Rules.

NRCP 42(b) governs separation of trials. A District Court abuses its discretion in bifurcating a trial where the issues of liability and damages are inextricably intertwined. *Verner v. Nevada Power Co.*, 101 Nev. 551, 706 P.2d 147 (1985).

### 2. Plaintiffs' Claims Are Subject to Dismissal.

After multiple extensions in this matter, Plaintiffs have failed to adequately prepare their case for trial. Due to their own negligence and wastefulness of critical time and resources, they simply are not ready to proceed on their claims. Plaintiffs have wasted the Court's and Defendants' time in addressing motion after motion on nonsensical issues that had nothing to do with the matters at hand, or the necessary discovery for a minimum wage claim. From the commencement of this matter, Defendants have always made the necessary documentation available to Plaintiffs including all records of hours and wages. Instead, Plaintiffs proceeded down a path of seeking items unrelated to proving their claims, while clamoring to the Court and to the Commissioner that Defendants were obstructing discovery. Presently, the parties are back at "square one" with Plaintiffs now commencing a review of the tripsheets and the payroll that has been available since the commencement of the case. Plaintiffs' smoke screen has essentially come back to bite them, as they are ill-prepared to bear their burden of proof on any claim against Defendant Nady.

Discovery closes April 28, 2017; and the expert deadline of January 27, 2017 has already passed, with the Plaintiffs failing to meet that deadline.<sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs have not proven any of their claims against Defendant Nady; and these claims are subject to dismissal. Upon close of discovery, Defendants will be moving for summary judgment on these claims. Despite their numerous requests for extensions, Plaintiff are merely seeking another discovery extension with this motion for more time to work up the claims against Nady. This is a clever way of circumventing the Discovery Commissioner who is aware of the numerous extensions already granted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs failed to meet the expert deadline after repeated requests for extensions, only producing a disclosure that indicates their numbers are not ready. **Exhibit A**, Plaintiff's Seventh Supplemental Disclosure.

As stated in their motion and in their complaint, Plaintiffs are lodging serious allegations "in respect to Nady's personal wrongdoing and his intentional, and wrongful, profiteering from the non-payment of minimum wages by A Cab that he expressly directed for his own personal profit." *Plaintiffs Motion*, 4:8-11. These are indeed serious accusations, that Plaintiffs cannot support at trial. Nothing in the course of discovery has supported these claims.

As conceded in Plaintiffs' Motion, the Discovery Commissioner agreed with defendant's position as to the income items that were to be produced. *Plaintiffs' Motion*, 6:14-17. This issue has been addressed at multiple hearings before the Commissioner who is extremely familiar with the discovery issues in this case. At the most recent hearing, the Commissioner was quite firm in pinning Plaintiffs' counsel down to what he needed to prove his case, as he has been all over the map in not really having a handle of what discovery is necessary for this type of claim. Unfortunately, his fishing expeditions have been quite costly to the defense who has jumped through each and every hoop in an unsuccessful quest to appease Plaintiffs' every whim.

Plaintiffs' assertion contained in this motion that in the alternative they are seeking Nady's personal tax returns has been discussed ad nauseam before the Commissioner. The Commissioner has correctly identified such materials as post-judgment debtor discovery. **Exhibit B**, *Transcript of October 12, 2016 Proceedings*, p. 12:13-20:25. When this issue was addressed yet again, she informed Plaintiffs' counsel that if he did not agree with her recommendation, he could object to the Court. He failed to do so, and is now seeking another means for his failure to timely object.

Nady has already turned over all income documents from himself and immediate family members.<sup>2</sup> Plaintiffs have propounded written discovery on the issue which Defendants have answered. Plaintiffs have taken Nady's deposition as an individual, and <u>twice</u> as a NRCP 30(b)(6) witness where they repeated the same questions and same subject matter. None of this discovery has supported Plaintiffs' claims pertaining to Nady. There is no evidence in the record to support Plaintiffs' claims against Nady.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>These documents were produced to Plaintiffs under protective order of the Discovery Commissioner, deemed confidential and therefore not attached hereto.

3. At Plaintiffs' Persistence, the Class Order Containing the Claims Against Nady Has Already Been Published to the Public; and Nady Should Be Provided An Opportunity To Defend the Claims And To Have Them Dismissed, Not Delayed.

As this Court will recall, these claims against Nady were excluded by the Court when certifying the class. Nevertheless, Plaintiffs' counsel inserted the claims in the Court's Order, forcing Defendants' to file for reconsideration to have them removed. **Exhibit C**, *Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration* filed 2/25/16. At that time, the Court had already cautioned Plaintiffs about their inaccurate wording to the Court. *Id.*, 3:10-13. The Court granted Defendants' motion **ordering the removal** of these claims against Nady as part of the class order. **Exhibit D**, *Court Order on Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration*, p. 2:3, filed April 28, 2016.

With little activity conducted to move the case along, instead ninety (90) days later,

Plaintiffs filed a "Motion to Continue the Trial Date and Extend Discovery and For Other Relief."

Exhibit E. As part of this motion seeking extensions, Plaintiffs threw in a 2 paragraph argument that the Nady claims should be included, while offering nothing new to the Court. Plaintiffs'

Motion, 10:8-24 at Exhibit E. Plaintiffs simply made the same argument that the Court had already denied. Defendants opposed this request for further extension, and argued to the Court that there was nothing new that should cause the Court to reverse its prior order on the Nady claims, as Plaintiffs were simply trying to get around a motion for reconsideration that had already been argued. Exhibit F. "Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Continue Trial Date and Extend Discovery Schedule and for Other Relief", p. 4:21-5. On September 22, 2016, the Court issued a Minute Order now allowing the claims back in to the class order against Nady. Exhibit G, Minute Order, p. 2.

As such, Plaintiffs mailed a notice and class order to all former and current taxicab drivers alleging these slanderous claims against owner Creighton Nady, including assertions of illegal actions to unjustly enrich himself at the detriment of his employees.

At this stage, now that Plaintiffs cannot support their claims, they come to the Court and state: "Engaging in discovery, depositions, and further motion practice on these issues at this point in time would be *pointless* since the Court has yet to determine the liability of A Cab." *Plaintiffs*'

Motion, 4:19-21 (emphasis added). (This of course is after the discovery has been conducted yielding nothing favorable to Plaintiffs.) Plaintiffs continue that in the event that such a liability finding is made, then the Court can direct the parties to engage in discovery, dispositive motion briefing and, if necessary, a trial on the claims against Nady. Id., 23-25.

The proper thing to do would be for Plaintiffs to propose a voluntary dismissal of Defendant Nady, seeing the writing on the wall that there is no evidence to support their vicious attack upon him. However, Plaintiffs are aware they have persisted without cause in seeking sanction after sanction with the Court and the Discovery Commissioner in a harassing fashion, that no doubt they fear that their bad acts would come to light and be reviewed as sanctionable.

### **Conclusion** II.

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Based upon the foregoing points and authorities, Defendants respectfully request this Honorable Court to deny this Motion in its entirety.

If Plaintiffs do no move to voluntarily dismiss their claims against Nady, Defendants will be moving for summary judgment upon close of discovery, and for fees and costs associated therewith.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY on this 30th day of January, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing
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### EXHIBIT A

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Plaintiffs, as and for their compliance with the provisions of Nev. R. Civ. P. 16.1, hereby provide the following supplemental disclosures:

#### Reservation of Expert Witness;

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Annexed hereto is the Curriculum Vitae of Charles Bass. Charles Bass is assisting the plaintiffs in summarizing the voluminous records provided by defendants in this case and, based upon those summaries, creating Excel files upon which calculations can be made using uniform assumptions about the hours worked by and/or the proper minimum wage rate owed to, the class members. The results of the summaries that Charles Bass is creating, the Excel files that he has constructed that utilize those summaries and contain them, are not believed by plaintiffs to constitute an expert report or to require expert testimony or constitute the "conclusions" of any expert. It is not anticipated that Charles Bass will offer testimony that would include opinions requiring the knowledge or specialized training of an expert, although he is

fully qualified to do so in respect to the use of computer systems and software, including those that he used to create the summaries of the defendants' records and the Excel files upon which plaintiffs will rely to perform uniform calculations upon such summarized information. Plaintiffs contend that the materials prepared by Charles Bass are properly considered at trial pursuant to NRS 52.275 as summaries of voluminous records that can be presented in the form of a "chart, summary or calculation." Defendants will be provided with those summaries and all necessary supporting information in the form of a suitable declaration(s) from Charles Bass to understand their contents and the steps undertaken to prepare them from defendants' records, to the extent not already provided. Because discovery is continuing, and all of the 10 information germane to the calculations sought to be made upon defendants' records 11 have not yet been provided by defendants, the summaries being prepared by Charles 12 Bass, and the Excel files upon which plaintiffs will rely to perform uniform 13 calculations upon such summarized information, are not yet complete. 14 15

In the event that the materials prepared by Charles Bass for plaintiffs are deemed by the Court to constitute the work product of an expert witness, plaintiffs so designate him as an expert witness. His fees are set forth in his declaration of January 11, 2017. Charles Bass has not given testimony as an expert in any litigation matter in any capacity within the last five years.

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### EXHIBIT B

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MICHAEL MURRAY,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO. A-12-669926-C

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VS.

A CAB TAXI SERVICE LLC,

Defendant.

TRANSCRIPT OF

PROCEEDINGS

AND OTHER PARTIES

BEFORE THE HONORABLE BONNIE BULLA, DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER

RE: MOTIONS

STATUS CHECK: COMPLIANCE STATUS CHECK: PRODUCTION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016

APPEARANCES:

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DANA SNIEGOCKI, ESQ.

FOR THE DEFENDANTS: ESTHER C. RODRIGUEZ, ESQ.

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that I shouldn't be allowed to get these specifically answered at a 30(b)(6) deposition, and I can discuss them. A lot of them have to do with issues like, tell us on average how long were these drivers working. What were the policies regarding their break times, when they had to show up, when they could leave work. None of --

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: I think that's --

MS. RODRIGUEZ: I don't have an issue with that.

MR. GREENBERG: Okay.

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THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Right. I think that's perfectly fine.

MR. GREENBERG: Okay, Your Honor.

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Let me tell you the only thing I do have an issue with is the written discovery because to me this is postjudgment debtor discovery. It is not appropriate discovery at this point. I'm not saying you won't get it eventually, but you're going to have to get a judgment first. I understand -- you talk about the interrelationship between Mr. Nady and his company.

I think you can ask him about that at deposition, but I'm not really willing at this point to turn over his individual tax returns and all of the other information you've asked for in written discovery, not right now because we're not collecting a debt.

MR. GREENBERG: Well, Your Honor, I understand your

view on that, and what I would point out and request is that the basis for Mr. Nady's liability in this case is two tiered. I first have to establish that the employer, the corporation, actually owes the class some money, okay. Assuming the corporation owes the class money, if they satisfy that, then I don't — we have no issue with Mr. Nady presumably. On the other hand, if they don't, well, then we might, which is this issue of the debtor-type discovery you're talking about.

But the problem is that in terms of proof at trial Mr. Nady is not stipulating that he's going to be liable here if the corporation is liable. I mean, he presumably can come to court and has a legal right to say, well, I'm an independent, separate legal person from the corporation. Just because the corporation's liable, it doesn't make me liable. So there's issues of fact regarding did he control the corporation, et cetera, and so forth. I don't think that's really in dispute. I mean, he's in charge clearly.

But the liability against him requires establishing that he benefited in some capacity from the corporation's misdeeds. If he never benefited, okay, if he received no economic benefit from the corporation's violations of the law, he has no liability. It's not enough that he simply gave the orders here. Do you understand, Your Honor?

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: I do, but I don't understand how production of tax returns and taxable income

because money's fungible, so I don't know how that would necessarily support your position. If he is paid a salary, you can find that out at deposition. You can find out how much he's paid.

ordering some of this information. I know we're running out of time here. I understand that, but to me going into his tax returns, preparation of all the documents for his tax returns, his amount of taxable income, the annual income that he earned versus the income of the entities and the current net worth of each of the defendants, that — a lot of that information if it deals with punitive damages won't be turned over until 30 days prior to trial, but some of — to make sure that the punitive claim still exists, but if it's to find out his relationship and his benefit, I'm not sure he can argue he doesn't benefit if he gets a salary.

MR. GREENBERG: I understand, Your Honor, and his individual net worth, his income from other sources is not within the scope of what should be disclosed here. If the wording includes that, then that's too broad; I agree, Your Honor. That's not the purpose of the inquiry here.

The other thing I was going to get to about this is I think this really is an issue that's addressed to bifurcation possibly with Judge Cory as the trial Judge. I mean, if Judge Cory intends for all the issues, all of the liability issues in

this case to go in front of a single jury for one trial, then that jury is going to have to hear evidence on whether there was benefit to Mr. Nady from his relationship with the corporation.

And I don't know how this sort of evidence dealing with his financial gain from the corporation's activity cannot come in to that review of factual information that the jury's going to have to weigh. Now, Judge Cory might prefer to bifurcate that. That's quite possible. I understand that, but at the moment I have no bifurcation order from him. Defendants have not requested bifurcation. So —

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: So what do we really need? See, that's where I'm struggling. What do we really need to show? I mean you can ask him what his salary is.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: He has.

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Okay.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: Because if I'm recalling correctly, that was a bone of contention between us --

MR. GREENBERG: Yeah --

MS. RODRIGUEZ: — is that in that last 30(b)(6), the very first one, he started off asking him whether he received a salary, did he take a draw, all of those.

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Okay. Well --

MS. RODRIGUEZ: Those questions have been answered.

MR. GREENBERG: No, they -- Your Honor, he didn't

answer them. He said he didn't know.

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Okay. So again my vision for this final deposition of Mr. Nady would be the one day, seven hours. I would request that you stick with your deposition topics on the 30(b)(6) that he has not addressed. You can go back and look at the first deposition. If he did not answer questions, you can reask them until we get some answers.

But from a document perspective, how can we narrow this so it gives you what you need without opening the full financial picture? Because I don't think you're entitled to that right now. If he says I got a salary, do you need a proof of a — I don't know if he gets a 1099 or a W — I don't know how he is paid out of the corporation. You need to find that out.

If there's supporting documentation that shows how he's paid, I'd probably be willing to give you that and whether it — you know, properly redacted so income from other sources are not disclosed, but whether it's a W-2, a 1099 from the corporation, how is he paid? I suspect —

MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, because it's an LLC —
THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: How would it be paid?
MR. GREENBERG: Well, it's not just a question of a
salary. I mean, he may get a draw. He may get distributions.
THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Right.

MR. GREENBERG: Earnings may be retained within the corporation as well, increasing the value of the corporate assets. He's the sole shareholder. So if the corporation's making a profit, and that profit is retained by the corporation, that's essentially property that he's increased the value as a result of the corporation's activities, as a result of the corporation's allegedly illegal activities. So he's benefited to that extent.

So, Your Honor, he could simply answer detailed interrogatories, and we could do that as a first step. Tell us -- you know, answer, tell us what was the value -- net value of the corporation's assets at the beginning, at the end of each of these years' time period. What did you receive in terms of property distributions, you and your family members? What did you receive in the form of salary during the time period?

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Why would the family members be relevant?

MR. GREENBERG: Well --

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Because if you have to show that he benefited, I'm not really willing to go into the family members' financial. They're not parties to this litigation.

MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, I'm not interested in their financial status, but if they're receiving distributions

from the corporation, then if it's — not, you know, if it's his cousin or something, I'm not going to — you know, three times removed, I'm not going to get into that, but if it's his spouse, if it's his child, Your Honor, it is germane here because I mean it should be — it could be and should be imputed to him, or at least that's an issue for somebody to weigh at trial, Your Honor.

He can answer detailed interrogatories as to these issues. We can see what he has to say. If further documentation of the financials themselves would be justified, we can visit that at that point. I'm willing to go through stages here, but he should at least have to place — and it's going to be confidential, Your Honor. It'll all be under seal. It won't go anywhere, but he should at least have to come in at some stage at this point to demonstrate what financial benefit, if any. For all we know, the corporation has made no money, or maybe it's been very nominal. So that would provide him with a significant defense.

Again, Your Honor, if these claims are not bifurcated, I need to be able to come at trial and provide documentation as to the benefit to Mr. Nady. If Mr. Nady's total benefit for over the five-year period is only a hundred thousand dollars, then arguably that's the limit of his liability as well. So this goes to his defense. If Mr. Nady simply wants to stipulate that he's going to be liable if the

corporation doesn't pay, then I don't need to do any of this, but he's not going to agree to that, and he has a right to make his defense. I understand that, Your Honor.

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: So here's what I'm concerned about. I think that — again I go back to what do you really need right now, and I think what you need to find out is the relationship between Mr. Nady and the corporation, how he was paid, and he'll need to answer those questions, what distributions were made.

And I think you can talk about distributions to family members generally. I don't know if the amount — again, you know, you're walking a very narrow path here because you do not want to invade the privacy of nonparties. I know they're family members. I think you can ask: Do any of your family members receive distribution of funds from the corporation? But I think the amount, I'm not really willing to require him to answer at least at deposition. I'll have to think about that further because I don't know — then he'd have to be liable for those distributions.

I think you're entitled to know the total amount of distributions made for the year to him or to others. That might be something you could ask. I think you are probably entitled to know the amount of his distributions and how he did that. Was it a draw? I think you're certainly entitled to know whether the corporation made a profit in the years at

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issue, and how much did they make? So I think these types of questions can be asked of him and answered.

Now, in terms of the supporting documentation, I think we need to get those answers first. I think — I don't know how the distribution is made, but I think he needs to be able to show documentation to support the money that he received from the corporation.

MR. GREENBERG: Yes.

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: I think he also needs to show the net — you know, what the profit was.

MR. GREENBERG: Your Honor, given that we have a number of topics to get into in the deposition, I understand you believe it's more appropriate for Mr. Nady to answer questions about these issues as you've outlined.

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Or interrogatories.

MR. GREENBERG: Yes, I would prefer to do it through --

THE DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER: Yeah, you can do either way, and maybe that's what we do, is we protect — right now I protect the discovery as served, but I allow you to go back and send detailed interrogatories on the financial information you need and the request to produce for specific supporting documentation.

I don't know why you need — see I'm just — do we need the taxi cab? What tax returns, if any, have been

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MICHAEL MURRAY and MICHAEL RENO, Individually and on behalf of others similarly situated,

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vs.

Case No.: A-12-669926-C Dept. No. I

A CAB TAXI SERVICE LLC and A CAB, LLC, and CREIGHTON J. NADY,

Hearing Time:

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Defendants.

#### **DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Defendants A Cab, LLC and Creighton J. Nady, by and through their attorney of record, ESTHER C. RODRIGUEZ, ESQ., of RODRIGUEZ LAW OFFICES, P.C., and pursuant to NRCP 60 and EDCR 2.24 hereby respectfully moves this Honorable Court to reconsider its prior Order of February 10, 2016, granting Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Class Action Pursuant to NRCP Rule 23(b)(2) and NRCP Rule 23(b)(3) and Denying Without Prejudice Plaintiffs' Motion to Appoint a Special Master Under NCRP (sic) 53. Order, Exhibit 1

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This Motion is based upon the pleadings and papers on file, the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, and any oral argument that may be entertained at the hearing of this Motion.

DATED this 25th day of February, 2016.

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#### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant will bring the foregoing Motion on for hearing before this Court on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ In \_\_\_\_\_ Chambers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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#### **POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

#### A. <u>Legal Standard for Reconsideration and Revision</u>

Defendant seeks reconsideration of this Court's ruling granting Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Class Action Pursuant to NRCP Rule 60 and EDCR 2.24 served on February 10, 2016. Pursuant to EDCR 2.24, a party may move the Court for reconsideration of a prior ruling within 10 days after service of the written notice of the order. Pursuant to Rule 60 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, a party may seek relief from judgment or order when the Order is fraught with errors as is contained within the Court's Order as presently written by the Plaintiffs in this matter.

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Reconsideration is appropriate when the decision is clearly erroneous. *See Masonry & Title Contractors Ass'n of S. Nev. v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth*, 941 P.2d 486, 489 (Nev. 1997).

# 1. The Order as submitted by Plaintiffs Does Not Contain The Rulings As Outlined by the Court.

Plaintiffs in this instance submitted an Order which goes far beyond the findings of the Court. In fact, in numerous instances, the Order directly contradicts the findings of the Court; sums up conclusions not made by the Court; and includes blatant misstatements of the facts.

As an example of improper wording which must be stricken, Plaintiffs have once again included the wording which the Court has already cautioned them regarding misrepresenting to the Court. At the hearing of this matter on November 3, 2015, this Honorable Court stated to Plaintiffs' counsel that the Court had reviewed the Consent Judgment which Defendant A Cab, LLC had entered into with the Department of Labor, and that the document did <u>not</u> say what Plaintiffs' counsel had indicated. The Court reviewed the Judgment noting it was a settlement document with no finding or admission of liability. Nevertheless, Plaintiffs' counsel has defiantly included this in the Order, stating the opposite of the Court's words: "the Court finds it persuasive that a prior United States Department of Labor ("USDOL") litigation initiated against the defendants resulted in a consent judgment obligating the defendants to pay \$139,834.80 in unpaid minimum wages." Order, p. 4.1

The Plaintiffs further expand this issue with additional items which were never addressed in briefing or orally in Court, but yet now find their way into the Court's Order. An example is the wording, "The USDOL, as a public law enforcement agency has a duty, much like a prosecuting attorney in the criminal law context, to only institute civil litigation against employers when credible evidence exists that such employers have committed violations of the FLSA." There is no support for this statement which is raised for the first time in the Order, and only for purposes of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An inaccurate characterization of the DOL activities is discussed throughout the Court's "findings" including that Defendants failed to keep records, and were advised to do so by the DOL. (Order, p. 8). Defendants have not failed to keep records, and previously offered Plaintiffs an opportunity to view them, which they refused. Over 1800 documents have been turned over pertaining to these 2 Plaintiffs.

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being inflammatory and prejudicial against the Defendant. The comparison to a prosecuting attorney in a criminal case is unnecessary, and is meant to taint a finding that this Court did not make. Instead, what was demonstrated to the Court was that the DOL audit was an industry-wide audit at the time which included A Cab. Plaintiffs have no basis for their statement that the DOL initiated litigation against A Cab because there was credible evidence of a violation.

Plaintiffs also include as part of the Court's findings new items not addressed by the Court pertaining to qualifying health insurance. Plaintiffs state that the Court concludes that defendants have not proffered any meaningful evidence on this issue. (Order p.5:11-13) The qualifying health insurance issue was not addressed in the hearing, and yet is now thrown in as part of the Court's "conclusions."

Unlike the wording which Plaintiff has inserted into the Order, the Court made no finding that the Third and Fourth Claims were appropriate for class certification. As the Court will recall, these are claims of Civil Conspiracy and Unjust Enrichment directly asserted against the individual, Creighton Nady. These are claims which were not argued as part of the request for certification, nor were they within the intent of the Court to include on a class-wide basis. However, Plaintiffs have snuck the claims in as part of the sentence on page 2 of the Order wherein they indicate that the Court has found the plaintiffs have adequately established the prerequisites of the Minimum Wage Amendment... "and the claims asserted against Defendant Nady." These claims are not proper for certification, and should not be included as part of the order.

Also within the Order, Plaintiffs include blatant misstatements and inaccuracies, including that the Court finds that defendants do not dispute that there was a violation prior to June 2014. (Order, p. 5:26.) This Court is aware that Defendants absolutely dispute there was a violation. Defendants provided the Court with direct proof from the Department of Justice itself showing that their audit yielded "zero" minimum wage violations. Yet, here the Plaintiffs would have the Court sign an Order indicating that the Defendants are conceding violations prior to June 2014. It is quite telling that in support of this "concession" Plaintiffs cite to a driver who is not even a Plaintiff in this matter, Michael Sargeant, as the two Plaintiffs named in this case failed altogether to demonstrate any minimum wage violation with their testimony or documents.

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This Court did not grant injunctive relief or the Appointment of a Special Master, as 2. Plaintiffs have stated in the Order.

This Court denied the appointment of a Special Master and made no finding of injunctive relief. Yet, page 8 through 9 of the Order implies otherwise, by stating among other things: "The Court notes that Nevada's Constitution commands this Court to grant the plaintiffs all remedies available...In taking note of that command the Court does not, at this time, articulate what form if any, any injunction may take, only that its not precluding any of the forms of injunctive relief proposed by plaintiffs including...Ordering the appointment of a Special Master." (Order. 9)

It is only proper that the Court reconsider the Order it has executed at Plaintiff's request, as it clearly does not reflect the evidence, the arguments, nor the Court's findings or conclusions.

The Time and the Class are overly broad in light of the Court's pending Order and the 3. competing class action case before Judge Delaney.

Pending before this Court, as well as the Nevada Supreme Court, is a motion addressing the prospective application of Thomas vs. Nevada Yellow Cab Corporation, 130 Nev., Adv. Op. 52 (2014). <sup>2</sup> As this Court is aware, not only is this issue pending before the Nevada Supreme Court, this Honorable Court has not rendered its ruling on this issue. Therefore, pending further guidance from the Supreme Court, this Court's Order should be limited to those class members from June 26, 2014 through present. This Court has already recognized the great expenditure to the Employer in being required to gather the information and to defend claims which will never be part of the class. The Order as written by the Plaintiffs has a finding by the Court dating back to July 1, 2007. There is a great probability that the Supreme Court will not only provide guidance on a statute of limitation (also before the Supreme Court), but will limit and exclude any claims prior to June 26, 2014. Therefore, the Order as submitted by the Plaintiffs should be modified to reflect this date, pending any contradicting instruction by the Supreme Court.

An additional issue is that in the Order as written by the Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' counsel is attempting to solely exclude Jasminka Dubric who is represented by the Bourassa Law Group in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' First Claim for Relief, filed September 11, 2015

	1	Dubric v. A Cab, LLC, District Court Case A-15-721063-C before Judge Kathleen Delaney.			
	2	However, the <i>Dubric</i> lawsuit is also a class action lawsuit on behalf of similarly situated individuals			
	3	who are also represented by the Bourassa Law Group. Exhibit 2. Therefore, the Order as written			
	4	must account for the overlap of the representation by the two Plaintiffs' firms of the numerous			
	5	drivers.			
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	7	CONCLUSION			
	8	Based upon the foregoing points and authorities, Defendant A CAB, LLC respectfully			
	9	requests this Honorable Court to reconsider its prior Order and set a hearing on this matter.			
	10	DATED this 25 <sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.			
	11	RODRIGUEZ LAW OFFICES, P. C.			
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	13	/s/ Esther C. Rodriguez, Esq. Esther C. Rodriguez, Esq.			
	14	Nevada State Bar No. 006473 10161 Park Run Drive, Suite 150			
•	15	Las Vegas, Nevada 89145  Attorneys for Defendants			
	16	Thorneys for Defendants			
	17	<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>			
	18	I HEREBY CERTIFY on this 25th day of February, 2016, I electronically filed the			
	19	foregoing with the Eighth Judicial District Court Clerk of Court using the E-file and Serve System			
	20	which will send a notice of electronic service to the following:			
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	23	Counsel for Plaintiff			
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Hearing Date: March 28, 2016 Hearing Time: Chambers

#### ORDER ON DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration of this Honorable Court's prior Order of February 10, 2016, granting Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Class Action Pursuant to NRCP Rule 23(b)(2) and NRCP Rule 23(b)(3) and Denying Without Prejudice Plaintiffs' Motion to Appoint a Special Master Under NCRP (sic) 53, having come before this Court on March 28, 2016, before the Honorable Kenneth Cory in chambers,

The Court having, read all the pleadings and papers on file herein, and good cause appearing,

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants' Motion is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART. The Motion is Granted as follows:

Plaintiffs' claims numbered 3 and 4 were not certified as class claims.

The Court further orders that the language on page 5, lines 11-13 regarding qualifying health insurance is to be removed.

The Court further orders the language commencing on page 5 at line 26 that "Defendants do not dispute" is to be removed. The balance of the Motion is DENIED. Plaintiffs to submit an amended order with the above changes.

Submitted by:

By:

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13	vs.	DISCOVERY SCHEDULE AND FOR OTHER RELIEF		
14	A CAB TAXI SERVICE LLC, A CAB, LLC, and CREIGHTON J. NADY,			
15	Defendants.			
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18	Plaintiffs, through their attorneys, L	eon Greenberg Professional Corporation,		
19	hereby move this Court for an Order conti	nuing the trial of this matter for a period of		
20	at least sixty (60) days, extending the current discovery schedule by at least sixty (60)			
21	days, and for other relief addressed infra.			
22	Plaintiffs' motion is made and based	i upon the annexed declaration of counsel,		
23	the memorandum of points and authorities submitted with this motion, the attached			
24	exhibits, and the other papers and pleading	gs in this action.		
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# MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES RELEVANT NATURE AND STATUS OF THIS CASE

The plaintiffs and members of the plaintiff class are current and former taxicab drivers employed by the defendants. The named plaintiffs filed this case as class action for minimum wages owed under Article 15, Section 16 of the Nevada Constitution. On June 7, 2016, the Court entered its Order certifying this case as a class action on behalf of the named plaintiffs and a class of plaintiffs in excess of 2000 current and former taxicab drivers. Notice to the class members is scheduled to be mailed no later than August 15, 2016. The time for them to exclude themselves from this class action will expire 55 days after the mailing of such notice.

This case is subject to a current schedule that provides, among other things, for the furnishing of expert reports by August 1, 2016, the close of discovery by October 31, 2016, and trial on January 3, 2017. Ex. "A." This case was filed on October 8, 2012. While the five year rule time period for its trial would normally be October 8, 2017, this case was subject to a series of Orders (Ex. "B") staying all proceedings for a period of 240 days. Based upon those stays, a trial of this case under the five year rule can commence as late as June 5, 2018. See, D.R. Horton v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court, 358 P.3d 925, 930 (Nev. Sup. Ct. 2015) relying on Boren v. City of N. Las Vegas, 638 P.2d 404-405 (Nev. Sup. Ct. 1982) (All periods in which proceedings are completely stayed excluded for five year rule calculations).

#### SUMMARY OF RELIEF REQUESTED

This motion seeks the following relief:

- (1) An Order extending the discovery schedule and continuing the trial date of this case for at least 60 days and for as much as 120 days, or longer, as is appropriate;
- (2) An Order deeming it defendants' burden, if they are to only have a legal responsibility in this case to compensate class members at the "lower tier" or "health benefits provided" minimum wage rate specified by Article 15, Section 16, of Nevada's Constitution, to determine, and provide to plaintiffs' counsel, the

information detailing, for each payroll period of the class period (July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2015) and for each class member:

- Whether the class member was eligible to both enroll in and receive (a) health insurance benefits provided by the defendant;
- The nature of such health insurance benefits, but only in respect to (b) medical coverage, meaning a summary of coverage as is provided to such a health insurance plan participant, listing monetary coverage limits, co-pays, deductibles, and the general included and excluded benefits, such as surgical, hospital and physician services. Defendants need not provide such information for dental or optical or disability insurance that may have been offered;
- The amount that the class member had to pay each pay period or (c) month to receive such health insurance benefits, for themselves individually and for themselves and their spouse and/or children.

Such Order to further provide that, for any class member for whom the foregoing information is not provided by the defendants, the class member shall be conclusively deemed to have been entitled to the "higher tier" or "no health benefits provided" minimum wage rate specified by Article 15, Section 16, of Nevada's Constitution.

(3) An Order certifying the claims made against defendant Nady in the Third and Fourth Claims for Relief in the Second Amended Complaint for class action treatment on behalf of the plaintiff class certified in this Court's Order entered on June 7, 2016 (Ex. "C").

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#### **ARGUMENT**

### I. THE CURRENT TRIAL DATE SHOULD BE CONTINUED AND THE CURRENT DISCOVERY SCHEDULE SHOULD BE AMENDED

Pursuant to EDCR 7.30(a), "any party may, for good cause, move the court for an order continuing the day set for trial of any cause. A motion for continuance of a trial must be supported by affidavit except where it appears to the court that the moving party did not have the time to prepare an affidavit, in which case counsel for the moving party need only be sworn and orally testify to the same factual matters as required for an affidavit. Counter-affidavits may be used in opposition to the motion." Additionally, subsection (h) of such rule also allow for the movant to seek an extension of the discovery schedule concurrent with a request to continue a trial date, so long as such request complies with Rule 2.35. *See*, EDCR 7.30(a) and (h).

As discussed *infra*, this case has been subjected to extensive delays in allowing plaintiffs to obtain the discovery materials necessary to prepare this case for trial. Accordingly, an Order continuing the trial date and extending the Discovery Schedule by a period of no less than 60 days and perhaps even 120 days should issue.

### A. Defendants have caused an inordinate delay in these proceedings by obstructing the production of computer data files for 15 months.

Claims for unpaid minimum wages involve the determination of three facts: (1) what was the employee paid during the relevant pay period; (2) how many hours did the employee work during that pay period; and (3) what was the applicable minimum wage rate for the employee (the \$7.25 an hour "health benefits provided" rate or the \$8.25 an hour "no health benefits provided" rate). Not surprisingly, defendants kept detailed computerized records (Quickbooks) of the compensation (payroll) of the class members. They kept no such computerized records (or at least none prior to January of 2013) purporting to record the hours of work of the class members. In an attempt to ascertain those work hours, plaintiffs' counsel sought the production of computer files from the defendants' Cab Manager software system. That system maintains, at least

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for some period of time (apparently from 2013 forward) a record of the time each class member took "out" a cab and returned "back" that cab each working day. Obviously that information, in the absence of any "punch clock" time record, is appropriately considered in determining the class members' hours of work.

Plaintiffs sought production of those computer data files/electronic records (Quickbooks and Cab Manager). Defendants refused to produce those materials. Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Compel those materials on February 11, 2015, more than seventeen months ago. Defendants opposed that motion, claiming either they were unable to produce such materials or they were unnecessary and offering to produce hundreds of thousands of pages of paper records (including those printed from their payroll computer system) instead. In response, the Discovery Commissioner suggested an inspection, with the assistance of both sides' computer data consultants, be conducted of the defendants' computer systems. That inspection, which took place on March 31, 2015, was terminated by defendant Nady prior to its completion. That circumstance forced the plaintiffs, as then instructed by the Discovery Commissioner, to conduct a deposition of James Morgan, who is the proprietor of the third party Cab Manager software used by defendants in the operation of their taxicab business. The testimony obtained from such deposition established that the materials originally sought by plaintiffs in their February 11, 2015 motion to compel did exist, were not exceptionally burdensome for defendants to produce, and did contain the relevant information being sought by the plaintiffs. As a result, on December 11, 2015, seven months after plaintiffs initially filed their motion to compel, the Discovery Commissioner signed her Report and Recommendations granting plaintiffs' Motion to Compel and directing payment by defendants to plaintiffs' counsel of \$3,238.95 in costs and attorney's fees. Defendants filed timely objections to such Report and Recommendations, which this Court overruled, and signed the Discovery

Commissioner's Report and Recommendations on February 29, 2016. Thereafter, defendants, despite having filed objections to the Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations, filed a Motion for Reconsideration of the same Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations. An Order denying defendants' Motion for Reconsideration was eventually entered by this Court on May 26, 2016. In June and July of 2016, defendant produced the Quickbooks data files and a substantial volume of Cab Manager data (that Cab Manager data not being received until July 10, 2016). As of the date of this motion, full production of these materials, in particular certain Cab Manager data files that defendants have indicated do exist, is still awaited (defendants are attempting to have the same produced promptly).

### B. This case has been delayed by the process of considering, and granting, class certification.

Not surprisingly, the plaintiffs' request for class certification of this case was vigorously opposed by the defendants. The process of securing that class certification was commenced by the plaintiffs via a motion filed on May 19, 2015. It proceeded through a number of hearing dates, continuances, supplemental briefings, and a motion for reconsideration, and did not result in the entry of a final order granting class certification until June 7, 2016, almost one year after plaintiffs' filed their motion. Class notice is still to be completed pursuant to that order.

### C. The relevant circumstances require a modification of the discovery schedule and the trial date.

Defendants refuse to consent to any modification of the discovery schedule, or trial date, of this case. As a result, Discovery Commissioner Bulla, at the status conference held on July 20, 2016, authorized plaintiffs' counsel to proceed with this motion to the District Court Judge.

It is manifest that the January 3, 2017 trial date, and the other relevant case

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The copy of the Order at Ex. "D" erroneously stated such order was signed on February 29, 2015, but such date should read 2016. The error exists because such Report and Recommendations was submitted by the Clerk to the District Judge in 2015, but not signed until 2016.

management dates (August 1, 2016 for experts, October 31, 2016 for close of discovery, and so forth) are not workable and need to be advanced by at least 60 days and more likely by a time period of 120 days or possibly a bit longer. Plaintiffs are still awaiting full production of the electronic discovery (Cab Manager data files) from defendants that will be the subject of any possible expert report. Accordingly, they cannot provide an expert report by August 1, 2016. Plaintiffs' counsel also needs adequate time to gather evidence from the class members and secure the remaining necessary class wide discovery. The notice and exclusion period to class members will not be completed until some time from late September to late October of 2016.

Plaintiffs are acting diligently in moving the prosecution of this case forward (which is why they are seeking certain procedural/evidentiary rulings with this motion). They should not be hindered in the effective prosecution of this case by defendants' delays and the inherent delays this Court has dealt with in respect to resolving the class certification dispute.

# II. THE COURT SHOULD HOLD THAT DEFENDANTS' FAILURE TO SPECIFY THE AVAILABILITY AND COST OF THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR ANY CLASS MEMBER WILL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THEIR RIGHT TO PAY THAT CLASS MEMBER THE "LOWER TIER" MINIMUM WAGE

The MWA imposes either a "health benefits provided" minimum wage rate (the "lower tier minimum wage") upon employers or a "no health benefits provided" minimum wage rate (the "higher tier minimum wage"). There are certain unsettled issues regarding how the "health benefits provided" status is determined (and how the employee's ability to obtain health insurance coverage for their dependents bears upon that status). But one relevant issue is the cost, to the employee, of such health insurance benefits, as the MWA states such cost cannot exceed 10% of the employee's compensation from the employer (e.g., their wages).

Discovery is ongoing in this case, including discovery that is attempting to ascertain details about both whether health insurance was made "available" to the class members and what the "cost" of any such health insurance would be to the class

members (including the cost for their dependents to receive such insurance). At this stage of these proceedings, defendants have declined to specify that information, insisting it is too burdensome for them to do so. This is set forth in their recent interrogatory response, Ex. "E" ¶ 3, wherein they insist it is "too burdensome" to provide that information while contradictorily claiming that information is "readily ascertainable" from the Quickbooks data produced (meaning, of course, it cannot be overly "burdensome" for defendants to provide that information in an interrogatory response). Defendants' assertion such information can be obtained from the Quickbooks data is manifestly false. All that data will detail is the deductions from some employees, during some pay periods, for some unspecified health insurance that they participated in. It will not indicate whether an employee (other than one for whom that deduction was made) was even eligible for health insurance benefits. Nor will it advise about what the cost was for the employee to obtain insurance benefits for dependents who were *not* being covered by the employee's payroll deductions.

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An employer's entitlement to pay the "lower tier" minimum wage rate under the MWA should require that the *employer* document such entitlement, by detailing the availability of health insurance to the employee and its cost (as in any other affirmative defense). If they fail to do so because, as defendants assert, it is "too burdensome," then they should waive any right to pay the lower tier minimum wage. Once plaintiff has requested such information in discovery, and defendant has failed to provide it, the plaintiff should not be put to the task of seeking to compel such discovery or otherwise ascertain such information on their own to "prove" their right to the "higher tier" minimum wage. Accordingly, the plaintiffs request that the Court issue an Order specifying that defendants, if they wish to avail themselves of the "lower tier" minimum wage rate for any pay period for any class members must, for such pay period (or month of employment), specify the availability of health insurance, its cost to the employee (including costs for all forms of dependent coverage), and medical benefits provided under such insurance (the typical one or two page summary of

medical insurance benefits an insurance participant receives). Such Order should further provide that upon the expiration of 30 days from entry of such Order defendants will waive their right to claim that any class member was only entitled to the "lower tier" minimum wage for any pay period for which they have not provided such information.

# III. THE COURT SHOULD EXTEND THE DAMAGES CLASS CERTIFICATION TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH CLAIMS FOR RELIEF AGAINST DEFENDANT, CREIGHTON J. NADY

Owing to a "crossing chronology," plaintiffs' motion for class certification being filed in May of 2015 and the Court's Order granting leave to amend the complaint and add the third and fourth claims for relief against Nady as an additional defendant not being entered until August of 2015 (Ex. "F"), the claims against Nady have not been certified for class action treatment under NRCP Rule 23(b)(3). The Court should so certify those claims now for the existing NRCP Rule 23(b)(3) class.

There is no basis to deny class treatment of the claims against Nady. Those claims (civil conspiracy, as an alter ego, concert of action, aiding and abetting, unjust enrichment) all have their basis in allegations that Nady personally and knowingly enriched himself, to the detriment of the class members, through his abuse and direction of the corporate defendant, A-Cab. Nady's liability is not predicated upon his actions towards any particular class member or members but in respect to his management, control, direction, and misuse of the corporate defendant, A-Cab. If Nady is so liable as alleged, as result of his dealings with A-Cab, that liability is the same for *all* class members. Accordingly, the class certification of the third and fourth claims for relief in the Second Amended and Supplemental Complaint should be granted.

#### IV. PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL'S GOOD FAITH CONFERRAL

In compliance with EDCR 2.34, plaintiffs' counsel has attempted, in good faith, to confer with defendants' counsel concerning continuing the trial setting in this matter and extending all discovery deadlines. Defendants' counsel could not obtain the

approval of defendants to do so. As documented in Ex. "G," the parties have reached an impasse, making the instant motion ripe for filing. **CONCLUSION** For all the foregoing reasons, plaintiff's motion should be granted in its entirety together with such other further and different relief that the Court deems proper. Dated: July 25, 2016 LEON GREENBERG PROFESSIONAL CORP. /s/ Leon Greenberg Leon Greenberg, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 8094 2965 S. Jones Boulevard - Ste. E-3 Las Vegas, NV 89146 Tel (702) 383-6085 Attorney for the Plaintiffs 

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# DEFENDANT'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL DATE AND EXTEND DISCOVERY SCHEDULE AND FOR OTHER RELIEF

Defendants, by and through their attorney, Esther C. Rodriguez, Esq., of RODRIGUEZ LAW OFFICES, P.C., hereby submit this Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Continue Trial Date and Extend Discovery Schedule and for Other Relief.

## I. Legal Argument.

Defendants adamantly oppose any further delay or stay of this matter as Plaintiffs have had more than sufficient time to prepare their case, and have failed to do so. Their actions towards Defendants have been an abuse of process, and actions which have completely worked against the interests of justice.

Defendants oppose this request to further delay this proceeding. This matter has been pending since October 8, 2012. All stays in this matter have been requested by Plaintiffs, and

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Plaintiffs have still failed to prove any liability against Defendants. As this Court is aware, prior motions for summary judgment and for dismissal have been filed, as Plaintiffs have never proven any liability for the named representative Plaintiffs. In fact, the named Plaintiffs remain subject to dismissal pending further guidance from the Nevada Supreme Court on the prospective application of the Thomas v. YCS matter. In the interim, Defendants have continued to incur over \$300,000 in attorney fees and costs in defending this frivolous matter. Defendants have continued to produce each new piece of evidence that Plaintiffs can think up, and yet Plaintiffs cannot establish a foundation for proceeding with a trial, and thus are requesting more time to prepare for trial.

This matter continues to be attorney-driven litigation, with the proof being that offers of resolution were forwarded to the named Plaintiffs months ago, and Plaintiffs' counsel refused to convey any offer of resolution to their clients. See Defendants' Motions to Dismiss and for Summary Judgment Against Plaintiff Michael Reno and Plaintiff Michael Murray, both filed September 21, 2015, Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Extend Discovery Schedule (Second Request) filed October 7, 2015, and Second Supplement to Defendant's Opposition to Motion to Certify Case as Class Action Pursuant to NRCP 23 and Appoint a Special Master Pursuant to NRCP 53 filed October 20, 2015. Such behavior is not only sanctionable under the rules of professional conduct, but is clear evidence that the goal in this litigation is to continue to run up the attorney fees in order for Plaintiffs' counsel to profit in a fee-shifting case.

If this Court is inclined to grant Plaintiff's request to continue with this escalation of more attorney fees, Defendants will be seeking leave to assert causes of action against Plaintiffs' counsel as has been done in the other suits currently pending in the Eighth Judicial District Court. See Defendant's Answer to Third Amended Complaint, Counterclaims and Third Party Complaint filed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Rule 1.2 of the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct and the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct (Scope Of Representation And Allocation Of Authority Between Client And Lawyer): "A lawyer shall abide by a client's decision whether to settle a matter." See also Rule 1.4 (Communication) of the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct and the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct: "A lawyer shall promptly inform the client of any decision or circumstance with respect to which the client's informed consent is required by these Rules."

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in Perera v. Western Cab Company, District Court Case A-14-707425-C, attached as Exhibit 1.

Plaintiffs have already sought multiple continuances, which were untimely and yet granted. The close of discovery was first set on April 24, 2014. We are now well over 2 years past this deadline.

Pursuant to the Stipulation and Order Extending Discovery Deadlines (First Request) filed November 10, 2014 in this matter, the next close of discovery was October 1, 2015. EDCR 2.35(a) indicates that motions to extend any date set by the discovery scheduling order must be in writing and received by the discovery commissioner within 20 days before the discovery cut-off date or any extension thereof. As such, the last date in which to seek a continuance of discovery was September 11, 2015. However, Plaintiffs did not file their motion until September 14, 2015, and therefore were untimely with their request. However, the Discovery Commissioner allowed an extension to June 29, 2016. At a status check before the Discovery Commissioner on May 20, 2016, Plaintiffs verbally requested, and received, an additional discovery extension to October 31, 2016. Plaintiffs have altogether failed to act and are again asking for yet another extension, and to move the trial date.

Such requests are without basis and are simply to provide Plaintiffs with more time to prepare a case that they should have prepared in the last four years. As this Court is aware, a lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client. Rule 1.3 of the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct and the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

Plaintiffs argue that Defendants have delayed in production of necessary information and thus argue for more time. The tripsheets have always been made available to Plaintiffs, who have refused to review them. These tripsheets are the same information upon which all Federal and State Agencies have relied for wage and hour information. At Plaintiffs' insistence, Defendants have incurred substantial costs in producing trip data in an electronic format from Cab Manager. Ironically, in the most recent round of discovery, Plaintiffs are now asking for copies of the tripsheets which they previously refused to review. Plaintiffs now seek copies of these tripsheets in a "pdf" format, which number over 500,000 pages. Defendants have always maintained that the Cab Manager data is not relevant to the determination of a minimum wage violation. It now

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appears Plaintiffs have come to the same conclusion. Thus Plaintiffs seek more time to review the documents which have been available but refused. Plaintiffs should not be rewarded for such actions which have been quite costly to Defendants.

## Plaintiffs' Second Request is a Request for a Discovery Sanction Which Is Premature II. and Improperly Before this Court.

The second requested relief in Plaintiffs' motion is for the Court to deem it Defendants' burden to provide detailed insurance information for each employee for each pay period of the class period, or to have Defendants be denied the right to claim the class members were compensated at the "lower tier" or "health benefits provided" minimum wage allowed by the Nevada Constitution.

The Plaintiffs are seeking an Order which is basically an NRCP 37 rule for sanctions, and are completely "jumping the gun" so to speak. Plaintiffs have just now asked for discovery relevant to this issue, which response is not even due yet. And yet, Plaintiffs, due to their own delay and shortcomings, now want the Court to shift the burden to Defendants to prove an element that Plaintiffs are required to prove. Plaintiffs propounded extensive discovery requests to Defendants requesting a detailed analysis for each employee for each payroll period from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2015, the responses of which will not be due until two months before the current discovery cut off. These requests will surely be the subject of motions as the information Plaintiffs are requesting is not kept in the normal course of business. In any event, Plaintiffs have not given themselves enough time to review the information and are therefore improperly, and prematurely, requesting the Court to impose sanctions that will shift the burden of proof to Defendants.

## Plaintiffs' Request for an Order Certifying the Claims made Against Defendant Nady III. in the Third and Fourth Claims for Relief in the Second Amended Complaint for Class Action Treatment, is in fact, a Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's Prior Order.

This issue first arose in the Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Class Action Pursuant to NRCP Rule 23(b)(2) and NRCP Rule 23(b)(3) and Denying Without Prejudice Plaintiffs' Motion to Appoint a Special Master Under NCRP (sic) 53 submitted by Plaintiffs. In that Order, Plaintiffs, unilaterally and without basis, alleged that the Court granted class certification on the Third and Fourth Claims for Relief against Defendant Nady.

Defendants filed a Motion for Reconsideration of the Class Order arguing against the improper wording Plaintiffs inserted into the Order, as the Court made no finding that the Third and Fourth Claims were appropriate for class certification. As the Court will recall, these are claims of Civil Conspiracy and Unjust Enrichment directly asserted against the individual, Creighton Nady. These are claims which were not argued as part of the request for certification, nor were they within the intent of the Court to include on a class-wide basis. Plaintiffs were ordered to remove this wording by the Court and an Amended Order, without the improper language among other things, was filed June 7, 2016.

Plaintiffs now seek to include these claims once again with no further support. Plaintiffs had an opportunity to brief to the Court why these claims should be included when this matter was on reconsideration by the Court. Pursuant to Rule 60(b) of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, a party may seek relief from judgment or order based upon mistakes, inadvertence, excusable neglect, newly discovered evidence, fraud, etc. Here, Plaintiffs offer no new evidence as to why the Court should reconsider its prior ruling. The Court already ruled on this issue, and here Plaintiffs move improperly again for "reconsideration." Such a request should be denied as procedurally improper and without basis.

The Court has already ruled that these claims are not proper for certification, and should not be included as part of the order. From the Order on Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration filed April 28, 2016: "Plaintiffs' claims numbered 3 and 4 were not certified as class claims."

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## IV. Conclusion.

Based upon the foregoing points and authorities, Defendants respectfully request this

Honorable Court to enter an Order denying Plaintiffs' Motion to Continue Trial Date and Extend

Discovery Schedule and for Other Relief in its entirety.

DATED this 15th day of August, 2016.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY on this <u>15<sup>th</sup></u> day of August, 2016, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Eighth Judicial District Court Clerk of Court using the E-file and Serve System which will send a notice of electronic service to the following:

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# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Civil Filing	COURT MINUTES	<b>September 22, 2016</b>
A-12-669926-C	Michael Murray, Plaintiff(s)	
	VS.	
	A Cab Taxi Service LLC, Defendant(s)	

**September 22, 2016** 

**Minute Order** 

HEARD BY: Cory, Kenneth COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16A

**COURT CLERK:** Michele Tucker

## **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

Plaintiff has submitted a proposed Order to the Court, to which the Defendants have objected.

A reading of the Defendants' opposition to the present Motion leaves one with the question of whether the Defense appreciates the gravity that inures to a Plaintiffs case when alleging the denial of constitutional rights under Nevada's Constitution. The Second Amended Complaint alleges a wholesale denial of constitutional rights to Defendants' employees. It follows that a careful examination of the serious allegations and the evidence that underlies those allegations must be made by the Court. To the extent that Plaintiffs are unable to prove their allegations in the matter because Defendants are in sole possession of evidence Plaintiffs would utilize, then unless some privilege protects disclosure of the evidence it will not do for Defendants to simply fail to produce the evidence. In the event that Defendants protest that they do not possess such evidence, then it is the proper course for this Court to determine the truth of that position through all means necessary and reasonable.

Nonetheless, in light of Defendants continued objections to providing the evidence called for (the Court notes Defendants have now filed a Motion for a Protective Order from the Discovery Commissioner), and their protest that the burden of proof in this matter should not be shifted to Defendants, the Court will not order the burden shifted at this time. It would behoove the Court to move cautiously in this area. Accordingly, the Court will echo Defendants request in their Motion for a Protective Order that the Discovery Commissioner give what time she can to the monitoring of the discovery process in this area of controversy.

Only after discovery discloses whether the Defendants could provide the already ordered discovery will the Court further consider Plaintiff's request to shift the burden of proof on this issue, and other PRINT DATE: 09/22/2016 Page 1 of 2 Minutes Date: September 22, 2016

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measures.

The Order submitted by Plaintiffs should be amended accordingly.

Given the allegations of the Second Amended and Supplemental Complaint, the Order submitted by Plaintiffs as to the certification of the third and fourth claims for relief in the Second Amended Complaint against Defendant Creighton Nady are accurately framed in the Order submitted.

COURT ORDERS, Plaintiff is to resubmit in compliance with this Order.

A copy of this minute order shall be submitted to the Discovery Commissioner.

CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: Leon Greenberg, Esq. (leongreenberg@overtimelaw.com); Michael Wall, Esq. (mwall@hutchlegal.com), and Esther Rodriguez, Esq. (esther@rodriguezlaw.com). /mlt

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**DISTRICT COURT** 

MICHAEL MURRAY and MICHAEL RENO, Individually and on behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

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A CAB TAXI SERVICE LLC and A CAB, LLC,

Defendants.

Case No.: A-12-669926-C Dept. No.

## **DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO**

## PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Defendants, by and through their attorneys of record, hereby submit this Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. This Opposition is based upon NRCP 56(a), and the Points and Authorities herein.

## **POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

## Standard for Summary Judgment. 1.

Summary judgment shall be granted when there are no genuine issues of material fact and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. NRCP 56(a). Trial judges are to exercise great

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caution in granting summary judgment, which is not to be granted if there is the slightest doubt as to the operative facts. Posadas v. City of Reno, 109 Nev. 448, 851 P.2d 438 (1993). The trial judge may not in granting summary judgment pass upon the credibility or weight of the opposing affidavits or evidence; that function is reserved for the trial. Hidden Wells Ranch, Inc. v. Strip Realty, Inc., 83 Nev. 143, 425 P.2d 599 (1967). In their motion, Plaintiffs assert several "facts" in their request for summary judgment which are not only not established, they are not even supported by the evidence in the record.

Plaintiffs are seeking summary judgment on damages, and skipping right over any questions of liability; further, they do not even address which Defendant they believe would be liable for the damages claimed herein.

## Plaintiffs' Argue Material "Facts" Which Have No Citation or Reference; Are Not 2. Supported By The Evidence; and Are Disputed.

Plaintiffs are seeking to shortcut the jury trial of this matter, by taking their expert's computations which are in dispute, and asserting that his work should be established as a finding. Firstly, after repeated extensions were provided to the Plaintiffs who have been flailing erratically all over the discovery map, Plaintiffs still missed their deadline to produce an expert report to support their damages. Exhibit A, Plaintiffs' 7th Supplemental Disclosure. The deadline was January 27, 2017 for Plaintiffs to finally after nearly 5 years put forth a computation of damages. Plaintiffs failed to do so. Instead, Plaintiffs merely indicated in a disclosure, like they have since October 2012, that they are still working on the numbers. Id.

As this Court is aware, NRCP 16.1 provides strict guidelines as to the disclosure requirements of experts. Plaintiffs did not comply. Therefore, Defendants will be moving to exclude any attempts to bring in expert testimony regarding damages. Presumably, part of this expert testimony subject to exclusion are the incomplete calculations that Plaintiffs seek to rely upon in this motion for damages.

Plaintiffs put forth calculations partially completed by Charles Bass, and request that this Court accept this expert's calculations on their face without subjecting his methodology or his qualifications to any inquiry or cross-examination.

Defendants have always maintained that the tripsheets are the most accurate document containing hours worked and breaks taken by each driver. A Cab is required to maintain accurate

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tripsheets by the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority, and has always done so. These documents have been available to Plaintiffs since the commencement of discovery, but until recently, Plaintiffs have never chosen to review the tripsheets. During discovery, Plaintiffs have insisted that Defendants download electronic data from its dispatching system, which was not utilized as a payroll program, so that Plaintiffs could work up the numbers as they saw fit. Apparently, they have indeed done so, and now offer to the Court their findings of what they believe are the hours worked for each driver. As the Court can deduce, these alleged hours are greatly disputed by Defendants as they are not derived from the tripsheets. Of note is that Plaintiffs have recently requested the tripsheets, but again they do not want to review the files as maintained, but rather have had the Defendants employ a third party to download the files onto an external hard drive for them. This task has been completed, but Plaintiffs have not yet paid for the external drive as ordered by the Commissioner, so Plaintiffs are still not in possession of the tripsheets. Exhibit B, Esther C. Rodriguez letter to Leon Greenberg dated January 26, 2017.

The critical point is: how can Plaintiffs possibly assert to the Court that their expert has determined the hours worked by all drivers if Plaintiffs haven't even looked at the drivers' tripsheets containing this information?

In request for summary judgment, Plaintiffs put forth all types of statements to the Court, without any supporting documentation at all. Statements include:

"Defendants have admitted in these proceedings that during the period January 1, 2013 through May 27, 2016 they owe, at the \$7.25 an hour minimum wage rate, and as established by their own records, at least \$10.00 and in certain instances in excess of \$3,000 in unpaid minimum wages to at least 321 class members" Plaintiffs' Motion, 1:9-13.

This representation to the Court comes with no citation whatsoever.

"The defendants in this case have produced two Excel computer files in this litigation that they represent contain all of the details of their payroll records, meaning wages paid and hours worked." Plaintiff's Motion, 2:11-14.

Again, there is no citation whatsoever accompanying this statement made in Plaintiffs' Motion.

Obviously, it is difficult to refute a request for summary judgment when statements are simply made to the Court without supporting authority.

Guessing that Plaintiffs are referring to an electronic production ordered by the Discovery

Commissioner, Defendants respond that Plaintiffs' statement is not accurate. Defendants were ordered to prepare Quickbooks data at Plaintiffs' insistence to the Discovery Commissioner in a format that Plaintiff wanted in order to manipulate the data in an electronic fashion. Defendants complied in doing so, despite objection that this was production that would have to be created, as it was not kept in the normal course of Defendants' business. Now, Plaintiffs have apparently taken this data and had their expert reformulate and extrapolate to come up with a figure that their expert proposes to be the underpayments. Obviously, the validity of such methodology is disputed.

It is ironic that Plaintiffs have repeatedly argued to the Court, relying upon a Department of Labor document, that A Cab did not keep accurate time records. Now, Plaintiffs want the Court to accept on their face the number of hours their expert offers as definitive of the "hours worked." One must question what indeed did the Plaintiffs' expert base his numbers on, if A Cab did not keep accurate time records of hours worked? By their own arguments, Plaintiffs' request for summary judgment on this issue must fail, as this is a dispute of a material fact.

# 3. <u>Plaintiffs' Expert's Numbers are Not Established As All Other Experts Have Refuted The Calculations.</u>

Throughout the litigation, Plaintiffs have argued that the Consent Judgment agreed to by A Cab was "proof" of A Cab's liability. Accepting this "proof" of any liability, the U.S. Department of Labor ("DOL") found substantially lesser numbers than those being asserted by Plaintiffs. The DOL agreed that \$139,988.80 was the underpayment for a two year time period. **Exhibit C**. Plaintiffs are asserting an underpayment for a 2 ½ year period of over \$700,000! *Plaintiffs Motion*, 7:19-21. Given that Plaintiffs' amount is 5 times what the DOL determined after reviewing driver wages and hours, the Court can appreciate the absurdity of such a number. Further, Plaintiffs' claim is for the more recent time period when A Cab's 30(b)(6) witness has testified they were taking all steps to comply with the minimum wage amendment after the Supreme Court's guidance in the *Thomas v. Yellow Cab* case.

A second independent Certified Public Accountant has also reviewed any potential liability that A Cab would have for this time period, and determined numbers far below those asserted by Mr. Bass. Nicole Omps is an independent CPA that was jointly retained by the Plaintiffs' lawfirm Bourassa Law Group and Defendants in the matter of *Jasminka Dubric v. A Cab, LLC,* District Court Case No. A-15-

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721063-C. Ms. Omps reviewed data and documents pertaining to wages and hours of the A Cab drivers and prepared her analysis of any potential liability for underpayments. Exhibit D, Report of BETA Consultants LLC. This report was reviewed and relied upon by both the Plaintiffs and Defendants, and the Honorable Jerry Wiese, who assisted the parties in reaching an agreement to resolve the matter. In her analysis, Ms. Omps provided ranges of any potential underpayments. Like the U.S. Department of Labor, Ms. Omps' numbers were far below those arrived at by Mr. Bass. Ms. Omps determined that at the most the liability for underpayment for the time period of July 2014 through September 2016 would be \$247,122.48. Exhibit D, Appendix A. This independent CPA clearly disputes the numbers arrived at by Plaintiffs' expert Mr. Bass for the overlapping time period.

Mr. Bass' numbers are not supported, but are inflated and based upon Plaintiffs' methodology to present to a jury as his best case scenario. Defendants in opposition will be demonstrating by the reliable documentation of the tripsheets and the paystubs that any underpayment is far below those arrived at by Mr. Bass. Therefore, it is a complete fabrication for Plaintiffs to represent to the Court that, "Defendants have confirmed...that the methodology used by Charles Bass to summarize from the defendants' records the total wages paid to each class member each pay period is correct." Plaintiffs Motion, 3:7-9. It is difficult to ascertain how Defendants could confirm Mr. Bass' methodology and concede to same, when Plaintiffs never previously produced Bass' report except as an attachment to the instant motion.

Further, as this Court is aware, Plaintiffs' expert report is hearsay document that is subject to a motion in limine, and cannot serve as a basis for summary judgment.

## Plaintiffs Are Seeking Summary Judgment for Members Outside of the Class Order, as 4. Well as Members Outside the Scope of Their Representation.

Plaintiffs are seeking summary judgment for a period of January 1, 2013 through May 27, 2016. As this Court is aware, the Class Order is certified through December 31, 2015. Exhibit E, Amended Class Order, page 10:8-12. Further, all discovery has been conducted and produced bearing this date of December 31, 2015 in mind, so if Plaintiffs believe they have the information necessary for computations for an extra year and a half, it will be interesting to see what sources they base these numbers upon.

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Further, there is no indication that Plaintiffs' counsel represents any client that worked at A Cab anytime after September 2012, nearly four (4) years prior to the time they are now seeking summary judgment on damages. Michael Murray was no longer employed as of April 7, 2011; and Michael Reno was no longer employed as of September 26, 2012. At the recent hearing before the Discovery Commissioner on January 25, 2017, Commissioner Bulla recommended that Plaintiffs' counsel Leon Greenberg ("Greenberg") contact his clients to ascertain personal information he was seeking, stating "they're your clients." In response, Greenberg was clear he was not in contact with his alleged clients, and expected little response from them. [Transcript of 1/25/17 proceeding not yet available.] It is reasonable to ascertain from Mr. Greenberg's response that he does not represent a client during the time frame for damages he is seeking. The *Wal-Mart v. Dukes* case would support the position that Mr. Greenberg cannot represent a class of these members, when he has no representative Plaintiff in this time frame for which he seeks damages. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes, 131 S.Ct. 2541, 2550 (2011):

> The class action is "an exception to the usual rule that litigation is conducted by and on behalf of the individual named parties only." Califano v. Yamasaki, 442 U.S. 682, 700-701, 99 S.Ct. 2545, 61 L.Ed.2d 176 (1979). In order to justify a departure from that rule, "a class representative must be part of the class and 'possess the same interest and suffer the same injury' as the class members." East Tex. Motor Freight System, Inc. v. Rodriguez, 431 U.S. 395, 403, 97 S.Ct. 1891, 52 L.Ed.2d 453 (1977) (quoting Schlesinger v. Reservists Comm. to Stop the War, 418 U.S. 208, 216, 94 S.Ct. 2925, 41 L.Ed.2d 706 (1974)). Rule 23(a) ensures that the named plaintiffs are appropriate representatives of the class whose claims they wish to litigate. The Rule's four requirements—numerosity, commonality, typicality, and adequate representation—"effectively 'limit the class claims to those fairly encompassed by the named plaintiff's claims.' "General Telephone Co. of Southwest v. Falcon, 457 U.S. 147, 156, 102 S.Ct. 2364, 72 L.Ed.2d 740 (1982) (quoting General Telephone Co. of Northwest v. EEOC, 446 U.S. 318, 330, 100 S.Ct. 1698, 64 L.Ed.2d 319 (1980)).

As discovery is not complete in this area, for this reason alone the Court should not grant summary judgment on this issue.

## **5.** Plaintiffs Are Improperly Seeking To Shift the Burden of Proof Again.

On more than one occasion, Plaintiffs inserted wording into the Court's Order, and continued to argue that the Court should shift the burden of proof to Defendants pertaining to health insurance coverage. Plaintiffs requested that if Defendants could not prove the availability of comprehensive

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health insurance within the minimum wage amendment, that there would be an adverse presumption against Defendants. The Court has already denied this request, and Plaintiffs are now simply coming at it again from a different angle; but they are seeking the same result. See Minute Order of 3/28/16 striking Plaintiffs' language; see also Minute Order of 9/22/16 indicating the Court is not willing to shift burden of proof to Defendants on this issue. Exhibit F.

Plaintiffs' request for the Court to grant summary judgment utilizing an \$8.25 per hour is essentially shifting the burden of proof to Defendants. In support of their request, Plaintiffs cite to a 6 month time period within the class order (May 2015-December 2015) in which the insurance carrier changed A Cab's health insurance coverage to exclude spousal coverage, while still offering dependent coverage. This six month period does not lend support to a Court finding that the higher tier should be applied for all requested periods. Therefore, Mr. Bass's extrapolation to the entire class is improper, not based upon reliable methodology, and is disputed. Further, the exclusion of any spouses during this time affected only a handful of drivers. Again, this is a factual issue which Plaintiffs have simply glossed over.

Plaintiffs are asking the Court to rule via summary judgment on items that have not even been addressed by the Nevada Supreme Court. They argue that the 60 and 90 day waiting period for each employee should be an automatic presumption that should result in a higher-tiered payment. The MDC Restaurant case did not address the waiting period issue.

More telling in Plaintiffs' Motion is the level of individual analysis that is necessary to determine any liability and an accompanying amount for each driver. Using Plaintiffs' arguments the following must determined to assess liability:

- each driver's hours per pay-period;
- each driver's pay per pay-period;
- insurance coverage that was offered during each applicable pay period;
- whether the driver had a spouse during each pay period;
- whether the driver had dependents during each pay period;
- the waiting period for insurance coverage for each driver during the various times of his/her employment;

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This not only lends support as to why this Court should not grant summary judgment in one broad stroke addressing these issues, but more importantly highlights why these claims are not appropriate to proceed as class action litigation.

> "What matters to class certification ... is not the raising of common 'questions'—even in droves—but, rather the capacity of a classwide proceeding to generate common answers apt to drive the resolution of the litigation. Dissimilarities within the proposed class are what have the potential to impede the generation of common answers." Wal-Mart v. Dukes, 131 S.Ct. at 2551, citing Nagareda, <u>Class Certification in the Age of Aggregate Proof</u>, 84 N.Y.U.L.Rev. 97, 131–132 (2009), at 132.

### Plaintiffs' Requests for Attorneys Fees Are Not Supported. **6.**

Using Plaintiffs' methodology, Defendants have in fact already beat their offers of judgment to Plaintiffs and will be entitled to their attorneys fees and costs. The Court will recall that Offers of Judgment were propounded to Plaintiffs very early in the case, but were never conveyed to the clients by their counsel. Defendants' offers exceed even the "best case scenario" calculations the Plaintiffs believe they can recover, thus it will be Defendants who are entitled to fees, costs and interest.

A similar scenario has recently occurred in Department XVII (Sargeant v. Henderson Taxi, Case A-15-714136-C), wherein Plaintiff Michael Sargeant is now burdened with a judgment for Defendants' attorney fees of \$26,715 due to the actions of his counsel, Leon Greenberg. Exhibit G, Notice of Entry of Order Granting Motion for Attorneys' Fees. Senior Judge Bonaventure found the class action complaint was frivolous (See page 5, paragraph 19 of Exhibit G).

As the items asserted by Plaintiffs are factual items in dispute, and are appropriately left to the jury, summary judgment should be denied. Any award of attorney fees would certainly be putting the cart before the horse. The escalation of fees has been deliberate and intentional in order to profit from this type of fee-shifting case. Plaintiffs have a business to manufacture and to profit from such type cases which is recognized as the tort of champerty. Accordingly, Defendants have requested leave of Court to assert this third-party complaint for the jury's consideration. Defendants' Motion for Leave to Amend Answer filed January 27, 2017.

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### **Conclusion** II.

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Defendants have come forward with evidence creating genuine and triable issues of fact. Bird v. Casa Royale, 97 Nev. 67, 624 P.2d 269 (1981). Defendants indeed have put forward specific facts on which this Court could rule in its favor on the issues addressed in this motion, as have previous fact finders. Hickman v. Meadow Wood Reno, 96 Nev. 782, 617 P.2d 871 (1980).

Based upon the foregoing points and authorities, Defendants respectfully request this Honorable Court to deny this Motion in its entirety.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2017.

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## **DISTRICT COURT** CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

MICHAEL MURRAY, and MICHAEL RENO, Individually and on behalf of others similarly situated, Plaintiffs, VS. A CAB TAXI SERVICE LLC, and A CAB, LLC, Defendants.

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PLAINTIFFS' SEVENTH DISCLOSURES UNDER NEV. R. **CIV. P. 16.1** 

Plaintiffs, as and for their compliance with the provisions of Nev. R. Civ. P. 16.1, hereby provide the following supplemental disclosures:

## Reservation of Expert Witness;

Annexed hereto is the Curriculum Vitae of Charles Bass. Charles Bass is assisting the plaintiffs in summarizing the voluminous records provided by defendants in this case and, based upon those summaries, creating Excel files upon which 23 | calculations can be made using uniform assumptions about the hours worked by and/or the proper minimum wage rate owed to, the class members. The results of the summaries that Charles Bass is creating, the Excel files that he has constructed that utilize those summaries and contain them, are not believed by plaintiffs to constitute an expert report or to require expert testimony or constitute the "conclusions" of any expert. It is not anticipated that Charles Bass will offer testimony that would include opinions requiring the knowledge or specialized training of an expert, although he is

fully qualified to do so in respect to the use of computer systems and software, including those that he used to create the summaries of the defendants' records and the Excel files upon which plaintiffs will rely to perform uniform calculations upon such summarized information. Plaintiffs contend that the materials prepared by Charles Bass are properly considered at trial pursuant to NRS 52.275 as summaries of voluminous records that can be presented in the form of a "chart, summary or calculation." Defendants will be provided with those summaries and all necessary supporting information in the form of a suitable declaration(s) from Charles Bass to understand their contents and the steps undertaken to prepare them from defendants' records, to the extent not already provided. Because discovery is continuing, and all of the information germane to the calculations sought to be made upon defendants' records have not yet been provided by defendants, the summaries being prepared by Charles Bass, and the Excel files upon which plaintiffs will rely to perform uniform 13 calculations upon such summarized information, are not yet complete. 15

In the event that the materials prepared by Charles Bass for plaintiffs are deemed by the Court to constitute the work product of an expert witness, plaintiffs so designate him as an expert witness. His fees are set forth in his declaration of January 11, 2017. Charles Bass has not given testimony as an expert in any litigation matter in any capacity within the last five years.

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Dated: January 27, 2017

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Leon Greenberg Professional Corporation

By: /s/ Leon Greenberg Leon Greenberg, Esq. Nevada Bar No.: 8094 2965 South Jones Boulevard - Suite E3 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 (702) 383-6085 Attorney for Plaintiff

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** The undersigned certifies that on January 27, 2017, she served the within: PLAINTIFFS' SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES UNDER NEV. R. CIV. P. 16.1 by court electronic service to: TO: Esther C. Rodriguez, Esq. RODRIGUEZ LAW OFFICES, P.C. 10161 Park Run Drive, Suite 150 Las Vegas, NV 89145 /s/ Dana Sniegocki Dana Sniegocki

## CHARLES M. BASS 3418 Overo Ct. North Las Vegas, NV 89032 702-914-0100

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## **EDUCATION**:

Master of Science (M.S.), The American College, Bryn Mawr, PA, 1982, Major: Financial Services Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD, 1972, Major: Mathematics

## **EXPERIENCE**:

SYSTEMS CONSULTANT, Regency Envisions Corp., Denver, CO, 1985-2001, Hardware and software design and implementation for small to medium size companies involving Internet, electronic mail, data transfer, bulletin boards, database configuration, presentation graphics and financial analysis. Programming involving Foxpro, Clipper, Dbase, C++, Visual Basic, SQL Server, Windows NT.

<u>FCONOMIC ANALYST</u>, Regency Econometrics, Denver, CO, 1985-1989, Financial and Economic Valuations and Appraisals involving personal injury litigation, professional sports contracts, and corporate finance. Extensive design and presentation of spreadsheets and graphics applications for negotiations, mediations and trials.

GENERAL MANAGER, Manufacturers Financial Group, Denver, CO, 1983-1985, Directed entire fiscal, marketing, legal and administrative activities in Colorado and Wyoming for \$20 Billion Canadian financial and insurance conglomerate. Created and designed computer systems for administrative and marketing uses.

<u>DIRECTOR</u>, Structured Financial Services, Inc., Baltimore, MD, 1982-1985, Advisory Board to National Structured Settlement Company dealing in annuity settlements for personal injury litigation cases. Created computerized systems for headquarters and 18 regional offices.

PARTNER, Bass, Bridge & Associates, Columbia, MD, 1976-1983, Founder and Senior Partner of marketing firm dealing in insurance, investments and financial services for businesses and individuals. Created and implemented marketing program for fastest growing insurance sales organization in region.

<u>LIFE UNDERWRITER</u>, Equitable Life Assurance Society, Baltimore, MD, 1973-1976, Sales and design of insurance programs for businesses and individuals based on Human life value analysis. Was the youngest person to attain the Chartered Life Underwriter designation in the state of Maryland and qualified for the highest sales awards in the first year.

GROUP REPRESENTATIVE, Monumental Life Insurance Company, Baltimore, MD, 1972-1973, Design and implementation of employee benefit plans including life and medical insurance, disability income, pension and profit sharing plans.

## **AFFILIATIONS**:

PRESIDENT, Colorado Association of Computer Consultants, Denver, CO, 1988-Present

MEMBER, Denver Clipper Users Group, 1988-Present, Electronic Bulletin Board Operator

DIRECTOR, Rocky Mountain Fox Users Group, 1991-Present, Electronic Bulletin Board Operator

## **AFFILIATIONS** (continued):

PRESIDENT, Las Vegas Internet Chamber of Commerce, 2002-2010

MEMBER, Denver Borland Users Group / Developers Conference, 1992-Present, Electronic Bulletin Board Operator

MEMBER, Microsoft Solution Provider, 1992-Present

MEMBER, I/O Group, 1992-Present, Invitation Only Developers Group, Electronic Bulletin Board Operator

**DIRECTOR**, Denver Association of Life Underwriters, 1984-1986, Field Practices & Ethics Chairman, State Directory Chairman, Awards Chairman

PRESIDENT, Columbia/Howard County Life Underwriters Association, Columbia, MD, 1982-1983

VICE-CHAIRMAN, Howard County Economic Development Advisory Council, 1978-1983, Ellicott City, MD, Industrial Revenue Bond Committee

MEMBER, American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters, 1976-1992

MEMBER, National Association of Life Underwriters, 1972-1987

MEMBER, International Association of Financial Planners, 1981-1989

MEMBER, National Association of Securities Dealers, 1981-1987

MEMBER, National Association of Estate Planning Councils, 1978-1983

PRESIDENT, Howard County Business Club, 1976-1983

LIFE MEMBER, Million Dollar Round Table, 1974-1987

## **HONORS**:

CHAIRMAN, United Way Campaign, Howard County, MD, 1978

Outstanding Young Men of America, 1978 Edition

Who's Who in the East, 1981-1982, 1983-1984 Editions

Who's Who in the West, 1985-1986, 1987-1988, 1989-1990, 1991-1992, 1993-1994 Editions

Who's Who in the World, 1986-1987, 1988-1989 Editions

Who's Who in Society, 1986 Edition

Who's Who in Finance and Industry, 1987 - 1995 Editions

Who's Who in Emerging Leaders of America, 1987 - 1995 Editions

Who's Who in the Computer Industry, 1990, 1991, 1992 Editions

Published articles in industry journals on business usage of computers and financial analysis.

Addressed Bar Associations, Computer Industry Trade Shows, Life Underwriter Groups, C.L.U. Chapters and Computer Consultant's Organizations on business and financial analysis, creative usage of computers and marketing.

<u>REFERENCES</u>: Available upon request.

# EXHIBIT B

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January 26, 2017

Via Electronic Service

Leon Greenberg, Esq. 2965 South Jones Boulevard, Suite E4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

> Re: A Cab, LLC adv. Murray & Reno; District Court Case No. A-12669926C

Dear Mr. Greenberg:

Enclosed please find the invoice paid by A Cab, LLC to retrieve and transfer the tripsheets to an external hard drive as you requested.

Please forward a check made payable to A Cab, LLC in care of my office. Upon receipt, the hard drive will be provided to you.

Sincerely,

RODRIGUEZ LAW OFFICES, P.C.

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Esther C. Rodriguez, Esq.

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cc: Michael Wall, Esq.

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1	JANET M. HEROLD, Regional Solicitor
2	SUSAN SELETSKY, FLSA Counsel ANDREW J. SCHULTZ, Trial Attorney
3	California State Bar Number 237231 United States Department of Labor
4	Office of the Solicitor
5	90 Seventh Street, Suite 3-700 San Francisco, California 94103
6	Telephone: (415) 625-7745 Facsimile: (415) 625-7772
7	email:. schultz.andrew@dol.gov
8	Attorneys for Plaintiff, Thomas E. Perez, United States Department of Labor
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10	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA
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12	THOMAS E. PEREZ, Secretary of ) Case No.: 2:14-cv-01615-JCM-VCF Labor, United States Department of )
13	Labor,
14	) CONSENT JUDGMENT AGAINST Plaintiff, ) ALL DEFENDANTS
15	v. )
16	A CAB, LLC; and,
17	CREIGHTON J. NADY an individual,
18	Defendants.
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20	Plaintiff, THOMAS PEREZ, Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor (the
21	"Secretary"); Defendant A CAB LLC, and CREIGHTON J. NADY, an individual, (collectively,
22	"Defendants") having appeared through counsel, and having been duly advised on the
23	proceedings, waive their right to answer the Secretary's Complaint and agree to resolve the
24	matters in controversy in this civil action, and consent to the entry of this Consent Judgment in
25	accordance herewith:
	Consent Judgment 1

- A. The Secretary filed a Complaint alleging that Defendants violated provisions of Sections 6, 11(c), 15(a)(2) and 15(a)(5) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended ("FLSA" or the "Act"). 29 U.S.C. § 206, 211(c), 215(a)(2), and (5). The Secretary's Complaint alleged that Defendants violated Sections 6 and 15(a)(2) of the FLSA by paying its employees' wages at rates less than the applicable federal minimum wage in workweeks when said employees were engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce or were employed in an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, within the meaning of the FLSA; and Defendants violated Sections 11(c) and 15(a)(5) of the FLSA by failing to make, keep and preserve records of their employees and of the wages, hours, and other conditions and practices of employment maintained by them as prescribed by the regulations found in 29 CFR part 516 that are issued, and from time to time amended, pursuant to section 11(c) of the FLSA.
- B. Defendants understand and agree that demanding or accepting any of the funds due employees under this Consent Judgment ("Consent Judgment" or "Judgment") or threatening any employee for accepting money due under this Consent Judgment or for exercising any of their rights under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended ("FLSA" or "the Act"), 29 U.S.C. §201, *et seq.* is specifically prohibited by this Consent Judgment and may subject Defendants to equitable and legal damages, including punitive damages and civil contempt.
- C. Defendants waive Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and agree to the entry of this Consent Judgment in settlement of this action, without further contest.

Therefore, upon motion of the attorneys for the Secretary, and for cause shown:

IT IS HEREBY **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, **AND DECREED** that pursuant to Section 17 of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 217, Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, and all persons in active concert or participation with them be, and they hereby are, permanently enjoined and restrained from violating the provisions of the Act, in any of the following manners:

Consent Judgment

- 1. Defendants shall not, contrary to Sections 6 and 15(a)(2) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 206 and 215(a)(2), employ any of their employees at rates less than the applicable federal minimum wage in workweeks when said employees are engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce or are employed in an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, within the meaning of the FLSA.
- 2. Defendants shall not, contrary to Sections 11(c) and 15(a)(5) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 211(c) and 215(a)(5), fail to make, keep and preserve records of their employees and of the wages, hours, and other conditions and practices of employment maintained by them as prescribed by the regulations found in 29 CFR part 516 that are issued, and from time to time amended, pursuant to section 11(c) of the Act.
- 3. Defendants, jointly and severally, shall not continue to withhold payment of \$139,834.80, plus interest of \$154.00, which represents the unpaid minimum wage compensation hereby found to be due for the period from October 1, 2010, through October 1, 2012, to the present and former employees named in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, in the amounts set forth therein.

FURTHER, **JUDGMENT IS HEREBY ENTERED**, pursuant to Section 16(c) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. § 216(c), in favor of the Secretary and against the Defendants, jointly and severally, in the total amount of \$139,988.80

- 4. The provisions of paragraphs 3 of this Consent Judgment will be deemed satisfied when Defendants deliver the following to District Director, Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor, 600 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite 750 Las Vegas, NV 89101-6654.
  - a. Within fourteen calendar days of the entry of this Consent Judgment,
    Defendants shall deliver a schedule containing the last known (home) address, social
    security number, home telephone number (if known), and cell phone number of those
    persons listed in Exhibit A.
- b. PAYMENT TERMS. No later than January 2, 2015, Defendants shall deliver a cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$39,988.84 payable to the Consent Judgment 3

order of the "Wage & Hour Div., Labor," with the term "A Cab, LLC" written thereon, as the first of thirteen payments towards the back wages found due hereunder.

- c. On or before the first day of each of the following 12 consecutive months, Defendants shall deliver a cashier's check or money order payable to "Wage & Hour Div., Labor," with the term "A Cab, LLC" written thereon, in the amount of \$8,333.33, until the total amount due under the backwage provisions of this Consent Judgment has been paid in full.
- 5. The Secretary shall allocate and distribute the remittances, or the proceeds thereof, less deductions for employees' share of Social Security and federal withholding taxes to the persons named in the attached Exhibit A, or to their estates if that be necessary, in his sole discretion, and any money not so paid within a period of three years from the date of its receipt, because of an inability to locate the proper persons or because of their refusal to accept it, shall be then deposited in the Treasury of the United States, as miscellaneous receipts, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(c). The Secretary shall be responsible for deducting the employee's share of FICA and federal income taxes from the amounts paid to the persons named in the attached Exhibit A, and for remitting said deductions to the appropriate federal agencies.
- Defendants shall not request, solicit, suggest, or coerce, directly, or indirectly, any employee to return or to offer to return to any Defendant or to any person acting on behalf of any Defendant, any money in the form of cash, check, or any other form, for wages previously due or to become due in the future to said employee under the provisions of this judgment or the Act; nor shall any Defendant accept, or receive from any employee, either directly or indirectly, any money in the form of cash, check, or any other form, for wages heretofore or hereafter paid to said employee under the provisions of this judgment or the Act; nor shall Defendants discharge or in any other manner discriminate, nor solicit or encourage anyone else to discriminate, against any such employee because such employee has received or retained money due to him from the Defendants under the provisions of this judgment or the Act. Defendants shall pay all wages owed to their employees "free and clear," as required by 29 C.F.R. § 531.35.

Consent Judgment

- 7. In the event of a default in the timely making of any of the payments specified herein, the full gross amount outstanding due under this Consent Judgment, plus liquidated damages due under FLSA Section 16(c), 29 U.S.C. § 216(c), in the amount of \$139,834.80, plus post-judgment interest at the rate of 10% per year from the date of this Consent Judgment until the full amount of this Consent Judgment is paid in full, shall become immediately due and payable directly to the U.S. Department of Labor by certified check to the District Director of the Wage and Hour Division at the address in paragraph 4. For the purposes of this paragraph, a "default" is deemed to occur if payment is not delivered within five calendar days of the due date.
- 8. Defendants shall make and keep records demonstrating the total number of hours worked for each driver for each day and each week.
- 9. Defendants shall not claim that any portion of a driver's work shift is break time to be excluded from hours worked unless the driver is completely relieved from all duties for at least 30 consecutive minutes.
- 10. The filing, pursuit, and/or resolution of this proceeding with the filing of this Consent Judgment shall not act as or be asserted as a bar to any action under Section 16(b) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), as to any employee not named on the Exhibit A attached to the Consent Judgment and incorporated hereto by reference, nor as to any employee named on the Exhibit A for any period not specified herein for the back wage recovery provisions.
- 11. Defendants agree and stipulate to enter into this Consent Judgment for the sole purpose of resolving disputed facts and neither admit nor deny the allegations contained in the Secretary's Complaint.

Consent Judgment

1	12. Each party shall bear all fees and other expenses (including court costs) incurred				
2	by such party in connection with any stage of this proceeding to date; and it is further,				
3	ORDERED that the parties to the instant complaint shall comply with the terms of this				
4	Consent Judgment;				
5	ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this action for purposes of				
6	enforcing compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment; and				
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8	Dated November 5, 2014.				
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9	<u>Xella C. Alaba</u>				
10	UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE				
11	Consented to By:				
12	E. Di :: CC.				
13	For Plaintiffs: For Defendants:				
14	Dated: September 30, 2014				
15	M. PATRICIA SMITH Solicitor of Labor  CREICHION J. NADY, as an individual and				
16	on behalf of A CAB LLC  JANET M. HEROLD				
17	Regional Solicitor Approved as to Form:				
18	SUSAN SELETSKY Johns Dated: 9/30/14				
19	FLSA Counsel  ESTHER C. RODRIGUEZ, Esq.  Rodriguez Law Offices, P.C.				
20	ANDREW J. SCHULTZ 10161 Park Run Drive, Suite 150 Las Yegas, Nevada, 89145				
21	Trial Attorney				
22	# SREGORY/J. KAMER				
	Dated: October 2014  Kamer Zucker Abbott 3000 West Charleston Blvd., Suite 3				
23	Las Vegas, NV 89102				
24	Attorneys for Defendants				
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## EXHIBIT A

## **NAME**

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Brown, Maurice Buergey, Christopher M Butler, Bonnie J Caldwell Jr., Paul M Calise, Domenic R Cancio-Betancourt, Rene S Carr, Jamaal C Casiello, Anthony R Catoggio, Alfred T Caymite, Luc Chang, Yun-Yu Chasteen, Jeffrey T Chatrizeh, Shahin Chau, Phi V Chico, David Choudhary, Krishna M Christensen, Rosa L Christodoulou, Panos Cohoon, Thomas S Coizeau, Leonardo R Collier, Ella R Collins, Donald V Collins, Lincoln Coney-Cummings, Keisha T Conway, James H Costello, Brad Craddock, Charles P Crawford, Darryl W Daniels, Donald W Daniels, Katherine A Danielsen, Danny D'Arcy, Timothy C Davis, Bradley C Deguzman, Fermin B Deguzman, Leloi S

DeMarco, William J Deocampo, Michael M Desta, Fissehaye S Diaz, Aiser L Dibaba, Desta T Diemoz, Ernest D Dillard, Corey L Dinok, Ildiko Disbrow, Ronald L Dobszewicz, Gary S Donahoe, Stephen L Dontchev, Nedeltcho Dotson, Contessa R Dotson, Eugene B Draper, Ivan L Dudek, Anthony R Durey, Robert J Durtschi, Jeffrey Edwards, Jeffrey A Egan, Joseph W Ekoue, Ayi Ellis, Charles C Emling, Paul E Ernst, William L Eshaghi, Mohammad Estrada, Michael S Evans, Pamela D Fadlallah, Michel J Farah, Yohannes M Fears, Thomas A Feleke, Melak M Fesehazion, Teabe Filfel, Kamal A Fleming, Gary G Frankenberger, Grant R

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Garcia, Miguel B

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Garras, Bill G

Gaumond, Gerard J

Gebrayes, Henock L

Gebremariam, Meley A

Gebreyes, Fanuel H

Gelane, Samuel G

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Gianopoulos, Samuel N

Gillett, David C

Gilmore, Paula J

Gleason, John T

Glogovac, Goran

Godsey, Kelly L

Golden, Theresa M

Golla, Dawit A

Gomez-Gomez, Arlene R

Gonzalez, Luis A

Gonzalez, Ramon

Goolsby, Victor

Grafton, Natasha D

Gray, Gary D

Green, Tony D

Greever, Rickey E

Gross, Timothy S

Guil, Inessa

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Lovelady, Warren S Lovin, Charles E Lydick, Chip S Macato, Jaime L Magana, Luis Antonio Magazin, Milorad Mahoney, Kevin J Mainwaring, David C Majors, John N Manor, Quincy A Maras, Maria M Martinez-Ramirez, Eduardo Mastrio, Angelo M Maza, Inez E McCarter, Patrick E McCarthy, John L McConnell, Therral R McCoubrey, Earl E McGowan, Sean McGregor, Matthew E McLandaum, Antonio O McNeece, James J Medina, Taurean S Mekonen, Solomon Melesse, Abebe B Meloro, Paul M Mengesha, Alemayehu Menocal, Pedro P Mezzenasco, Pedro J Milliron, Darrol Q Mindyas, James B Mirkulovski, Danny Mitrikov, Ilko I Mogeeth, Ehab K Monforte II, Peter R

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Yesayan, Razmik
Yihdego, Abdulkadir M
Yimer, Yidersal Z
Younes, Ahmed
Zabadneh, Randa
Zafar, John A
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# EXHIBIT D

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# **BETA Consultants LLC**

Dubric v. A Cab LLC Case No. A-15-721063-C

Estimate of Wage and Hour Settlement, April 1, 2009 to September 30, 2016

Prepared by: Nicole S. Omps, CPA

Prepared for: Trent L. Richards, Esq. and Esther C. Rodriguez, Esq.

Report Date: October 4, 2016

Dubric v. A Cab LLC Case No. A-15-721063-C October 4, 2016

### Summary.

I, Nicole S. Omps, was engaged by The Bourassa Law Group and A Cab, LLC to review amounts paid to class members as compared to amounts that should have been paid, prepare a summary of findings and provide claim support during the Alternative Dispute Resolution Process and Mediation of Dubric v. A Cab LLC.

Procedures performed during this engagement do not constitute a compilation, review, or audit of financial records or financial statements.

# Objectives, Scope and Observations

The objective of this engagement is to assist the parties in reaching a fair settlement amount. I have reviewed and analyzed documentation provided by the defendant, A Cab LLC, in order to identify an estimation of a fair settlement amount for the period of April 1, 2009 to September 30, 2016.

I have identified an estimated settlement range of \$224,529 to \$471,651, which is detailed in Appendix A - Estimate of Wage and Hour Settlement. This schedule is supported by my review of relevant documentation and calculations, including gross payroll detail and includes assumptions as outlined in the schedule.

#### Limitations and Restrictions

Findings are based on information readily available as of the date of this report. Various time constraints, availability of documentation and reporting parameters may have imposed unforeseeable limits on the scope and procedures performed. Due to the limited nature and scope of this engagement it cannot be relied upon to discover all documents and other information or provide all analyses, which may have importance to this matter.

Nicole S. Omps, CPA
BETA Consultants LLC

Date

# Appendix A

A Cab, LLC
Estimate of Wage and Hour Settlment
April 2009 through September 2016

Time Period	Total Gross Pay	DOL Audit % of Gross Pay	Estimated Under Payment
April 2009 - September 2010	4,149,175.16	2.161585%	89,687.95
October 2010 - September 2012	6,476,209.51	2.161585%	139,988.80
October 2012 - June 2014	6,238,047.77	2.161585%	134,840.70
July 2014 - September 2016	11,432,466.24	2.161585%	247,122.48
Total April 2009 - September 2016		i e maning	611,639.93
DOL Audit Consent Judgment Paid			(139,988.80)
Adjusted April 2009 - September 2016		Promphilia de la companya de la comp	471,651.13
Minimum Wage Requirements Met			(247,122.48)
Total April 2009 - June 2014		ment of the control of the	224,528.65

Based on the calculations of above I have identified an estimated settlement range of: \$224,258.65 to \$471,651.13

#### **Assumptions:**

Based on a Department of Labor Wage-Hour Investigation A Cab for the time period October 2010 to October 2012, it was determined that A Cab, LLC underpaid Drivers at a rate of 2.161585% of total gross pay.

<b>Gross Pay</b>	6,476,209.51
Judgement	139,988.80
Rate	2.161585%

The calculations above use this over the entire period from April 2009 through September 2016.

June 26, 2014 Nevada Supreme Court decision in Thomas v. Yellow Cab maintains that taxicab drivers are not exempt from minimum wage requirements. A Cab, LLC asserts from this point forward all minimum wage requirements were met.

# EXHIBIT E

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NOEO **CLERK OF THE COURT** LEON GREENBERG, ESQ., SBN 8094 DANA SNIEGOCKI, ESQ., SBN 11715 Leon Greenberg Professional Corporation 2965 South Jones Blvd-Suite E3 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 (702) 383-6085 (702) 385-1827(fax) leongreenberg@overtimelaw.com dana(a)overtimelaw.com Attorneys for Plaintiffs DISTRICT COURT 8 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 9 Case No.: A-12-669926-C MICHAEL MURRAY, and MICHAEL RENO, Individually and on behalf of Dept.: I others similarly situated, 11 NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER Plaintiffs, 12 VS. 13 A CAB TAXI SERVICE LLC, and A CAB, LLC, Defendants. 15 16 17 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Court entered the attached Order in this 18 matter on June 7, 2016. Dated: June 7, 2016 LEON GREENBERG PROFESSIONAL CORP. 21 /s/ Leon Greenberg 22 23 Leon Greenberg, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 8094 24 2965 S. Jones Boulevard - Ste. E-3 Las Vegas, NV 89146 Tel (702) 383-6085 25 Attorney for the Plaintiffs 26 27 28

# CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned certifies that on June 7, 2016, she served the within:

Notice of Entry of Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Class Action Pursuant to NRCP Rule 23(b)(2) and NRCP Rule 23(b)(3) and Denying Without Prejudice Plaintiffs' Motion to Appoint a Special Master Under NCRP Rule 53 as Amended by this Court in Response to Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration heard in Chambers on March 28, 2016.

by court electronic service to:

TO:

Esther C. Rodriguez, Esq. RODRIGUEZ LAW OFFICES, P.C. 10161 Park Run Drive, Suite 150 Las Vegas, NV 89145

/s/ Dana Sniegocki

Dana Sniegocki

ORDR LEON GREENBERG, ESQ. Nevada Bar No.: 8094 CLERK OF THE COURT DANA SNIEGOCKI, ESQ. Nevada Bar No.: 11715 Leon Greenberg Professional Corporation 2965 South Jones Boulevard - Suite E-3 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 (702) 383-6085 (702) 385-1827(fax) leongreenberg@overtimelaw.com 8 dana(a)overtimelaw.com Attorneys for Plaintiffs DISTRICT COURT 8 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 3 **}**{} Case No.: A-12-669926-C MICHAEL MURRAY and 1 MICHAEL RENO, individually and on behalf of all others similarly DEPT .: I 12 situated, 13 Plaintiffs, 14 VS. 15 A CAB TAXI SERVICE LLC, A CAB, LLC, and CREIGHTON J. 18 NADY. Defendants. 17 18 Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Class Action Pursuant to NRCP  $\frac{1}{2}$ Rule 23(b)(2) and NRCP Rule 23(b)(3) and Denying Without Prejudice Plaintiffs' Motion to Appoint a Special Master Under NCRP Rule 53 20 as Amended by this Court in Response to Defendants' Motion for 21 Reconsideration heard in Chambers on March 28, 2016 22 Plaintiffs filed their Motion to Certify this Case as a Class Action Pursuant to NRCP 23(b)(3) and NRCP 23(b)(2), and appoint a Special Master, on May 19, 2015. 24 25 Defendants' Response in Opposition to plaintiffs' motion was filed on June 8, 2015. 28 Plaintiffs thereafter filed their Reply to defendants' Response in Opposition to 27 plaintiffs' motion on July 13, 2015. This matter, having come before the Court for 28

hearing on November 3, 2015, with appearances by Leon Greenberg, Esq. and Dana Sniegocki, Esq. on behalf of all plaintiffs, and Esther Rodriguez, Esq., on behalf of all defendants, and the Court, having heard in Chambers on March 28, 2016 the defendants' motion for reconsideration of the Order entered by this Court on February 10, 2016, granting in part and denying in part such motion by the plaintiffs, following the arguments of such counsel, and after due consideration of the parties' respective briefs, and all pleadings and papers on file herein, and good cause appearing, therefore

# THE COURT FINDS:

That it had previously issued an Order on the aforesaid motion made by plaintiffs, which Order was entered on February 10, 2016 and which Order is now superseded and replaced by this Order as a result of the Court granting in part Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration of the February 10, 2016 Order which Motion for Reconsideration was heard in Chambers on March 28, 2016 and an Order on the same entered on April 28, 2016.

# In Respect to the Request for Class Certification

Upon review of the papers and pleadings on file in this matter, and the evidentiary record currently before the Court, the Court holds that plaintiffs have adequately established that the prerequisites of Nev. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3) and 23(b)(2) are met to certify the requested classes seeking damages and suitable injunctive relief under Article 15, Section 16 of the Nevada Constitution (the "Minimum Wage Amendment") and NRS 608.040 (those are the First and Second Claims for Relief in

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the Second Amended and Supplemental Complaint) and grants the motion in respect to those claims. The Court makes no determinations of the merits of the claims asserted nor whether any minimum wages are actually owed to any class members, or whether any injunctive relief should actually be granted, as such issues are not properly considered on a motion for class certification. In compliance with what the Court believes is required, or at least directed by the Nevada Supreme Court as desirable, the Court also makes certain findings supporting its decision to grant class certification under NRCP Rule 23. See, Beazer Homes Holding Corp. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court., 291 P.3d 128, 136 (2012) (En Banc) (Granting writ petition, finding district court erred in failing to conduct an NRCP Rule 23 analysis, and holding that "[u]ltimately, upon a motion to proceed as a class action, the district court must "thoroughly analyze NRCP 23's requirements and document its findings."" Citing D.R. Horton v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ("First Light II"), 215 P.3d 697, 704 (Nev. Sup. Ct. 2009).

As an initial matter, the nature of the claims made in this case are of the sort for which class action treatment would, at least presumptively, likely be available if not sensible. A determination of whether an employee is owed unpaid minimum hourly wages requires that three things be determined: the hours worked, the wages paid, and the applicable hourly minimum wage. Once those three things are known the minimum wages owed, if any, are not subject to diminution by the employee's contributory negligence, any state of mind of the parties, or anything else of an

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individual nature that has been identified to the Court. Making those same three determinations, involving what is essentially a common formula, for a large group of persons, is very likely to involve an efficient process and common questions. The minimum hourly wage rate is set at a very modest level, meaning the amounts of unpaid minimum wages likely to be owed to any putative class member are going to presumptively be fairly small, an additional circumstance that would tend to weigh in favor of class certification.

In respect to granting the motion and the record presented in this case, the Court finds it persuasive that a prior United States Department of Labor ("USDOL") litigation initiated against the defendants resulted in a consent judgment obligating the defendants to pay \$139,834.80 in unpaid minimum wages to the USDOL for distribution to 430 taxi drivers under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (the "FLSA") for the two year period from October 1, 2010 through October 2, 2012. The parties dispute the collateral estoppel significance of that consent judgment in this litigation. The Court does not determine that issue at this time, inasmuch as whether the plaintiffs are actually owed minimum wages (the "merits" of their claims) is not a finding that this Court need make, nor presumably one it should make, in the context of granting or denying a motion for class certification. The USDOL, as a public law enforcement agency has a duty, much like a prosecuting attorney in the criminal law context, to only institute civil litigation against employers when credible evidence exists that such employers have committed violations of the FLSA. Accordingly,

whether or not the consent judgment is deemed as a binding admission by defendants that they owe \$139,834.80 in unpaid minimum wages under the FLSA for distribution to 430 taxi drivers, it is appropriate for the Court to find that the Consent judgment constitutes substantial evidence that, at least at this stage in these proceedings, common questions exist that warrant the granting of class certification. The Court concludes that the record presented persuasively establishes that there are at least two common questions warranting class certification in this case for the purposes of NRCP Rule 23(b)(3) ("damages class" certification) that are coextensive with the period covered by the USDOL consent judgment and for the period prior to June of 2014.

The first such question would be whether the class members are owed additional minimum wages, beyond that agreed to be paid in the USDOL consent judgment, and for the period covered by the consent judgment, by virtue of the Minimum Wage Amendment imposing an hourly minimum wage rate that is \$1.00 an hour higher than the hourly minimum wage required by the FLSA for employees who do not receive "qualifying health insurance." The second such question would be whether the class members are owed additional minimum wages, beyond that alleged by USDOL for the period covered by the consent judgment, by virtue of the Minimum Wage Amendment not allowing an employer a "tip credit" towards its minimum wage requirements, something that the FLSA does grant to employers in respect to its minimum wage requirements. It is unknown whether the USDOL consent judgment

calculations include or exclude the application of any "tip credit" towards the FLSA minimum wage deficiency alleged by the USDOL against the defendants.

In respect to the "tip credit" issue plaintiffs have also demonstrated a violation of Nevada's Constitution existing prior to June of 2014. Plaintiff has provided to the Court payroll records from 2014 for taxi driver employee and class member Michael Sargeant indicating that he was paid \$7.25 an hour but only when his tip earnings are included. Defendant has not produced any evidence (or even asserted) that the experience of Michael Sargeant in respect to the same was isolated and not common to many of its taxi driver employees. The Nevada Constitution's minimum wage requirements, unlike the FLSA, prohibits an employer from using a "tip credit" and applying an employee's tips towards any portion of its minimum wage obligation. The Sargeant payroll records, on their face, establish a violation of Nevada's minimum wage standards for a certain time period and strongly support the granting of the requested class certification.

The Court makes no finding that the foregoing two identified common questions are the only common questions present in this case that warrant class certification. Such two identified issues are sufficient for class certification as the commonality prerequisite of NRCP Rule 23(a) is satisfied when a "single common question of law or fact" is identified. *Shuette v.Beazer Homes Holdings Corp.*, 121 Nev. 837, 848 (2005). In addition, there also appear to be common factual and legal issues presented by the claims made under NRS 608.040 for statutory "waiting time"

penalties for former taxi driver employees of defendants. Such common questions are readily apparent as NRS 608.040 is a strict liability statute..

The Court also finds that the other requirements for class certification under NRCP Rule 23(b)(3) are adequately satisfied upon the record presented. Numerosity is established as the United States Department of Labor investigation identified over 430 potential class members in the consent judgment who may have claims for minimum wages under the Minimum Wage Amendment. "[A] putative class of forty or more generally will be found numerous." Shuette, 122 Nev. at 847. Similarly, adequacy of representation and typicality seem appropriately satisfied upon the record presented. It is undisputed that the two named plaintiffs, who were found in the USDOL consent judgment to be owed unpaid minimum wages under the FLSA, and additional class representative Michael Sargeant, whose payroll records show, on their face, a violation of Nevada's minimum wage requirements, are or have been taxi drivers employed by the defendants. Counsel for the plaintiffs have also demonstrated their significant experience in the handling of class actions. The Court also believes the superiority of a class resolution of these claims is established by their presumptively small individual amounts, the practical difficulties that the class members would encounter in attempting to litigate such claims individually and obtain individual counsel, the status of many class members as current employees of defendants who may be loath to pursue such claims out of fear of retaliation, and the desirability of centralizing the resolution of the common questions presented by the γ,

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over 430 class members in a single proceeding.

In respect to class certification under NRCP Rule 23(b)(2) for appropriate class wide injunctive relief the Court makes no finding that any such relief shall be granted, only that it will grant such class certification and consider at an appropriate time the form and manner, if any, of such injunction. The existence of common policies by defendants that either directly violate the rights of the class members to receive the minimum wages required by Nevada's Constitution, or that impair the enforcement of those rights and are otherwise illegal, are substantially supported by the evidence proffered by the plaintiffs. That evidence includes a written policy of defendants reserving the right to unilaterally deem certain time during a taxi driver's shift as noncompensable and non-working "personal time." Defendants have also failed to keep records of the hours worked by their taxi drivers for each pay period for a number years, despite having an obligation to maintain such records under NRS 608.215 and being advised by the USDOL in 2009 to keep such records. And as documented by the Michael Sargeant payroll records, the defendants, for a period of time after this Court's Order entered on February 11, 2013 finding that the Nevada Constitution's minimum wage provisions apply to defendants' taxicab drivers, failed to pay such minimum wages, such failure continuing through at least June of 2014. Plaintiffs have also alleged in sworn declarations that defendants have a policy of forcing their taxi drivers to falsify their working time records, allegations, which if true, may also warrant the granting of injunctive relief.

The Court notes that Nevada's Constitution commands this Court to grant the plaintiffs "all remedies available under the law or in equity" that are "appropriate" to "remedy any violation" of the Nevada Constitution's minimum wage requirements. In taking note of that command the Court does not, at this time, articulate what form, if any, an injunction may take, only that it is not precluding any of the forms of injunctive relief proposed by plaintiffs, including Ordering defendants to pay minimum wages to its taxi drivers in the future; Ordering defendants to maintain proper records of their taxi drivers' hours of work; Ordering notification to the defendants' taxi drivers of their rights to minimum wages under Nevada's Constitution; and Ordering the appointment of a Special Master to monitor defendants' compliance with such an injunction.

Defendants have not proffered evidence or arguments convincing the Court that it should doubt the accuracy of the foregoing findings. The Court is also mindful that *Shuette* supports the premise that it is better for the Court to initially grant class certification, if appropriate, and "reevaluate the certification in light of any problems that appear post-discovery or later in the proceedings." *Shuette* 124 P.3d at 544.

In Respect to the Request for the Appointment of a Special Master

Plaintiffs have also requested the appointment of a Special Master under NRCP Rule 53, to be paid by defendants, to compile information on the hours of work of the class members as set forth in their daily trip sheets. The Court is not persuaded that the underlying reasons advanced by plaintiffs provide a sufficient basis to place the

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entirety of the financial burden of such a process upon the defendants. Accordingly, the Court denies that request without prejudice at this time.

Therefore

# IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Class Action Pursuant to NRCP 23(b)(3) is GRANTED. The class shall consist of the class claims as alleged in the First and Second Claims for Relief in the Second Amended and Supplemental Complaint of all persons employed by any of the defendants as taxi drivers in the State of Nevada at anytime from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2015, except such persons who file with the Court a written statement of their election to exclude themselves from the class as provided below. Also excluded from the class is Jasminka Dubric who has filed an individual lawsuit against the defendant A CAB LLC seeking unpaid minimum wages and alleging conversion by such defendant, such case pending before this Court under Case No. A-15-721063-C. The class claims are all claims for damages that the class members possess against the defendants under the Minimum Wage Amendment arising from unpaid minimum wages that are owed to the class members for work they performed for the defendants from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2015 and all claims they may possess under NRS 608.040 if they are a former taxi driver employee of the defendants and are owed unpaid minimum wages that were not paid to them upon their employment termination as provided for by such statute Leon Greenberg and Dana Sniegocki of Leon Greenberg Professional 10.

Corporation are appointed as class counsel and the named plaintiffs Michael Murray and Michael Reno, and class member Michael Sargeant, are appointed as class representatives. The Court will allow discovery pertaining to the class members and the class claims.

# IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Class Action Pursuant to NRCP 23(b)(2) for appropriate equitable and injunctive relief as authorized by Article 15, Section 16 of Nevada's Constitution is **GRANTED** and the named plaintiffs Michael Murray and Michael Reno, and class member Michael Sargeant, are also appointed as class representatives for that purpose. The class shall consist of all persons employed by defendants as taxi drivers in the State of Nevada at any time from July 1, 2007 through the present and continuing into the future until a further Order of this Court issues.

# IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) Defendants' counsel is to produce to plaintiffs' counsel, within 10 days of the service of Notice of Entry of this Order, the names and last known addresses of all persons employed as taxicab drivers by any of the defendants in the State of Nevada from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2015, such information to be provided in an Excel or CSV or other agreed upon computer data file, as agreed upon

by counsel for the parties, containing separate fields for name, street address, city, state and zip code and suitable for use to mail the Notice of Class Action;

- (2) Plaintiffs' counsel, upon receipt of the names and addresses described in (1) above, shall have 40 days thereafter (and if such 40<sup>th</sup> day is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday the first following business day) to mail a Notice of Class Action in substantially the form annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" to such persons to notify them of the certification of this case as a class action pursuant to Nev. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3) and shall promptly file with the Court a suitable declaration confirming that such mailing has been performed;
- (3) The class members are enjoined from the date of entry of this Order, until or unless a further Order is issued by this Court, from prosecuting or compromising any of the class claims except as part of this action and only as pursuant to such Order; and
- (4) Class members seeking exclusion from the class must file a written statement with the Court setting forth their name, address, and election to be excluded from the class, no later than 55 days after the mailing of the Notice of Class Action as provided for în (2), above.

# TT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

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Plaintiffs' motion to appoint a Special Master under NRCP Rule 53 is denied without prejudice at this time.

# IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

That the stay issued by this Court pending the Court's Reconsideration of Prior Order, such stay entered via the Court's Order of April 6, 2016, is dissolved.

# IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 3 day of June, 2016.

Hon, Kenneth Conf District Court Judge Submitted /

Dana Sniegocki, Esq.

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Attorneys for Plaintiffs

# EXHIBIT "A"

# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

MICHAEL MURRAY and MICHAEL RENO, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated.

Case No.: A-12-669926-C

Plaintiffs.

Dept.: I

VS.

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION CERTIFICATION

A CAB TAXI SERVICE LLC, A CAB, LLC, and CREIGHTON J. NADY,

Defendants.

You are being sent this notice because you are a member of the class of current and former taxi drivers employed by A CAB TAXI SERVICE LLC and A CAB, LLC ("A-Cab") that has been certified by the Court. Your rights as a class member are discussed in this notice.

# NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION CERTIFICATION

On [date] this Court issued an Order certifying this case as a class action for all taxi driver employees of A-Cab (the "class members") who were employed at anytime from July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2015. The purpose of such class action certification is to resolve the following questions:

- (1) Does A-Cab owe class members any unpaid minimum wages pursuant to Nevada's Constitution?
- (2) If they do owe class members minimum wages, what is the amount each is owed and must now be paid by A-Cab?
- (3) What additional money, if any, should A-Cab pay to the class members besides unpaid minimum wages?
- (4) For those class members who have terminated their employment with A-Cab since October 8, 2010, what, if any, additional money, up to 30 days unpaid wages, are owed to them by A-Cab under Nevada Revised Statutes 608.040?

The class certification in this case may also be amended or revised in the future which means the Court may not answer all of the above questions or may answer additional questions.

# NOTICE OF YOUR RIGHTS AS A CLASS MEMBER

If you wish to have your claim as a class member decided as part of this case you do not need to do anything. The class is represented by Leon Greenberg and Dana Sniegocki (the "class counsel"). Their attorney office is Leon Greenberg Professional Corporation, located at 2965 South Jones Street, Suite E-3, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89146. Their telephone number is 702-383-6085 and email can be sent to them at leongreenberg@overtimelaw.com. Communications by email instead of telephone calls are preferred.

You are not required to have your claim for unpaid minimum wages and other possible monies owed to you by A Cab decided as part of this case. If you wish to exclude yourself from the class you may do so by filing a written and signed statement in this Court's file on this case with the Clerk of the Eighth Judicial District Court, which is located at 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89101 no later than [insert date 55 days after mailing] setting forth your name and address and stating that you are excluding yourself from this case. If you do not exclude yourself from the class you will be bound by any Judgment rendered in this case, whether favorable or unfavorable to the class. If you remain a member of the class you may enter an appearance with the Court through an attorney of your own selection. You do need not get an attorney to represent you in this case and if you fail to do so you will be represented by class counsel.

#### THE COURT IS NEUTRAL

No determination has been made that A-Cab or Nady owes any class members any money. The Court is neutral in this case and is not advising you to take any particular course of action. If you have questions about this notice or your legal rights against A-Cab you should contact class counsel at 702-383-6085 or by email to leongreenberg@overtimelaw.com or consult with another attorney. The Court cannot advise you about what you should do.

# NO RETALIATION IS PERMITTED IF YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS LAWSUIT

Nevada's Constitution protects you from any retaliation or discharge from your employment for participating in this case or remaining a member of the class. You cannot be punished by A-Cab or fired from your employment with them for being a class member. A-Cab cannot fire you or punish you if this case is successful in collecting money for the class members and you receive a share of that money.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Date:

/s/ Hon. Kenneth Cory, District Court Judge

# EXHIBIT F

## EXHIBIT F

## **REGISTER OF ACTIONS**

CASE No. A-12-669926-C

Michael Murray, Plaintiff(s) vs. A Cab Taxi Service LLC, Defendant(s)

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Case Type: Other Civil Filing
Subtype: Other Civil Matters
Date Filed: 10/08/2012

Location: District Court Civil/Criminal Help

Location: Department 1
Cross-Reference Case A669926

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#### **EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT**

03/28/2016 All Pending Motions (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer Cory, Kenneth)

DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION ...DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR STAY PENDING PROCEEDINGS

#### Minutes

03/28/2016 3:00 AM

- DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION ... DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR STAY PENDING PROCEEDINGS COURT ORDERED, Defendants Motion for Reconsideration is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART. The Court agrees with Defendants and ORDERS that claims Nos. 3 and 4 were not certified as class claims. The COURT FURTHER ORDERS that language on p. 5: 11-13 regarding qualifying health insurance be removed. Lastly, the COURT ORDERS that language on p. 5:26 stating that defendants do not dispute be removed. COURT FURTHER ORDERS, the balance of the motion is DENIED. Plaintiff to submit a new order with the above changes. This case is now three and a half years old. Defendants have no reason to believe that the pending matters before the Supreme Court will be resolved in the near term. Accordingly, this matter must proceed forward. The fact that this is a class action that little or no discovery has been done is alarming to say the least. There can be no more delays. COURT ORDERS, Defendants' Motion for Stay Pending Proceedings DENIED. Mr. Greenberg to prepare the Order. CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: Leon Greenberg, Esq. and Esther Rodriguez, Esq. via e-mail. /mlt CLERK'S NOTE: Minute Order has been corrected to indicate the correct Motion For Reconsideration. /mlt

## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-12-669926-C Michael Murray, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
A Cab Taxi Service LLC, Defendant(s)

**September 22, 2016** 

**Minute Order** 

HEARD BY: Cory, Kenneth COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16A

**COURT CLERK:** Michele Tucker

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

Plaintiff has submitted a proposed Order to the Court, to which the Defendants have objected.

A reading of the Defendants' opposition to the present Motion leaves one with the question of whether the Defense appreciates the gravity that inures to a Plaintiffs case when alleging the denial of constitutional rights under Nevada's Constitution. The Second Amended Complaint alleges a wholesale denial of constitutional rights to Defendants' employees. It follows that a careful examination of the serious allegations and the evidence that underlies those allegations must be made by the Court. To the extent that Plaintiffs are unable to prove their allegations in the matter because Defendants are in sole possession of evidence Plaintiffs would utilize, then unless some privilege protects disclosure of the evidence it will not do for Defendants to simply fail to produce the evidence. In the event that Defendants protest that they do not possess such evidence, then it is the proper course for this Court to determine the truth of that position through all means necessary and reasonable.

Nonetheless, in light of Defendants continued objections to providing the evidence called for (the Court notes Defendants have now filed a Motion for a Protective Order from the Discovery Commissioner), and their protest that the burden of proof in this matter should not be shifted to Defendants, the Court will not order the burden shifted at this time. It would behoove the Court to move cautiously in this area. Accordingly, the Court will echo Defendants request in their Motion for a Protective Order that the Discovery Commissioner give what time she can to the monitoring of the discovery process in this area of controversy.

Only after discovery discloses whether the Defendants could provide the already ordered discovery will the Court further consider Plaintiff's request to shift the burden of proof on this issue, and other PRINT DATE: 09/22/2016 Page 1 of 2 Minutes Date: September 22, 2016

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measures.

The Order submitted by Plaintiffs should be amended accordingly.

Given the allegations of the Second Amended and Supplemental Complaint, the Order submitted by Plaintiffs as to the certification of the third and fourth claims for relief in the Second Amended Complaint against Defendant Creighton Nady are accurately framed in the Order submitted.

COURT ORDERS, Plaintiff is to resubmit in compliance with this Order.

A copy of this minute order shall be submitted to the Discovery Commissioner.

CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: Leon Greenberg, Esq. (leongreenberg@overtimelaw.com); Michael Wall, Esq. (mwall@hutchlegal.com), and Esther Rodriguez, Esq. (esther@rodriguezlaw.com). /mlt

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## EXHIBIT G

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#### DISTRICT COURT

### **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

MICHAEL SARGEANT, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

V.

HENDERSON TAXI,

Defendant.

CASE NO.: A-15-714136-C DEPT. NO.: XVII

#### NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER **GRANTING MOTION FOR** ATTORNEYS' FEES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, an Order Granting Motion for Attorneys' Fees was entered on the 8th day of July, 2016. A copy is attached hereto.

DATED this 11th day of July 2016

#### HOLLAND & HART LLP

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#### DISTRICT COURT

#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

MICHAEL SARGEANT, individually and on CASE NO.: A-15-714136-C behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

HENDERSON TAXI,

Defendant.

DEPT. NO.: XVII

#### ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES

Defendant Henderson Taxi's ("Defendant" or "Henderson Taxi") Motion for Attorneys' Fees (the "Motion") came before the Court on Chamber's Calendar on May 4, 2016.

The Court, having read and considered Henderson Taxi's Motion, Plaintiff Michael Sargeant's ("Plaintiff" or "Sargeant") Opposition, Henderson Taxi's Reply, all exhibits attached thereto, and good cause appearing, hereby grants Henderson Taxi's Motion in the amount of \$26,715.00 for the reasons set forth below:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- Sargeant filed this action on February 18, 2015, alleging that Henderson Taxi failed to pay its taxicab drivers the minimum wage required by the Nevada Constitution.
- 2. On May 27, 2015, Sargeant filed a motion seeking to certify this case as a class action ("Motion to Certify").

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- On or about July 8, 2015, Henderson Taxi produced correspondence and a settlement 3. agreement between it and the ITPEU/OPEIU Local 4873, AFL-CIO (the "Union"), the Union representing Henderson Taxi's taxicab drivers. This settlement agreement with the Union extinguished any claim by Sargeant and the putative class for unpaid minimum wages.
- Shortly thereafter, Henderson Taxi filed its opposition to Sargeant's Motion to 4. Certify, wherein it fully explained how it had settled Mr. Sargeant's claim with the Union.
- 5. On October 8, 2015, this Court found that the agreement between Henderson Taxi and the Union "acted as a complete accord and satisfaction of the [Union's minimum wage] grievance and any claims to minimum wage Henderson Taxi's cab drivers may have had."
- On October 30, 2015, Sargeant filed a Motion for Partial Reconsideration or 6. Alternatively for Entry of Final Judgment ("Motion for Reconsideration"). This Motion for Reconsideration sought certification of a class that was not pleaded in Plaintiff's Complaint and judgment on a claim that was both unsupported and had not been pleaded in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- On November 11, 2015, Henderson Taxi filed a Motion for Summary Judgment. 7. Sargeant opposed this Motion for Summary Judgment by again attempting to relitigate the accord and satisfaction and settlement issue the Court had already clearly decided. Sargeant failed to even attempt to present facts that might have contradicted the granting of summary judgment in this opposition.
- To the extent any of the forgoing Findings of Fact are properly construed as 8. Conclusions of Law, they will be interpreted as Conclusions of Law.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

#### Recoverability of Attorneys' Fees I.

- "[A]ttorney's fees are not recoverable absent a statute, rule or contractual provision 1. to the contrary." Rowland v. Lepire, 99 Nev. 308, 315, 662 P.2d 1332, 1336 (1983).
- NRS 18.010(2)(b) provides that attorneys' fees should be awarded to a prevailing 2. party "when the court finds that the claim ... was brought or maintained without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing party." (Emphasis added.)

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3. Furthermore, "it is the intent of the Legislature that the court award attorney's fees pursuant to [NRS 18.010(2)(b)] ... 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." NRS 18.010(2)(b).

- Here, the Court held on October 8, 2015, that Sargeant lacked any cognizable claim 4. for minimum wage against Henderson Taxi because such claim had been settled by the Union. This order made clear that Sargeant lacked any claim against Henderson Taxi for unpaid minimum wages.
- 5. After receipt of this Order, Sargeant and his counsel were on notice that Sargeant's claim had no factual or legal basis.
- 6. Sargeant's continued litigation of this case after October 8, 2015, including filing an entirely unsupported Motion for Reconsideration (seeking judgment on an unpleaded claim and certification of an unpleaded class) and Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment, demonstrate that he maintained this action "without reasonable ground" because the Court had ruled he had no cognizable claim. This is the exact type of situation wherein the Legislature intended a fee award under NRS 18.010(2)(b): where a plaintiff will not let go of their alleged claim regardless of the evidence, law, and prior judicial orders stacked against them.
- 7. This case did not present novel issues of law. It is well-settled that unions may act on behalf of their members and that agents may settle claims for their principals. See, e.g., May v. Anderson, 121 Nev. 668, 674-75, 119 P.3d 1254, 1259-60 (2005) ("Schwartz had authority to negotiate on behalf of the Mays and accepted the offer in writing. ... The fact that the Mays refused sign the proposed draft release document is inconsequential to the enforcement of the documented settlement agreement. The district court ... properly compelled compliance by dismissing the Mays' action."); see also, e.g., St. Vincent Hospital, 320 NLRB 42, 44-45 (1995) ("as a matter of law, when the parties by mutual consent have modified at midterm a provision contained in their collective-bargaining agreement, that lawful modification becomes part of the

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parties' collective-bargaining agreement, unless the evidence sufficiently establishes that the parties intended otherwise."); see also Certified Corp. v. Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996, IBT, 597 F.2d 1269, 1272 (9th Cir. 1979) (approving a union's and an employer's oral modification of a CBA); International Union v. ZF Boge Elastmetall LLC, 649 F.3d 641 (7th Cir. 2011) (recognizing mid-term modification to a CBA by a union and an employer).

- Further, even had those issues been novel (which they were not), they were settled 8. by the Court's October 8, 2015 Order holding that Sargeant had no cognizable claim based on the Union's settlement thereof.
- Sargeant's Motion for Reconsideration was made without reasonable ground. A 9. motion for reconsideration seeking judgment on an unpleaded claim and certification of an unpleaded class is not a motion for reconsideration and inherently has no merit.
- Sargeant's Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment was also made without 10. ground. In his Opposition, Sargeant failed to even attempt to present facts that might stave off summary judgment, but rather sought to re-litigate the accord and satisfaction issue previously decided.
- For these reasons, the Court finds that Sargeant's claim was maintained without 11. reasonable ground after October 8, 2015.

#### Reasonableness of Fees II.

- When awarding attorney's fees, the Court must consider the following factors: (1) 12. the qualities of the advocate; (2) the character of the work to be done; (3) the work actually performed by the advocate; and (4) the result achieved. Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat'l Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969). While the Court need not make explicit findings for each factor, the Court must demonstrate that it considered the required factors and an award of attorneys' fees must be supported by substantial evidence. Logan v. Abe, 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 31, 350 P.3d 1139 (2015).
  - Henderson Taxi's attorneys' fees are reasonable and justified under Brunzell. 13.

14. First, Holland & Hart LLP and the attorneys involved in this case possess extensive experience in commercial, labor, and employment litigation and provided high-quality work for Henderson Taxi.

- 15. Second, Plaintiff brought this lawsuit as a putative class action and raised contractual and other issues under the Nevada Constitution which Henderson Taxi (and, thereby, Holland & Hart) had to defend.
- 16. Third, the work performed by Holland & Hart and Holland & Hart's hourly rates were reasonable in light of all the circumstances and as demonstrated by their submissions to the Court.
- 17. Fourth, and finally, Henderson Taxi was ultimately successful defending this matter with the aid of Holland & Hart.
- 18. Accordingly, Henderson Taxi is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees for the time after this Court issued its October 8, 2015, Order holding that Plaintiff and the putative class had no viable claim in the amount of \$26,715.1
- 19. Plaintiff's claim became frivolous at this time and any maintenance of the claim after this date was unreasonable as a matter of law.

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Henderson Taxi sought fees either from the date it filed its Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Certify in the amount of \$47,739.50 or after the issuance of the October 8, 2015, Order holding that Plaintiff and the putative class had no viable claim in the amount of \$26,715.

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**ORDER** IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Henderson Taxi's Motion DATED this 21 day of June 2016.

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