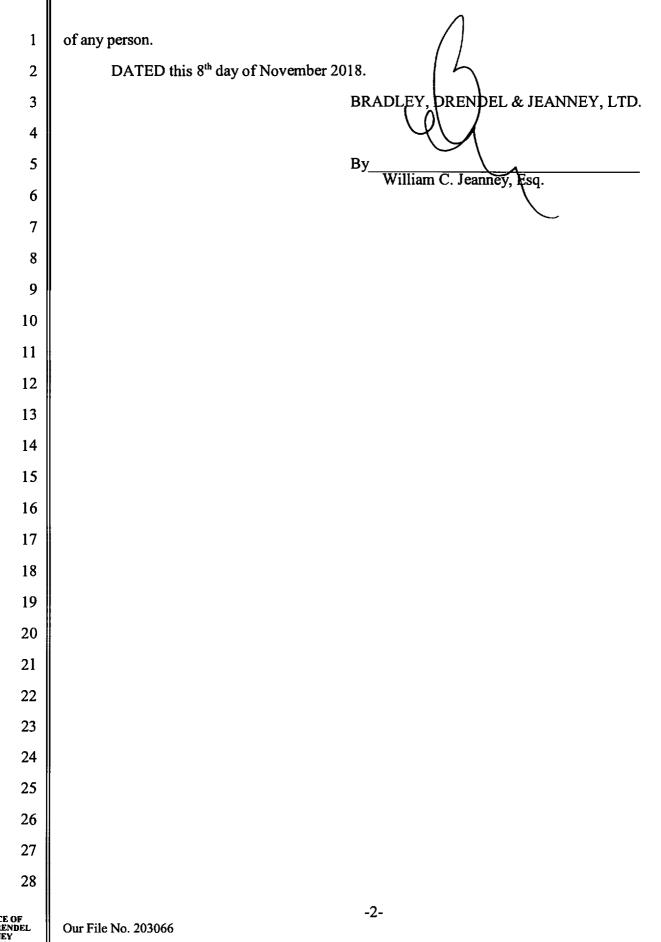
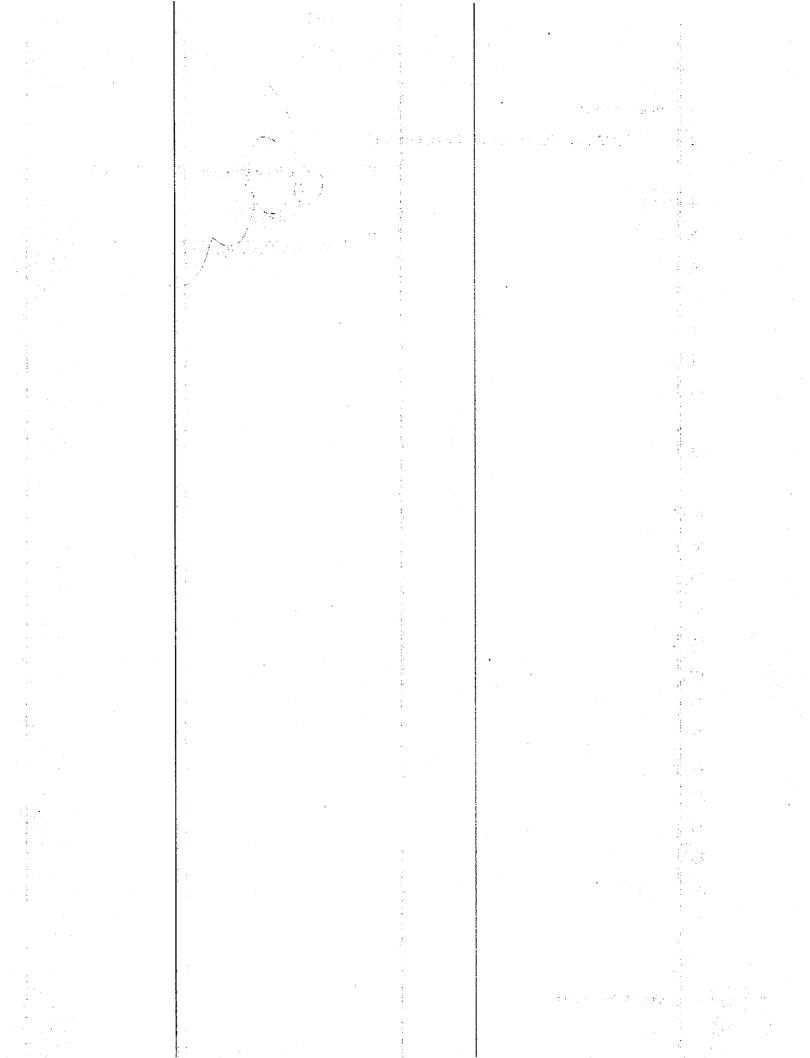
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| 7       | IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE  |
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| 9<br>10 | ROSAISET JARAMILLO, as Special<br>Administrator of the Estate of Maria<br>Jaramillo,           |
| 11      | Plaintiff, Case No. CV17-00221   |
| 12      | v. Dept. No. 1   |
| 13      | SUSAN R. RAMOS, M.D., F.A.C.S.;  |
| 14      | PRIME HEALTHCARE<br>SERVICES-RENO, LLC., a Delaware  |
| 15      | Limited Liability Company, d/b/a/ SAINT<br>MARYS REGIONAL MEDICAL                              |
| 16      | CENTER; ABC Corporations I-X,<br>inclusive, Black and White Companies; and                     |
| 17      | DOES I-XX, inclusive,  |
| 18      | Defendants.  |
| 19      | CASE APPEAL STATEMENT  |
| 20      | COMES NOW Plaintiff, ROSAISET JARAMILLO, as Special Administrator of the Estate                |
| 21      | of Maria Jaramillo, and submits the following as and for her case appeal statement:            |
| 22      | 1 Name of Appellant filing this case appeal statement: Rosaiset Jaramillo, as Special          |
| 23      | Administrator of the Estate of Maria Jaramillo.  |
| 24      | 2. Identify the judge issuing the decision, judgment, or order appealed from: The              |
| 25      | Honorable Kathleen Drakulich.  |
| 26      | 3. Identity of each appellant and the name and address of counsel for each appellant:          |
| 27      | Rosaiset Jaramillo, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Maria Jaramillo, represented by  |
| 28      | William C. Jeanney, Esq. of Bradley, Drendel & Jeanney, 6900 South McCarran Blvd., Suite 2000, |
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 provide the name and address of that respondent's trial counsel): Susan R. Ramos, M.D., Edward
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- 5. Indicate whether any attorney identified above in response to question 3 or 4 is not
  licensed to practice law in Nevada and, if so, whether the district court granted that attorney
  permission to appear under SCR 42 (attach a copy of any district court order granting such
  permission): All counsel listed above are licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada.
- 6. Indicate whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained counsel on
  appeal: Appellant was represented in the District court by retained counsel.
- 7. Indicate whether appellant is represented by appointed or retained counsel on appeal.
   Appellant is represented on the appeal by retained counsel.
- 8. Indicate whether appellant was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and the
  date of entry of the district court order granting such leave: Appellant is not granted leave to proceed
  in forma pauperis.
- 9. Indicate the date the proceedings commenced in the district court (e.g., date
  complaint, indictment, information, or petition was filed): The proceedings commenced February
  2, 2017.
- 10. Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district court,
  including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the district court:
  This is a civil action in which Plaintiff set forth three claims for relief: 1) Medical Negligence, 2)
  Failure to Provide a Safe Environment; and 3) NRS 41A.100 (*res ipsa loquitur*). Defendant Susan
  R. Ramos, M.D. filed a Motion for Summary Judgment on the NRS 41A.100 (*res ipsa loquitur*)
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# SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEVADA COUNTY OF WASHOE

## Case History - CV17-00221

### Case Description: MARIA JARAMILLO VS SUSAN R. RAMOS, M.D. ETAL (D1)

#### Case Number: CV17-00221 Case Type: OTHER NEGLIGENCE - Initially Filed On: 2/2/2017

| Parties   |              |  |
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| Party Type & Name                                     | Party Status |  |
| JUDG - KATHLEEN DRAKULICH - D1                        | Active       |  |
| PLTF - MARIA JARAMILLO - @1304602                     | Active       |  |
| DEFT - SAINT MARY'S MEDICAL GROUP - @1304601          | Active       |  |
| DEFT - PRIME HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT, INC @1304600      | Active       |  |
| DEFT - PRIME HEALTHCARE SERVICES-RENO, LLC - @1304599 | Active       |  |
| DEFT - SUSAN R. RAMOS - @1304598                      | Active       |  |
| ATTY - Alice G. Campos Mercado, Esq 4555              | Active       |  |
| ATTY - Carrie L. Parker, Esq 10952                    | Active       |  |
| ATTY - Janine C. Prupas, Esq 9156                     | Active       |  |
| ATTY - Edward J. Lemons, Esq 699                      | Active       |  |
| ATTY - William C. Jeanney, Esq 1235                   | Active       |  |
| INST - ROSAISET JARAMILLO - @1317683                  | Active       |  |
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- Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 4/10/2017 at 15:30:00
   Extra Event Text: MOTION TO DISMISS OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR A MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT FILED 3/16/17
   Event Disposition: S200 5/16/2017
- Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 12/21/2017 at 16:02:00
   Extra Event Text: PETITION FOR LETTERS OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION FILED 12-15-17
   Event Disposition: S200 12/22/2017
- Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 3/21/2018 at 17:00:00
   Extra Event Text: MOTION TO DISMISS FILED 3/06/18
   Event Disposition: S200 5/22/2018
- 4 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 3/28/2018 at 13:33:00 Extra Event Text: MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES FILED 3/13/18 Event Disposition: S200 - 5/22/2018
- Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/24/2018 at 15:41:00
   Extra Event Text: MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES FILED 5/22/18
   Event Disposition: S200 5/25/2018
- Department: D1 -- Event: PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE -- Scheduled Date & Time: 8/1/2018 at 13:30:00
   Extra Event Text: TRIAL -11/5/18
   Event Disposition: D435 8/1/2018
- 7 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 8/29/2018 at 11:41:00 Extra Event Text: DEFT SUSAN RAMOS, M.D.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT FILED 8-3-18 Event Disposition: S200 - 10/9/2018

- Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 9/11/2018 at 17:00:00
   Extra Event Text: MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT FILED 8/07/18
   Event Disposition: S200 10/9/2018
- 9 Department: D1 -- Event: HEARING... -- Scheduled Date & Time: 9/24/2018 at 15:00:00 Extra Event Text: HEARING ON DEFENDANTS RESPECTIVE MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT Event Disposition: D840 - 9/24/2018
- 10 Department: D1 -- Event: PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE -- Scheduled Date & Time: 10/10/2018 at 13:00:00 Extra Event Text: FINAL PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE - TRIAL SET FOR 11/5/18 Event Disposition: D845 - 10/9/2018
- Department: D1 -- Event: TRIAL JURY -- Scheduled Date & Time: 11/5/2018 at 09:30:00
   Extra Event Text: 1st-5-DAY P.I. (PTC-8/1/18)
   Event Disposition: D845 10/9/2018

#### Actions

|   | Filing Date - Docket Code & Description  |
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| 1 | 2/2/2017 - \$1425 - \$Complaint - Civil  |
|   | Additional Text: COMPLAINT - Transaction 5931668 - Approved By: TBRITTON : 02-02-2017:15:49:31 |

- 2 2/2/2017 PAYRC \*\*Payment Receipted
   Additional Text: A Payment of \$260.00 was made on receipt DCDC565173.
- 3 2/9/2017 4090 \*\* Summons Issued No additional text exists for this entry.
- 4 3/3/2017 4085 Summons Filed Additional Text: Prime Healthcare Services - Reno 2/24/17 - Transaction 5978686 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 03-03-2017:11:19:52
- 5 3/3/2017 4085 Summons Filed
  - Additional Text: Prime Healthcare Management 2/24/17 Transaction 5978686 Approved By: CSULEZIC : 03-03-2017:11:19:52
- 6 3/3/2017 4085 Summons Filed Additional Text: Susan Ramos, M.D. 2/24/17 - Transaction 5978686 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 03-03-2017:11:19:52
- 7 3/3/2017 NEF Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 5978768 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-03-2017:11:20:36
- 8 3/14/2017 1130 Answer ...

Additional Text: DEFENDANT SUSAN R. RAMOS, M.D., F.A.C.S.'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT - Transaction 5997206 - Approved By: TBRITTON : 03-15-2017:08:48:18

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   Additional Text: DEFT SUSAN R. RAMOS M.D., F.A.C.S Transaction 5997206 Approved By: TBRITTON : 03-15-2017:08:48:18
- 10 3/14/2017 1580 Demand for Jury Additional Text: DFX: OUTSTANDING FILING FEE OF \$320.00 - DEFENDANT SUSAN R. RAMOS, M.D., F.A.C.S.'S DEMAND FOR JURY -FEE PAID 3-17-17 YVILORIA Transaction 5997211 - Approved By: TBRITTON : 03-15-2017:08:51:13
- 11 3/15/2017 PAYRC \*\*Payment Receipted

Additional Text: A Payment of \$213.00 was made on receipt DCDC569545.

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- 12 3/15/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 5997455 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-15-2017:08:51:31 13 3/15/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 5997464 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-15-2017:08:52:25 3/16/2017 - 2290 - Mtn to Dismiss Case 14 Additional Text: or in the Alternative Motion for a More Definite Statement - Transaction 6002174 - Approved By: PMSEWELL : 03-16-20 17:16:13:13 15 3/16/2017 - \$1560 - \$Def 1st Appearance - CV Additional Text: PRIME HEALTHCARE SERVICES - RENO - Transaction 6002174 - Approved By: PMSEWELL : 03-16-2017:16:13:13 3/16/2017 - \$DEFT - \$Addl Def/Answer - Prty/Appear 16 Additional Text: SAINT MARY'S MEDICAL GROUP - Transaction 6002174 - Approved By: PMSEWELL : 03-16-2017:16:13:13 17 3/16/2017 - \$DEFT - \$Addl Def/Answer - Prty/Appear Additional Text: PRIME HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT - Transaction 6002174 - Approved By: PMSEWELL : 03-16-2017:16:13:13 3/16/2017 - PAYRC - \*\*Payment Receipted 18 Additional Text: A Payment of \$273.00 was made on receipt DCDC569787. 19 3/16/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 6002243 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-16-2017:16:14:14 20 3/17/2017 - JF - \*\*First Day Jury Fees Deposit Additional Text: DEFT SUSAN R. RAMOS, M.D., F.A.C.S. - Transaction 6003089 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 03-17-2017:09:39:24 21 3/17/2017 - PAYRC - \*\*Payment Receipted Additional Text: A Payment of \$320.00 was made on receipt DCDC569827. 3/17/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service 22 Additional Text: Transaction 6003116 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-17-2017:09:40:33 3/24/2017 - 4085 - Summons Filed 23 Additional Text: MICHELLE ELLIS - ADMIN ASST. - MARCH 5, 2017; 2:54 PM - Transaction 6017307 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 03-24-2 017:16:50:33 3/24/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service 24 Additional Text: Transaction 6017347 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-24-2017:16:53:13 25 3/28/2017 - 3840 - Request Exemption Arbitration Additional Text: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM ARBITRATION - Transaction 6020942 - Approved By: TBRITTON : 03-28-2017:13:46: 52 3/28/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service 26 Additional Text: Transaction 6020993 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-28-2017:13:49:55 27 3/31/2017 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn ... Additional Text: Plaintiff's Opposition to "Saint Mary's Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternative Motion for a More Definite Statement" -Transaction 6028419 - Approved By: TBRITTON : 04-03-2017:08:23:33
- 28 4/3/2017 NEF Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 6030321 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-03-2017:08:24:19
- 29 4/3/2017 1650 Errata...

Additional Text: ERRATA TO PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO "SAINT MARY'S MOTION TO DISMISS OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR A MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT" - Transaction 6030857 - Approved By: TBRITTON : 04-03-2017:11:10:30

| 30 | 4/3/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service  |
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|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6030887 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-03-2017:11:11:24  |
| 31 | 4/10/2017 - 3795 - Reply  |
|    | Additional Text: REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR A MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT -<br>Transaction 6043407 - Approved By: TBRITTON : 04-10-2017:15:18:11  |
| 32 | 4/10/2017 - 3860 - Request for Submission   |
|    | Additional Text: MOTION TO DISMISS OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR A MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT FILED 3/16/17 - Transaction<br>6043415 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 04-10-2017:15:21:05<br>PARTY SUBMITTING: JANINE PRUPAS ESQ<br>DATE SUBMITTED: 4/10/17<br>SUBMITTED BY: CS<br>DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE: |
| 33 | 4/10/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6043434 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-10-2017:15:19:06  |
| 34 | 4/10/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6043450 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-10-2017:15:22:17  |
| 35 | 4/11/2017 - A120 - Exemption from Arbitration   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6044717 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-11-2017:10:49:34  |
| 36 | 4/11/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6044722 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-11-2017:10:50:34  |
| 37 | 5/16/2017 - 2842 - Ord Denying Motion   |
|    | Additional Text: Deft's Mtn to Dismiss or in the Alternative, Mtn for More Definite Statement - Transaction 6102495 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-16-2017:12:25:15   |
| 38 | 5/16/2017 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet   |
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| 39 | 5/16/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6102499 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-16-2017:12:26:17  |
| 40 | 5/17/2017 - 3696 - Pre-Trial Order  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6104705 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-17-2017:12:28:59  |
| 41 | 5/17/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6104707 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-17-2017:12:29:59  |
| 42 | 5/23/2017 - 2540 - Notice of Entry of Ord   |
|    | Additional Text: Notice of Entry of Order (Denying Defendants' Motion to Dismiss) - Transaction 6112850 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-23-2017:08:08:55   |
| 43 | 5/23/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6112851 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-23-2017:08:09:45  |
| 44 | 5/26/2017 - 2529 - Notice of Early Case Conferenc   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6121692 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-26-2017:16:57:23  |
| 45 | 5/26/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6121705 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-26-2017:16:58:18  |

| 46 | 5/31/2017 - 1130 - Answer   |
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|    | Additional Text: DEFENDANTS PRIME HEALTHCARE SERVICES RENO, LLC D/B/A SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, PRIME<br>HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT, INC., AND SAINT MARY'S MEDICAL GROUP, INC.'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT - Transaction 6124585 -<br>Approved By: YVILORIA : 05-31-2017:11:46:12 |
| 47 | 5/31/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6124900 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-31-2017:11:47:23  |
| 48 | 6/15/2017 - 1250 - Application for Setting  |
|    | Additional Text: TRIAL- 11/5/18; PTC-8/1/18 - Transaction 6150877 - Approved By: TBRITTON : 06-15-2017:13:01:02   |
| 49 | 6/15/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6150924 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 06-15-2017:13:01:53  |
| 50 | 8/9/2017 - 1835 - Joint Case Conference Report  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6240382 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 08-09-2017:15:30:29  |
| 51 | 8/9/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6240739 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 08-09-2017:15:31:31  |
| 52 | 11/21/2017 - 4080 - Suggestion of Death on Record   |
|    | Additional Text: SUGGESTION OF DEATH UPON THE RECORD PURSUANT TO NRCP 25(A)(1) - Transaction 6405241 - Approved By:<br>YVILORIA : 11-21-2017:12:40:01   |
| 53 | 11/21/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6405458 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 11-21-2017:12:42:50  |
| 54 | 12/15/2017 - \$1560 - \$Def 1st Appearance - CV   |
|    | Additional Text: INST ROSAISET JARAMILLO - Transaction 6441105 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 12-15-2017:10:41:59  |
| 55 | 12/15/2017 - 3645 - Petition  |
|    | Additional Text: PETITION FOR LETTERS OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION - Transaction 6441105 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 12-15-2017: 10:41:59  |
| 56 | 12/15/2017 - PAYRC - **Payment Receipted  |
|    | Additional Text: A Payment of \$213.00 was made on receipt DCDC595088.  |
| 57 | 12/15/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6441124 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-15-2017:10:43:09  |
| 58 | 12/21/2017 - 3860 - Request for Submission  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6450874 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 12-21-2017:15:56:45<br>DOCUMENT TITLE: PETITION FOR LETTERS OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION FILED 12-15-17<br>PARTY SUBMITTING: WILLIAM JEANNEY ESQ<br>DATE SUBMITTED: DEC 21, 2017<br>SUBMITTED BY: YV                    |
|    | DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:   |
| 59 | 12/21/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6450952 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-21-2017:15:57:58  |
| 60 | 12/22/2017 - 2610 - Notice  |
|    | Additional Text: Notice of Withdrawal of Petition for Letters of Special Administration - Transaction 6451599 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 12-22-2017:09:52:41   |
| 61 | 12/22/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6451680 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-22-2017:09:53:42  |

| 62 | 12/22/2017 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet   |
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|    | Additional Text: PETITION FOR LETTERS OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION - WITHDRAWN BY COUNSEL ON 12/22  |
| 63 | 1/9/2018 - 2540 - Notice of Entry of Ord   |
|    | Additional Text: Notice of Entry of Order (Appointing Special Administrator) - Transaction 6471770 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 01-09-<br>2018:09:26:35   |
| 64 | 1/9/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6471772 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 01-09-2018:09:27:23   |
| 65 | 3/6/2018 - 2315 - Mtn to Dismiss   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6562397 - Approved By: PMSEWELL : 03-06-2018:10:35:59   |
| 66 | 3/6/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6562639 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-06-2018:10:36:58   |
| 67 | 3/13/2018 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn   |
|    | Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO SAINT MARY'S DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS UNDER NRCP 25 AND COUNTER-MO<br>ION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES - Transaction 6573817 - Approved<br>By: CSULEZIC : 03-13-2018:11:01:57 |
| 68 | 3/13/2018 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn   |
|    | Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO SAINT MARY'S DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS UNDER NRCP 25 AND COUNTER-MO<br>ION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES - Transaction 6573835 - Approved<br>By: CSULEZIC : 03-13-2018:11:10:11 |
| 69 | 3/13/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6574063 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-13-2018:11:02:59   |
| 70 | 3/13/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6574096 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-13-2018:11:11:18   |
| 71 | 3/14/2018 - 1830 - Joinder   |
|    | Additional Text: JOINDER IN SAINT MARY'S DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS - Transaction 6575891 - Approved By: PMSEWELL : 03 -14-2018:09:26:25  |
| 72 | 3/14/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6575999 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-14-2018:09:27:19   |
| 73 | 3/21/2018 - 3795 - Reply   |
|    | Additional Text: Reply in Support of Saint Mary's Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Under NRCP 25 and Counter-Motion for Enlargement of<br>Time Within Which to File Motion for Substitution of Parties - Transaction 6589296 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 03-21-2018:16:45:58          |
| 74 | 3/21/2018 - 3860 - Request for Submission  |
|    | Additional Text: MOTION TO DISMISS FILED 3/06/18 - Transaction 6589303 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 03-21-2018:16:47:22<br>PARTY SUBMITTING: CARRIE PARKER ESQ<br>DATE SUBMITTED: 3/21/18<br>SUBMITTED BY: CS<br>DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:  |
| 75 | 3/21/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6589585 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-21-2018:16:47:23   |
| 76 | 3/21/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service  |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6589609 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-21-2018:16:50:43   |
| 77 | 3/21/2018 - 2650 - Opposition to   |

Additional Text: OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S COUNTER-MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES - Transaction 6589659 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 03-22-2018:09:17:50

| 78 | 3/22/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
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|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6590050 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-22-2018:09:18:47  |
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| 15 | 3/28/2018 - 3795 - Reply<br>Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF COUNTER-MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE MOTION   |
|    | FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES - Transaction 6600156 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 03-28-2018:13:00:08   |
| 80 | 3/28/2018 - 3860 - Request for Submission   |
|    | Additional Text: MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES FILED 3/13/18<br>- Transaction 6600163 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 03-28-2018:13:01:23<br>PARTY SUBMITTING: WILLIAM JEANNEY ESQ<br>DATE SUBMITTED: 3/28/18<br>SUBMITTED BY: CS<br>DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE: |
| 81 | 3/28/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6600298 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-28-2018:13:01:09  |
| 82 | 3/28/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6600301 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-28-2018:13:03:25  |
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| 83 | 5/22/2018 - 2842 - Ord Denying Motion   |
|    | Additional Text: DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS UNDER NRCP 25 - Transaction 6691399 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-22-2018:1<br>1:32:53  |
| 84 | 5/22/2018 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet   |
|    | Additional Text: MOTION TO DISMISS (VACATED - ORDER FILED 5/22)   |
| 85 | 5/22/2018 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet   |
|    | Additional Text: MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES FILED 3/13/18<br>(VACATED - ORDER FILED 5/22)   |
| 86 | 5/22/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6691404 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-22-2018:11:33:53  |
| 87 | 5/22/2018 - 2540 - Notice of Entry of Ord   |
|    | Additional Text: Notice of Entry of Order Denying Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Under NRCP 25 - Transaction 6691966 - Approved By:<br>NOREVIEW : 05-22-2018:13:33:26  |
| 88 | 5/22/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6691972 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-22-2018:13:34:25  |
| 89 | 5/22/2018 - 2490 - Motion   |
|    | Additional Text: Motion for Substitution of Parties - Transaction 6692129 - Approved By: PMSEWELL : 05-22-2018:14:19:32   |
| 90 | 5/22/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6692168 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-22-2018:14:22:31  |
| 91 | 5/23/2018 - 2501 - Non-Opposition   |
|    | Additional Text: DEFENDANT SUSAN R. RAMOS, M.D.'S NON-OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES - Transaction<br>6694308 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 05-23-2018:14:25:23   |
| 92 | 5/23/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service   |
|    | Additional Text: Transaction 6694455 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-23-2018:14:26:46  |
| 93 | 5/24/2018 - 2501 - Non-Opposition   |
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| 6<br>7<br>8 | IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF<br>THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE<br>COUNTY OF WASHOE                                  |   |
| 9           | MARIA JARAMILLO,  |   |
| 10          | Plaintiff, CASE NO.: CV17-00221   |   |
| 11          | v. DEPT. NO.: 1   |   |
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| 13          | SUSAN R. RAMOS, M.D., F.A.C.S.;<br>PRIME HEALTHCARE SERVICES RENO,  |   |
| 14          | LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability<br>Company, d/b/a SAINT MARY'S  |   |
| 15          | REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER; PRIME<br>HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT, INC., a  |   |
| 16<br>17    | California Corporation; SAINT MARY'S  | ŀ |
| 17          | MEDICAL GROUP, INC.; ABC<br>Corporations I-X, inclusive, Black and  |   |
| 10          | White Companies; and DOES I-XX, inclusive,  |   |
| 20          | Defendants.   |   |
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| 23          | ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT SUSAN R. RAMOS, M.D.'S MOTION FOR<br>SUMMARY JUDGMENT  |   |
| 24          | This Court heard oral argument on September 24, 2018 regarding Defendant Susan R. Ramos,  |   |
| 25          | M.D.'s (hereafter "Dr. Ramos") Motion for Summary Judgment filed on August 3, 2018. Plaintiff                                       |   |
| 26          | Rosaiset Jaramillo, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Maria Jaramillo (hereafter "Plaintiff")                               |   |
| 27          | filed an Opposition on August 27, 2018. Thereafter, Dr. Ramos filed a Reply on August 29, 2018,                                     |   |
| 28          | and simultaneously submitted the motion to the Court for decision.  |   |
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Upon review of the record and the arguments presented, this Court finds good cause appears
 to GRANT Dr. Ramos's *Motion for Summary Judgment*.

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I.

# Applicable Legal Standard

NRCP 56(c) provides, "[summary judgment] shall be rendered if the pleadings, depositions, 4 5 answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter 6 of law." A genuine issue of material fact exists when the evidence is such that a rational trier of fact 7 could return a verdict for the nonmoving party. Woods v. Safeway, 121 Nev. 724, 731, 121 P.3d 1026, 8 9 1031 (2005). When deciding whether summary judgment is appropriate, the court must view all evidence in light most favorable to the non-moving party and accept all properly supported evidence, 10 11 factual allegations, and reasonable inferences favorable to the non-moving party as true. C. Nicholas Pereos, Ltd. v. Bank of Am., 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 44, 352 P.3d 1133, 1136 (2015); NGA No. 2 Ltd. 12 Liab. Co. v. Rains, 113 Nev. 1151, 1157, 946 P.2d 163, 167 (1997). 13

The Nevada Supreme Court has adopted the federal approach outlined in Celotex Corp. v. 14 15 *Catrett*, 477 U.S. 317 (1986), with respect to burdens of proof and persuasion in summary judgment proceedings. See Cuzze v. Univ. & Cmty. College Sys. of Nev., 123 Nev. 598, 602, 172 P.3d 131, 134 16 17 (2007). The party moving for summary judgment must meet his or her initial burden of production and show there is no genuine issue of material fact. Id. "The manner in which each party may satisfy 18 19 its burden of production depends on which party will bear the burden of persuasion on the challenged 20 claim at trial." Id. When the moving party bears the burden at trial, that party must present evidence that would entitle it to judgment as a matter of law absent contrary evidence. Id. If the burden of 21 persuasion at trial will rest on the nonmoving party, "the party moving for summary judgment may 22 satisfy the burden of production by either (1) submitting evidence that negates an essential element 23 of the nonmoving party's claim, or (2) pointing out that there is an absence of evidence to support the 24 nonmoving party's case." Id. After the moving party meets his or her initial burden of production, 25 the opposing party "must transcend the pleadings and by affidavit or other admissible evidence, 26 introduce specific facts that show a genuine issue of material fact." Id. 27

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## II. Undisputed Facts

On March 26, 2015, Plaintiff Maria Jaramillo had a mammogram of her left breast, which
showed that a lesion had increased in size from the time of her previous exam six months earlier. *Compl.* at ¶8. Thereafter, the radiologist recommended a direct surgical incision to confirm the
findings and referred Plaintiff to Dr. Ramos. *Id.* at ¶¶9-10.

On April 29, 2015, Dr. Ramos performed a wire localization of the patient's left breast. *Id.* at
¶11. Plaintiff returned to Dr. Ramos for a follow-up appointment on January 28, 2016, wherein
Plaintiff complained of pain in her left breast. *Id.* Dr. Ramos ordered a mammogram and ultrasound,
the results of which showed a 3 cm length localization wire fragment in the upper left breast. *Id.* at
¶12-14. On March 28, 2016, Sharon Wright, M.D. performed a surgical excision of the wire
fragment. *Plaintiff's Answer to Interrogatory No. 8.*

On October 23, 2017, Plaintiff passed away from gastrointestinal cancer, the cause of which
is unrelated to the allegations in this matter.

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# III. Relevant Procedural History

Plaintiff filed a *Complaint* on February 2, 2017, alleging professional negligence asserting that Defendants negligently left a foreign object in Plaintiff Maria Jaramillo's body at the conclusion of a surgical procedure. The primary claim of professional negligence implicates the doctrine of *res ipsa loquitur*, alleging that both the doctor and the hospital are responsible in negligence for leaving the foreign object in Plaintiff's body and that, under NRS 41A.100, there is a rebuttable presumption of negligence as to both the doctor and the hospital.

The *Complaint* was unaccompanied by a medical expert affidavit. *Compl.* at ¶20. Within the *Complaint*, Plaintiff asserts that an expert affidavit is not required in this circumstance, as the claim arises from an incident where a foreign substance has been unintentionally left in the patient's body, and thus a statutory, rebuttable presumption of negligence arises pursuant to NRS 41A.100(1)(a). *Id.* at ¶¶29-30.

Dr. Ramos filed an *Answer* on March 14, 2017. In June and July of 2017, parties exchanged initial disclosures of documents and filed the Joint Case Conference Report. Pursuant to the Joint Case Conference Report, the deadline for initial expert disclosures was June 22, 2018, with rebuttal

disclosures due by July 23, 2018. Dr. Ramos served her Expert Witness Disclosure on June 22, 2018,
 wherein she disclosed Andrew B. Cramer, M.D., a Board Certified general vascular surgeon. The
 Declaration of Andrew B. Cramer, M.D. was attached to the Expert Witness Disclosure. No rebuttal
 experts were disclosed by any of the parties. Pursuant to the Joint Case Conference Report, discovery
 closed on September 21, 2018.

IV. Discussion

Dr. Ramos comes now requesting summary judgment on the basis that the uncontroverted
evidence demonstrates that Dr. Ramos did not breach the standard of care owed to Plaintiff, and thus,
the undisputed facts cannot establish negligence on the part of Dr. Ramos. Dr. Ramos asserts that the
expert affidavit of Dr. Cramer provides expert evidence that Dr. Ramos conformed to the standard of
care owed. The Declaration of Dr. Cramer provides:

5. It is my opinion, to a reasonable degree of medical probability, that the wire fragment left in the patient's breast in this case does not denominate negligence on the part of the surgeon. It is something that a surgeon should be unhappy to have happen but it isn't due to negligence. *This is something that can happen without negligence on the part of the surgeon*.

6. It is also my opinion that it was reasonable for Dr. Ramos to ask the radiologist to image the area, which was done using Bioview, and confirm that the dissected tissue was what radiology wanted her to find and remove. It does not appear that the radiologist noted any retained wire fragment or that he brought any retained fragment to Dr. Ramos' attention.

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7. In conclusion, based on the information currently available to me, Dr. Ramos' care and treatment of Maria Jaramillo was appropriate and within the applicable standards of care of a Board Certified Surgeon. There is nothing about the care by Dr. Ramos which was negligent in this case.

Decl. of Andrew B. Cramer, M.D., at ¶¶5-7 (emphasis added). Dr. Ramos contends this affidavit
rebuts the presumption of negligence put forth by Plaintiff. As Plaintiff has not disclosed any experts,
and the deadline to do so has passed, Dr. Ramos asserts that the rebuttal of negligence is
uncontroverted and thus, she is entitled to summary judgment.

Plaintiff opposes this motion, arguing that pursuant to NRS 41A.100(1)(a), the Plaintiff need
only establish a prime facie case that a foreign substance was left inside the Plaintiff in order to trigger
the statutory *res ipsa loquitur* presumption of negligence. Plaintiff further contends that pursuant to

Nevada case law, the statutory *res ipsa loquitur* under NRS Chapter 41A has replaced the traditional
 common law doctrine of *res ipsa loquitur*, and thus the traditional burden shifting does not occur.
 Plaintiff cites *Johnson v. Egtedar*, wherein the Nevada Supreme Court states:

Under NRS 41A.100, however, the presumption automatically applies where any of the enumerated factual circumstances are present. In regard to these factual predicates, the legislature has, in effect, already determined that they ordinarily do not occur in the absence of negligence. Thus, we conclude, all a plaintiff need do to warrant an instruction under the statutory medical malpractice res ipsa loquitur rule is present some evidence of the existence of one or more of the factual predicates enumerated in the statute. If the trier of fact then finds that one or more of the factual predicates exist, then the presumption must be applied. This is the approach taken in Nev. J.I.6.17 and Plaintiff's A. Accordingly, the district court should have given the proposed instruction if it was supported by evidence adduced at trial.

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wherein the alleged negligence occurred is presented to demonstrate the alleged deviation from the accepted standard of care in the specific circumstances of the case and to prove causation of the alleged personal injury or death, *except that such evidence is not required and a rebuttable presumption that the personal injury or death was caused by negligence arises where evidence is presented that the provider of health care caused the personal injury or death occurred in any one or more of the following circumstances:* 

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In interpreting the language of NRS 41A.100(1) and the case law pertaining thereto (which 14 includes acknowledging that the Nevada Supreme Court has held that "the legislature intended NRS 15 41A.100 to replace rather than supplement, the classic res ipsa loquitur formulation in medical 16 malpractices cases where it is factually applicable" Johnson v. Egtedar, 112 Nev. at 428), the Court 17 disagrees with Plaintiff in that NRS 41A.100(1)(a)-(e) completely replaces the traditional doctrine of 18 res ipsa, such that no evidence presented could rebut the presumption of negligence prior to trial. In 19 fact, this Court finds that Johnson and Born speak only to those jury instructions that must be given 20 in a case of this nature. See Johnson v. Egtedar, 112 Nev. 428, 915 P.2d 271 (1996) (holding "we 21 22 conclude, all a plaintiff need do to warrant an instruction under the statutory medical malpractice res ipsa loquitur rule is present some evidence of the existence of one or more of the factual predicates 23 enumerated in the statute"); Born v. Eisenman, 114 Nev. 854, 859, 962 P.2d 974, 978 (1998) (finding 24 "all a plaintiff need do to warrant an instruction under the statutory medical malpractice res ipsa 25 loquitur rule is present some evidence of the existence of one or more of the factual predicates 26 enumerated in the statute"). Further, the court in *Szydel*, characterizes the presumption of negligence 27 established by NRS 41A.100 as one that applies as a threshold matter and not as an evidentiary rule 28

for trial. 121 Nev. at 458, 117 P.3d at 203 (2005) (stating "the plain language of NRS 41A.071 provides a threshold requirement for medical malpractice pleadings and does not pertain to evidentiary matters at trial, as does NRS 41A.100(1)") (citing *Borger v. District Court*, 120 Nev. 1021, 102 P.3d 600, 605 (2004)). As a result, this Court finds that the issue at hand is whether Defendant Ramos has rebutted the presumption of negligence, triggered by NRS 41A.100(1)(a), to support a grant of summary judgment.

7 Chapter 47 et seq. of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides for the definition and existence of 8 presumptions. Pursuant to NRS 47.180, a presumption "imposes on the party against whom it is 9 directed the burden of proving that the nonexistence of the presumed fact is more probable than its existence." NRS 47.180(1). Further, "direct evidence" is evidence "which tends to establish the 10 existence or nonexistence of the presumed fact independently of the basic facts." Here, the basic fact 11 is that a 3 cm piece of wire was unintentionally left in Plaintiff's left breast. The presumption, as 12 triggered by NRS 41A.100(1), that the unintentional leaving of the piece of wire was a result of 13 negligence on the part of Defendant Ramos. However, Defendant Ramos has presented direct 14 evidence, through the affidavit of expert witness Dr. Cramer, that "the wire fragment left in the 15 patient's breast . . . does not denominate negligence," rather "[t]his is something that can happen 16 without negligence on the part of the surgeon." Decl. of Andrew B. Cramer, M.D., at ¶5. Further, 17 Dr. Cramer states that "Dr. Ramos' care and treatment of Maria Jaramillo was appropriate and within 18 19 the applicable standards of care of a Board Certified Surgeon." Id. at ¶7. Through this direct 20 evidence, Defendant has rebutted the presumption that the unintentional leaving of the wire fragment was a result of negligence. Plaintiff, relying upon NRS 41A.100(1)(a), did not file an expert affidavit 21 upon the filing of the Complaint in this case. As discussed, Plaintiff is not required to submit an 22 affidavit, where the claim is pursued under NRS 41A.100(1)(a). However, Plaintiff did not file any 23 expert affidavits or disclose expert witnesses prior to discovery deadlines in response to Defendant's 24 disclosure of Dr. Cramer, which Plaintiff's counsel acknowledged at oral argument on September 24, 25 2018. As a result, no direct evidence exists to oppose Defendant's evidence supporting the 26 nonexistence of negligence in this case. Therefore, Dr. Cramer's expert affidavit is undisputed. 27

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| 5  | good cause to grant summary judgment in favor of Defendant Ramos. Finding that the discovery             |
| 6  | deadlines have passed, there are no questions of fact remaining for the jury to decide.                  |
| 7  | Accordingly, and good cause appearing,   |
| 8  | IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant Ramos's Motion for Summary Judgment is                           |
| 9  | GRANTED.   |
| 10 | Dated this day of October, 2018.   |
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| 4        | STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF WASHOE; that on the $\underline{qth}$ day of October, 2018, I                                      |
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| 6        | MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system.  |
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|          | WILLIAM JEANNEY, ESQ. for ROSAISET JARAMILLO, MARIA JARAMILLO   |
| 14       | EDWARD LEMONS, ESQ. for SUSAN R. RAMOS  |
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| 27   | 2018. A true and correct copy of said Order is atta  | ached hereto.   |
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| 24       | This Court heard oral argument on September 24, 2018 regarding Defendant Susan R. Ramos,                         |
| 25       | M.D.'s (hereafter "Dr. Ramos") Motion for Summary Judgment filed on August 3, 2018. Plaintiff                    |
| 26       | Rosaiset Jaramillo, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Maria Jaramillo (hereafter "Plaintiff")            |
| 27       | filed an Opposition on August 27, 2018. Thereafter, Dr. Ramos filed a Reply on August 29, 2018,                  |
| 28       | and simultaneously submitted the motion to the Court for decision.   |
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Upon review of the record and the arguments presented, this Court finds good cause appears to GRANT Dr. Ramos's *Motion for Summary Judgment*.

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#### Applicable Legal Standard

NRCP 56(c) provides, "[summary judgment] shall be rendered if the pleadings, depositions, 4 answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there 5 is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter 6 7 of law." A genuine issue of material fact exists when the evidence is such that a rational trier of fact could return a verdict for the nonmoving party. Woods v. Safeway, 121 Nev. 724, 731, 121 P.3d 1026, 8 1031 (2005). When deciding whether summary judgment is appropriate, the court must view all 9 10 evidence in light most favorable to the non-moving party and accept all properly supported evidence, factual allegations, and reasonable inferences favorable to the non-moving party as true. C. Nicholas 11 Pereos, Ltd. v. Bank of Am., 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 44, 352 P.3d 1133, 1136 (2015); NGA No. 2 Ltd. 12 Liab. Co. v. Rains, 113 Nev. 1151, 1157, 946 P.2d 163, 167 (1997). 13

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#### **II.** Undisputed Facts

On March 26, 2015, Plaintiff Maria Jaramillo had a mammogram of her left breast, which showed that a lesion had increased in size from the time of her previous exam six months earlier. *Compl.* at **§8**. Thereafter, the radiologist recommended a direct surgical incision to confirm the findings and referred Plaintiff to Dr. Ramos. *Id.* at **§9**-10.

On April 29, 2015, Dr. Ramos performed a wire localization of the patient's left breast. *Id.* at
¶11. Plaintiff returned to Dr. Ramos for a follow-up appointment on January 28, 2016, wherein
Plaintiff complained of pain in her left breast. *Id.* Dr. Ramos ordered a mammogram and ultrasound,
the results of which showed a 3 cm length localization wire fragment in the upper left breast. *Id.* at
¶12-14. On March 28, 2016, Sharon Wright, M.D. performed a surgical excision of the wire
fragment. *Plaintiff's Answer to Interrogatory No. 8.*

12 On October 23, 2017, Plaintiff passed away from gastrointestinal cancer, the cause of which 13 is unrelated to the allegations in this matter.

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### III. Relevant Procedural History

Plaintiff filed a *Complaint* on February 2, 2017, alleging professional negligence asserting that Defendants negligently left a foreign object in Plaintiff Maria Jaramillo's body at the conclusion of a surgical procedure. The primary claim of professional negligence implicates the doctrine of *res ipsa loquitur*, alleging that both the doctor and the hospital are responsible in negligence for leaving the foreign object in Plaintiff's body and that, under NRS 41A.100, there is a rebuttable presumption of negligence as to both the doctor and the hospital.

The *Complaint* was unaccompanied by a medical expert affidavit. *Compl.* at ¶20. Within the *Complaint*, Plaintiff asserts that an expert affidavit is not required in this circumstance, as the claim arises from an incident where a foreign substance has been unintentionally left in the patient's body, and thus a statutory, rebuttable presumption of negligence arises pursuant to NRS 41A.100(1)(a). *Id.* at ¶¶29-30.

Dr. Ramos filed an *Answer* on March 14, 2017. In June and July of 2017, parties exchanged initial disclosures of documents and filed the Joint Case Conference Report. Pursuant to the Joint Case Conference Report, the deadline for initial expert disclosures was June 22, 2018, with rebuttal

disclosures due by July 23, 2018. Dr. Ramos served her Expert Witness Disclosure on June 22, 2018,
 wherein she disclosed Andrew B. Cramer, M.D., a Board Certified general vascular surgeon. The
 Declaration of Andrew B. Cramer, M.D. was attached to the Expert Witness Disclosure. No rebuttal
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 closed on September 21, 2018.

IV. Discussion

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Dr. Ramos comes now requesting summary judgment on the basis that the uncontroverted evidence demonstrates that Dr. Ramos did not breach the standard of care owed to Plaintiff, and thus, the undisputed facts cannot establish negligence on the part of Dr. Ramos. Dr. Ramos asserts that the expert affidavit of Dr. Cramer provides expert evidence that Dr. Ramos conformed to the standard of care owed. The Declaration of Dr. Cramer provides:

5. It is my opinion, to a reasonable degree of medical probability, that the wire fragment left in the patient's breast in this case does not denominate negligence on the part of the surgeon. It is something that a surgeon should be unhappy to have happen but it isn't due to negligence. *This is something that can happen without negligence on the part of the surgeon*.

6. It is also my opinion that it was reasonable for Dr. Ramos to ask the radiologist to image the area, which was done using Bioview, and confirm that the dissected tissue was what radiology wanted her to find and remove. It does not appear that the radiologist noted any retained wire fragment or that he brought any retained fragment to Dr. Ramos' attention.

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22 Decl. of Andrew B. Cramer, M.D., at ¶¶5-7 (emphasis added). Dr. Ramos contends this affidavit 23 rebuts the presumption of negligence put forth by Plaintiff. As Plaintiff has not disclosed any experts, 24 and the deadline to do so has passed, Dr. Ramos asserts that the rebuttal of negligence is 25 uncontroverted and thus, she is entitled to summary judgment.

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wherein the alleged negligence occurred is presented to demonstrate the alleged deviation from the accepted standard of care in the specific circumstances of the case and to prove causation of the alleged personal injury or death, *except that such evidence is not required and a rebuttable presumption that the personal injury or death was caused by negligence arises where evidence is presented that the provider of health care caused the personal injury or death occurred in any one or more of the following circumstances*:

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| Pursuant to NRS 47.200, "if reasonable minds would necessarily agree that the direct evidence            |  |  |
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| renders the nonexistence of the presumed fact more probable than not, the judge shall direct the jury    |  |  |
| to find against the existence of the presumed fact." Here, it is uncontroverted that the unintentional   |  |  |
| leaving of a wire fragment in Plaintiff's body was not a result of negligence. As such, this Court finds |  |  |
| good cause to grant summary judgment in favor of Defendant Ramos. Finding that the discovery             |  |  |
| deadlines have passed, there are no questions of fact remaining for the jury to decide.                  |  |  |
| Accordingly, and good cause appearing,   |  |  |
| IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant Ramos's Motion for Summary Judgment is                           |  |  |
| GRANTED.   |  |  |
| Dated this day of October, 2018.   |  |  |
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| KATHLEEN DRAKULICH   |  |  |
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| 1        | CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  |  |  |
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| 2        | CASE NO. CV17-00221   |  |  |
| 3        | I certify that I am an employee of the SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of the  |  |  |
| 4        | STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF WASHOE; that on the $\underline{9^{th}}_{day}$ of October, 2018, 1                                 |  |  |
| 5        | electronically filed the ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT SUSAN R. RAMOS, M.D.'S  |  |  |
| 6        | MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system.  |  |  |
| 7        | I further certify that I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing document by the                                 |  |  |
| 8        | method(s) noted below:  |  |  |
| 9        | Electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which will send a notice                             |  |  |
| 10       | of electronic filing to the following:  |  |  |
| 11       | ALICE CAMPOS MERCADO, ESQ. for SUSAN R. RAMOS   |  |  |
| 12       | CARRIE PARKER, ESQ. for PRIME HEALTHCARE SERVICES-RENO, LLC, SAINT<br>MARY'S MEDICAL GROUP, PRIME HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT, INC. |  |  |
| 13       | WILLIAM JEANNEY, ESQ. for ROSAISET JARAMILLO, MARIA JARAMILLO   |  |  |
| 14       | EDWARD LEMONS, ESQ. for SUSAN R. RAMOS  |  |  |
| 15<br>16 | JANINE PRUPAS, ESQ. for PRIME HEALTHCARE SERVICES-RENO, LLC, SAINT<br>MARY'S MEDICAL GROUP, PRIME HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT, INC. |  |  |
| 17       | Deposited to the Second Judicial District Court mailing system in a sealed envelope for postage                               |  |  |
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| CASE NO. CV17-0022  | 21 MARIA JARAMILLO vs. SUSAN R. RAM  | MARIA JARAMILLO vs. SUSAN R. RAMOS, M.D. et al.   |  |  |
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| DATE, JUDGE<br>OFFICERS OF<br>COURT PRESENT   | APPEARANCES-HEARING  | CONTINUED TO  |  |  |
| 08/01/2018<br>HONORABLE<br>KATHLEEN M.<br>DRAKULICH<br>DEPT. NO. 1<br>M. Conway<br>(Clerk)<br>J. Kernan<br>(Reporter)<br>Deputy Lesher<br>(Bailiff) | <ul> <li><u>PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE</u></li> <li>Leah Ronhaar, Esq. was present in Court on behalf of Rosaiset Jaramillo, as Special Administrator of the Est Ms. Rosaiset Jaramillo was not present.</li> <li>Alice Campos Mercado, Esq. was present in Court on who was not present.</li> <li>Carrie Parker, Esq. was present in Court on behalf of Reno, LLC dba St. Mary's Regional Medical Center; Pr Mary's Medical Group,</li> <li>Inc., with no representative present.</li> <li><b>1:30 p.m Court convened.</b></li> <li>Court acknowledge there are no pending motions be the deadlines contained in the Joint Early Case Confect Counsel Mercado advised the Court that they will be Court discussed the possibility of the parties particip.</li> <li>Count instructed counsel to speak with their clients at Assistant at least one, but preferably two, agreed up its judicial colleagues and facilitate setting a settlement Court discussed trial procedures in Department 1, rewith counsel the trial date of November 5, 2018.</li> <li><b>COURT ORDERED:</b> Final Pre-Trial Conference set for Exhibit marking will be set with the Court Clerk at this <b>1:50 p.m Court stood in recess.</b></li> </ul> | tate of Maria Jaramillo.<br>behalf of Defendant Susan Ramos, M.D.,<br>Defendants Prime Healthcare Services,<br>rime Healthcare Management, Inc.; and St.<br>efore the Court at this time and reviewed<br>erence Report pursuant to NRCP 16.1.<br>filing a Motion for Summary Judgment.<br>ating in a settlement conference.<br>t would be willing to participate in a<br>and to provide to the Department 1 Judicial<br>on dates and Department 1 will reach out to<br>ent conference with another department.<br>viewed docket scheduling and confirmed<br>October 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. |  |  |

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## EXHIBIT LIST

#### PLAINTIFF: MARIA JARAMILLO

#### DEFENDANT: SUSAN RAMOS, M.D. ET AL

Plaintiff's Counsel: WILLIAM JEANNEY, ESQ. Defense Counsel: ALICE MERCADO, ESQ. CARRIE PARKER, ESQ.

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| Exhibit No. | Party     | Description          | Marked  | Offered         | Admitted |
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| 1           | Defendant | Images dated 4/29/15 | 9/24/18 | No<br>Objection | 9/24/18  |
| 2           | Defendant | Image dated 3/18/16  | 9/24/18 | No<br>Objection | 9/24/18  |
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#### APPEARANCES-HEARING

# n 10/10/18 at

KATHLEEN M. Plaintiff, Maria Jaramillo, not present and represented by William DRAKULICH Jeanney, Esq. 1:00 p.m. for DEPT. NO. 1 Defendant, Susan Ramos, M.D., not present and represented by **Final PTC** M. Schuck Alice Mercado, Esq. Defendants, Prime Healthcare Services, Prime Healthcare (Clerk) L. Clarkson Management, Inc. and Saint Mary's Medical Group, without a 11/05/18 at representative present and represented by Carrie Parker, Esg. and (Reporter) 9:30 a.m. for Deputy Lorman William Peterson, Esq. Jury Trial (Bailiff) Matter convened at 3:07 p.m. (5 days) Counsel placed their appearances on the record. Court referenced the two Motions for Summary Judgements (MSJ) filed by the Defendants and also referenced the upcoming trial settina. Counsel Mercado presented argument that there was no breach on the standard of care. She argued in favor of her MSJ. Counsel Parker presented her argument in favor of her MSJ and also addressed exclusive control. She presented Exhibits 1 and 2 for admittance; Counsel Jeanney had no objection; Court admitted Exhibits 1 and 2. Counsel Parker also addressed causal connection. Counsel Jeanney addressed the instant matter, addressed NRS 41A.100 and addressed the burden shifting by Counsel Parker. He did not dispute any expert and noted the deadline had passed. He addressed exclusive control. Counsel Mercado responded to the issue of burden shifting and referenced NRS 41A.100 and Williams vs. Renown Regional Medical Center. Counsel Parker responded and addressed res ipsa loquitur, Johnson vs Egtedar, and rebuttable presumption. COURT took the matter under submission.

Matter concluded at 4:12 p.m.

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| 7        | MARIA JARAMILLO, Case No. CV17-00221  |
| 8        | Plaintiff, Dept. No. 1  |
| 9        | vs.   |
| 10       | SUSAN R. RAMOS, M.D., F.A.C.S.; PRIME HEALTHCARE<br>SERVICES RENO, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability  |
| 11       | Company, d/b/a SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL  |
| 12       | CENTER; PRIME HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT, INC., a<br>California Corporation; SAINT MARY'S MEDICAL GROUP,   |
| 13       | INC.; ABC Corporations I-X, inclusive, Black and White<br>Companies; and DOES I-XX, inclusive,  |
| 14<br>15 | Defendants.   |
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| 18       | <b>CERTIFICATE OF CLERK AND TRANSMITTAL – NOTICE OF APPEAL</b><br>I certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, |
| 19       | County of Washoe; that on the 8th day of November, 2018, I electronically filed the Notice of   |
| 20       | Appeal in the above entitled matter to the Nevada Supreme Court.  |
| 21       | I further certify that the transmitted record is a true and correct copy of the original pleadings on file with the Second Judicial District Court.             |
| 22       | Dated this 8th day of November, 2018  |
| 23       | Jacqueline Bryant   |
| 24       | Clerk of the Court  |
| 25       | By /s/ Yvonne Viloria   |
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