#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

J.E. JOHNS & ASSOCIATES, a Nevada business entity; and A.J. JOHNSON, an individual,

Appellants/Cross-Respondents,

VS.

JOHN LINDBERG, an individual; MICHAEL LINDBERG, an individual; and JUDITH L. LINDBERG, an individual,

Respondents/Cross-Appellants.

No. 78086

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Appeal from the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada In and For Washoe County

The Honorable Jerome Polaha, District Judge Presiding

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#### RESPONDENTS'/CROSS-APPELLANTS' APPENDIX – VOLUME I

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## RESPONDENTS'/CROSS-APPELLANTS' APPENDIX<sup>1</sup>

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Motions in Limine				
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The listed pleadings were requested to be added to the Joint Appendix when the parties conferred on the contents of the Joint Appendix and were not included in the final Joint Appendix. The listed transcripts were to be included in the Joint Appendix but were not added to the final Joint Appendix.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Opposition to Motion to Amend or Alter Judgment Pursuant to NRCP 59(e) was included in the Joint Appendix as requested, however, the exhibits to the Opposition were not included in the Joint Appendix.

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

JOHN LINDBERG, an individual; MICHAL LINDBERG, an individual; and JUDITH L. LINDBERG, an individual,

Plaintiffs,

v.

HARRY RICHARD REYNOLDS, an individual; DEANN REYNOLDS, an individual; J.E. JOHNS & ASSOCIATES, a Nevada business entity; JAMES E. JOHNS, an individual; A.J. JOHNSON, an individual; KEN AMUNDSON, an individual; BRIAN F. KINCANNON, an individual; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. CV15-00281

Dept. No. 3

**MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE PARTY** 

COME NOW Plaintiffs John Lindberg, Michal Lindberg, and Judith L. Lindberg ("Plaintiffs"), and move this Court for an order substituting in the place and stead of James E. Johns, deceased, an appropriate representative of Mr. Johns's estate, whether that be a personal representative of Mr. Johns or the successors to Mr. Johns's estate, whether that be next of kin, a personal representative, or an executor of Mr. Johns's estate. Because the action against Mr. Johns did not abate upon his death,

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which was suggested on the record by counsel on March 8, 2016, an appropriate representative of Mr. Johns's estate must be properly substituted into this matter in accordance with NRCP 25. Plaintiffs are not aware of the creation of a probate estate on behalf of Mr. Johns, but Plaintiffs are aware that Mr. Johns, prior to his death, jointly owned with his wife and co-defendant, Amina M. Johns aka A.J. Johnson, real estate located at 12565 Stillwater Way in Reno, Nevada 89511. (Declaration of Counsel filed concurrently herewith). As such, Plaintiffs suggest that Amina M. Johns aka A.J. Johnson be substituted in the place and stead of James E. Johns, in accordance with NRCP 25. If the Court concludes that Mrs. Johns should not be substituted in the place and stead of her deceased husband, then Plaintiffs request assistance from the Court to appoint an appropriate successor to Mr. Johns in this matter.

#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### I. BRIEF FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs, by and through previous counsel of record Sean L. Brohawn, Esq., initiated the above-captioned lawsuit on February 10, 2015 with the filing of a complaint. On or about February 10, 2016, Plaintiffs engaged the undersigned as their new counsel requesting the undersigned to notify all parties of this new representation and to formally substitute John D. Moore, Esq., as their counsel in place and stead of Sean L. Brohawn, Esq. The undersigned filed his notice of appearance in this matter on February 10, 2016, and has acted as counsel in all matters involving this case since that date.

Thereafter, on or about March 8, 2016, Mr. Johns's attorney notified the Court of Mr. Johns's death. Knowing of the suggestion of death on the record, during the early case conference that the parties held in this matter on March 16, 2016, Plaintiffs' attorney asked Mr. Johns's attorney if a probate estate would be established on behalf of Mr. Johns's estate and/or if a personal representative would be assigned to oversee Mr. Johns's estate. Mr. Johns's attorney stated that he did not believe

II. LEGAL AUTHORITY

# that a probate would be opened and that a representative likely would not be assigned to oversee Mr. Johns's estate. (Declaration of Counsel). Even if a probate is not opened on behalf of Mr. Johns's estate and even if a personal representative is not assigned to oversee Mr. Johns's estate, NRCP 25 requires the substitution of a living party in the place and stead of Mr. Johns. As a result, Plaintiffs find it necessary to file this Motion to Substitute Party at this time, to name a successor party to Mr. Johns, who is deceased.

Under NRCP 25(a)(1), "[i]f a party dies and the claim is not thereby extinguished, the court may order substitution of the proper parties. The motion for substitution may be made by any party or by the successors or representatives of the deceased party. . . Unless the motion for substitution is made not later than 90 days after the death is suggested upon the record by service of a statement of the fact of the death as provide herein for service of the motion, the action shall be dismissed as to the deceased party."

Here, to avoid the dismissal of Plaintiffs' valid claims against Mr. Johns, NRCP 25 requires the substitution of a successor or representative of Mr. Johns into this lawsuit. Because it appears that Mr. Johns was married at the time of his death to Amina M. Johns also known as A.J. Johnson, a codefendant in this matter, it seems only appropriate that Mrs. Johns be substituted into this matter in the place and stead of Mr. Johns. Absent some other appropriate representative or successor, Plaintiffs hereby request the substitution of Amina M. Johns into this matter in the place and stead of James E. Johns.

#### III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated herein, the Court should substitute Amina M. Johns also known as A.J. Johnson, a co-defendant herein, into this matter, in the place and stead of the deceased Defendant,

James E. Johns.

#### **AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030**

The undersigned attorney does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any persons.

DATED this 15th day of April, 2016.

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#### **AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030**

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JOHN LINDBERG, an individual; MICHAL LINDBERG, an individual; and JUDITH L. LINDBERG, an individual,

Plaintiffs,

HARRY RICHARD REYNOLDS, an individual; DEANN REYNOLDS, an individual; J.E. JOHNS & ASSOCIATES, a Nevada business entity; JAMES E. JOHNS, an individual; A.J. JOHNSON, an individual: KEN AMUNDSON, an individual; BRIAN F. KINCANNON, an individual; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. CV15-00281

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## ORDER SUBSTITUTING PARTY

Currently before the Court is the MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE PARTY (the "Motion") filed by Plaintiffs JOHN LINDBERG, MICHAL LINDBERG, and JUDITH L. LINDBERG (collectively, "the Plaintiffs") on April 15, 2016. No opposition to the Motion was filed and the matter was submitted for consideration on May 4, 2016.

DCR 13(3) states, in pertinent part, that the "[f]ailure of the opposing party to serve and

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1	file his written opposition may be construed as an admission that the motion is meritorious and a
2	consent to granting the same."
3	The Court having considered the Motion filed and submitted by the Plaintiffs, no
4	opposition having been filed, and good cause appearing,
5	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Amina M. Johns also known as A.J. Johnson, a co-defendant
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7	herein, is substituted into this matter, in the place and stead of the deceased Defendant, James E. Johns.
8	DATED this day of, 2016.
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11	JEROME POLAHA
12	DISTRICT JUDGE
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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

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HARRY RICHARD REYNOLDS, an

Plaintiffs,

LINDBERG, an individual,

individual; DEANN REYNOLDS, an

individual; J.E. JOHNS & ASSOCIATES, a

JOHN LINDBERG, an individual; MICHAEL

LINDBERG, an individual; and JUDITH L.

Nevada business entity; JAMES E. JOHNS, an individual; A.J. JOHNSON, an individual;

BRIAN F. KINCANNON, an individual;

GROUP ONE, INC., a Nevada corporation dba

Keller Williams Realty; ROBERT CLEMENT, an individual; and DOES 3 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

ORDER

Currently before the Court is the MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE PARTY ("the Motion").

Plaintiffs JOHN LINDBERG, MICHAEL LINDBERG, and JUDITH L. LINDBERG (collectively,

"the Plaintiffs") filed the Motion on April 15, 2016. No party filed any opposition to the Motion.

The Plaintiffs submitted the matter for consideration on May 4, 2016.

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D.C.R. 13(3) states, in pertinent part, the "[f]ailure of the opposing party to serve and file his written opposition may be construed as an admission that the motion is meritorious and a consent to granting the same."

The Court, having considered the Motion and supporting documents filed and submitted by the Plaintiffs, no opposition having been filed, and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that AMINA M. JOHNS, also known as A.J. JOHNSON, a codefendant herein, is substituted into the matter, in the place and stead of the deceased defendant, JAMES E. JOHNS.

Dated this 3/1 day of May, 2016.

JEROME POLAHA DISTRICT JUDGE

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JOHN LINDBERG, MICHAL LINDBERG, JUDITH L. LINDBERG

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Plaintiffs,

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HARRY RICHARD REYNOLDS, DEANN REYNOLDS, J. E. JOHNS & ASSOCIATES, A. J. JOHNSON, KEN AMUNDSON, BRIAN F. KINCANNON

Defendants.

## ANSWER TO SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

Defendants, James E. Johns and A.J. Johnson answering the Second Amended Complaint, admits, denies and avers as follows:

#### THE PARTIES

Defendants answering the "Parties" allegations of the Second Amended Complaint on file herein admits, denies and avers as follows:

1. Admit that Reynolds were residents of Washoe County, Nevada. Admit that James E. Johns was a resident of Washoe County, Nevada. These Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the

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1	averments contained in paragraphs 2, 4, 7 through 11, inclusive to the Second
2	Amended Complaint.
3	FACTS
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5	Defendants answering the "Facts" of the Second Amended Complaint on file
6	herein admits, denies and avers as follows:
7	Adopt by reference and make a part hereof each and all the admissions,
8	denials contained hereinabove.
9	Admit that J.E. Johns & Associates listed the property for sale on behalf or
10	the sellers. Deny each, and every and other averments contained in paragraphs 14,
11	17, 18, 20 through 29, inclusive.
12	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
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14	Answering the "First Cause of Action" of the Second Amended Complaint, these
15	Defendants admits, denies and avers as follows:
16	<ol> <li>Insofar as said first cause of action is not applicable to these Defendants,</li> </ol>
17	Defendants denies the same.
18	SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
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20	Answering the "Second Cause of Action" of the Second Amended Complaint,
21	these Defendants admits, denies and avers as follows:
22	<ol> <li>Insofar as the second cause of action is not applicable to these</li> </ol>
23	Defendants, these Defendants denies the same.
24	THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
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26	Answering the "Third Cause of Action" of the Second Amended Complaint, these
27	Defendants admits, denies and avers as follows:

1	<ol> <li>Insofar as this third cause of action is not applicable to these Defendants,</li> </ol>			
2	these Defendants denies the same.			
3	FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION			
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5	Answering the "Fourth Cause of Action" of the Second Amended Complaint,			
6	these Defendants admits, denies and avers as follows:			
7	Adopt by reference and make a part hereof each and all the admissions,			
8	denials contained hereinabove.			
9	Deny each, and every and all of the averments contained in paragraphs			
10	46 through 48 of the fourth cause of action.			
11	FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION			
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13	Answering the "Fifth Cause of Action" of the Second Amended Complaint, these			
14	Defendants admits, denies and avers as follows:			
15	<ol> <li>Adopt by reference and make a part hereof each and all the admissions,</li> </ol>			
16	denials contained hereinabove.			
17	Deny each, and every and all of the averments contained in paragraphs			
18	50 through 54, inclusive of the fifth cause of action.			
19	FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE			
20	Defendant James E. Johns is now deceased and this Court lacks jurisdiction.			
21	SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE			
22	Plaintiffs have resolved its claim with regard to the remaining Defendants and			
23	these Defendants is entitled to a credit therefore.			
24	THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE			
25	Plaintiffs were provided reports indicating problems with regard to the subject			
26	property and proceeded to close the escrow and assumed the risks by reason of the			
27	same.			

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#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs received compensation for the losses alleged to have been sustained in the purchase of the property and the claim has been satisfied.

#### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs has waived any rights to collect for issues as to these Defendants by reason of the notice of deficiencies.

#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Said complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

#### SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiffs negligently and carelessly conducted themselves in and about the matters averred in said complaint which said negligence and carelessness attributed to any and all lawsuits allegedly to be sustained by them.

#### **EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiffs engaged independent contractors and consultants and relied on the materials provided to them.

#### NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The duties owed to the Plaintiffs to adequately investigate and counsel the Plaintiffs were not by these Defendants.

#### TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims of the complaint are barred by justification.

#### **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The claims of the complaint are barred by unjust enrichment.

#### TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims of the complaint are barred by failure to act in a commercially reasonable manner.

#### THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims of the complaint are barred by lack of consideration.

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#### FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims of the complaint are barred in whole or in part by waiver acquiescence and/or estoppel.

#### FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims of the complaint are barred by unclean hands and bad faith.

#### SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Recession is the remedy available to the Plaintiff.

Wherefore, these Defendants pray that Plaintiffs take nothing from said Complaint and that these Defendants have judgment against Plaintiffs for costs of suit and reasonable attorneys fees.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

The undersigned affirms that the foregoing pleading does not contain a social security number.

DATED this 17th day of JANUARY, 2018 C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, LTD.

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Defendants.

dba Keller Williams Realty; ROBERT CLEMENT, an individual; and DOES 3

through 10, inclusive,

# MOTION IN LIMINE NO. 2 TO EXCLUDE THE OFFER OF EVIDENCE OR ARGUMENT RELATED TO SETTLEMENTS REACHED WITH OTHER DEFENDANTS

Plaintiffs, John Lindberg, Michal Lindberg, and Judith L. Lindberg, ("Plaintiffs") hereby file this Motion in Limine No. 2 to Exclude the Offer of Evidence or Argument Related to Settlements Reached with Other Defendants. ("Motion"). In recent filings with this Court, including in the answer

on January 10, 2018, these Defendants have asserted that "Plaintiffs have resolved its [sic] claim with regard to the remaining Defendants and these Defendants is [sic] entitled to a credit therefore." Answer to Second Amended Complaint at Second Affirmative Defense, attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Defendants also claim in their Fourth Affirmative Defense that "Plaintiffs received compensation for the losses alleged to have been sustained in the purchase of the property and the claim has been satisfied." *Id.* In these affirmative defenses, these Defendants appear to be attempting to apply principles of contribution in an effort to create a credit for settlements already reached with other defendants that are no longer parties to this dispute. The Court should not allow Defendants to present evidence or argument of these other settlements with other defendants because such evidence or argument is not admissible to prove or disprove liability under NRS 48.105, Defendants have no right of contribution under a plain reading of NRS 17.255, the disclosure of such evidence is irrelevant, and the disclosure of such evidence or argument, if relevant, would be overly prejudicial to Plaintiffs. For these various reasons, the Court should exclude evidence or argument of any settlements reached with any other defendants in this dispute.

that James E. Johns<sup>1</sup> and A.J. Johnson<sup>2</sup> filed to Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint in this matter

#### **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

#### I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs filed a complaint on February 10, 2015 to vindicate their rights arising from the sale of property to Plaintiffs that took place on or about February 28, 2013. These claims arise under NRS 113.150 against the sellers of the property, Harry Richard Reynolds and Deann Reynolds, for their

Unfortunately, James E. Johns died on February 10, 2016. Mr. Johns' death was the subject of a suggestion of death on the record in or about March of 2016 and a motion to substitute party filed in or about April of 2016. The motion to substitute party was not opposed and in June of 2016, A.J. Johnson was substitute into this matter as the representative of the deceased James E. Johns.

JE Johns & Associates has not yet answered Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint and Plaintiffs are seeking to understand this entity's position on this issue. Plaintiffs expect either an answer from this Defendant soon or Plaintiffs will file a default against this Defendant prior to trial.

failure to disclose various issues with the property in violation of NRS 113.130. Plaintiffs also asserted claims of negligent and fraudulent misrepresentation against the sellers. Plaintiffs' claims also arise under NRS 645.251, et seq., against the seller's realty agent and broker, A.J. Johnson, James E. Johns, and J.E. Johns & Associates and against the buyer's realty agent and broker, Brian Kincannon, Robert Clement, and Group One, Inc., dba Keller Williams Realty for their failure to disclose information that they knew or that they should have known and because these realtor defendants did not act with reasonable skill and care in this transaction, which constitute statutory violations of NRS 645.252, NAC 645.600, and NRS 645.257.

For purposes of informing the Court only, the sellers and the buyers' realty agent and broker have resolved all claims Plaintiffs raised against them. The only remaining defendants in this case are the sellers' realty agents and broker, A.J. Johnson, James E. Johns and J.E. Johns & Associates ("Defendants"). The claims against these remaining Defendants are statutory in nature, there are no joint tortfeasors, there is no alleged injury to person or property associated with these claims, there is no single injury alleged under any of the applicable statutes, and there is no right of contribution existing in favor of these Defendants. As such, these Defendants cannot lawfully point the finger at any other defendant to this case and cannot reduce their liability by any settlement reached with any other defendant.

Approximately one year after purchasing the property in question, John Lindberg discovered that two structures found on the property were not constructed with building permits, which is a fact Plaintiffs allege was known to the sellers of the property at the time of the sale. Accordingly, Plaintiffs sued the sellers under NRS 113.150 for their failure to disclose in a Seller's Real Property Disclosure form the fact that two of the buildings on the property were not permitted. Plaintiffs also sued the sellers for negligent and fraudulent misrepresentation. Plaintiffs also sued the remaining Defendants in this matter asserting that these Defendants knew or should have known that the septic system and well at the property were undersized, that the listing of the property as a single family residence was improper, and that the listing of the property as having 3,880 square feet was made in error, even

though the remaining Defendants knew the size of the combined living space found at the property and the remaining Defendants knew or should have known that the septic system and well were inadequate. Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants violated NRS 645.252, NAC 645.600 and NRS 645.257 because of these many failures. The remaining Defendants are not subject to the common law, as set forth under NRS 645.251, and their liability is based in statute.

If Plaintiffs proved their claims against the sellers of the property, their damages would be based in statute under NRS 113.150(4) in that Plaintiffs would be entitled to "recover from the seller treble the amount necessary to repair or replace the defective part of the property, together with court costs and reasonable attorney's fees." These damages are specific to the seller of real property and the seller's agent is not responsible to pay these damages arising from a seller's failure to disclose, unless the agent knew of the failure to disclose. If Plaintiffs prove their claims against the Defendants in this case, then liability and damages are established by a different statute, NRS 645.257. Under that statute, the Plaintiffs would be entitled to recover damages that are the "proximate result of a licensee's failure to perform any duties required by NRS 645.252, 645.253, or 645.254, or the regulations adopted to carry out these sections. . ." and these damages would be limited to the "actual damages" suffered by the Plaintiffs.

Under these two separate statutes, the seller's liability and damages that may be assessed against the seller are not the same as those that may be assessed against the Defendants in this case, meaning that there is no single injury that would entitle the Defendants to contribution in this case. There is also not a right to contribution in this case because the injury is not to the Plaintiffs' person or property. The liability of the seller (for possible treble damages) and the liability of the Defendants (for actual damages) are statutory in nature. Because the damages that Plaintiffs may recover from each group of defendants in this case are different and are based in different statutes, there is no joint and several liability of two or more joint tortfeasors from which a single injury to person or property has been sustained, meaning that there is no right of contribution in favor of the Defendants against any other defendant in this dispute. NRS 17.225. Without such a right of contribution, the Defendants

cannot offset any amounts paid in settlement by any other defendant who paid to settle statutory claims that include statutory damages payable by that defendant only.

#### II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

#### a. There is no Right of Contribution that favors these Defendants.

Defendants' affirmative defenses outlining that they believe they are entitled to a credit for settlements from defendants who have resolved their statutory liability already in this case represents a fundamental misunderstanding of the right of contribution in Nevada. For a party to be entitled to contribution to offset a settlement from another defendant in any case, it must be shown that "two or more persons [became] jointly or severally liable *in tort* for the *same injury to person or property or for the same wrongful death.* . ." NRS 17.225. Absent from this case are any allegations that any party to this dispute is a joint tortfeasor, as the claims are statutorily based and are unique to each defendant, or that there has been a single injury to person or to property resulting from any defendants' violation of the specific statutes referenced in this matter. There simply is no right of contribution between the Defendants and any defendant that has settled its statutory liability to the Plaintiffs. In their second and fourth affirmative defenses, these Defendants do not suggest any other way they would be entitled to a credit for a settlement between the Plaintiffs and any other defendant. There simply is not a right to a credit under the circumstances in this case. Accordingly, evidence of these settlements should not be introduced at trial.

# b. Evidence of a Settlement of Any Kind is inadmissible to Disprove or to Prove Liability.

In accordance with NRS 48.105, "[e]vidence of. . . furnishing. . . or accepting a valuable consideration in compromising. . . a claim which was disputed as to either validity or amount, is not admissible to prove liability for *or invalidity of* the claim or its amount." (Emphasis added). The Defendants here are seeking to offer evidence of settlements with other defendants to this matter to offset their own liability, and thereby disprove that they are liable for Plaintiffs' damages. The introduction of evidence of a settlement to disprove the Defendants' liability is impermissible. The Court should not allow the Defendants to offer any evidence of settlement at any stage of this case or

to argue that the Defendants' liability is somehow offset or credited with any amounts arising from settlements from other defendants. Such evidence and argument would be improper.

#### c. Evidence of Settlements reached by Other Defendants in this Case is Irrelevant.

Under NRS 48.015, "relevant evidence" is defined as "evidence having any tendency to make the existence of any fact that is of consequence to the determination of the action more or less probable than it would be without the evidence." Under NRS 48.025, "relevant evidence" is admissible at trial while irrelevant evidence is inadmissible. In this case, evidence of a settlement of statutory claims that created a unique set of statutory damages against a singular defendant prove nothing regarding the claims raised against these Defendants. The claims raised against the Defendants are based solely upon what these Defendants knew or should have known or whether these Defendants exercised reasonable care under the provisions of NRS 645.252. A settlement with a defendant seller of property whose liability is premised on NRS 113.150 proves nothing of consequence in the separate statutory claims raised against these Defendants. There simply is no relevance supporting the admission of evidence or argument related to any of the settlements reached with any other defendants in this matter. Accordingly, the Court should exclude such evidence at trial.

# d. The Danger of Undue Prejudice outweighs any Probative Value found in the Admission of Evidence or Argument related to Settlements with other Defendants.

Plaintiffs can see only three reasons to submit evidence or argument related to settlements reached with other defendants in this case, which include; (1) to unfairly prejudice the Plaintiffs; (2) to confuse the issues; and (3) to mislead the jury. As such, evidence or argument related to settlements reached with other defendants in this case should be inadmissible under NRS 48.035, because the probative value of such evidence is outweighed by the three concerns associated with this evidence. Evidence of a settlement with the Plaintiffs would unfairly prejudice the Plaintiffs because the jury may determine that the Plaintiffs have received enough money because of these settlements, which is not a proper basis to deny Plaintiffs' claims if Defendants violated NRS 645.252. The introduction of

this evidence would confuse the issues, in that the jury might believe that they must determine if the Plaintiffs are entitled to any additional damages other than what they have received through settlements, which is also not a proper basis for denying liability. Finally, the jury would be misled by the introduction of evidence of settlements with other Defendants because the presentation of this evidence serves no purposes but to make it appear as though Plaintiffs have been made whole, when the damages that arise from Defendants' violations of NRS 645.252 are unique to these Defendants and arise solely from their misdeeds and not from the misdeed of any other Defendant. Accordingly, even if relevant (which it is not), evidence of settlements with other Defendants in this matter should be excluded as overly prejudicial, confusing, and misleading.

#### III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated herein, the Court should not allow the introduction at trial of evidence or argument that Defendants' liability may be credited or offset by any settlements reached with other defendants in this matter. Evidence of such settlements also should not be introduced at trial.

#### **AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030**

By

The undersigned attorney does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any persons

DATED this 4 day of February, 2018.

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# IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

JOHN LINDBERG, MICHAL LINDBERG, JUDITH L. LINDBERG

Plaintiffs,

VS.

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HARRY RICHARD REYNOLDS, DEANN REYNOLDS, J. E. JOHNS & ASSOCIATES, A. J. JOHNSON, KEN AMUNDSON, BRIAN F. KINCANNON

Defendants.

Case No. CV15-00281

Dept. No. 3

## ANSWER TO SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

Defendants, James E. Johns and A.J. Johnson answering the Second Amended Complaint, admits, denies and avers as follows:

#### THE PARTIES

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Defendants answering the "Parties" allegations of the Second Amended Complaint on file herein admits, denies and avers as follows:

 Admit that Reynolds were residents of Washoe County, Nevada. Admit that James E. Johns was a resident of Washoe County, Nevada. These Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the

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1	averments contained in paragraphs 2, 4, 7 through 11, inclusive to the Second
2	Amended Complaint.
3	FACTS
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5	Defendants answering the "Facts" of the Second Amended Complaint on file
6	herein admits, denies and avers as follows:
7	Adopt by reference and make a part hereof each and all the admissions,
8	denials contained hereinabove.
9	<ol><li>Admit that J.E. Johns &amp; Associates listed the property for sale on behalf or</li></ol>
10	the sellers. Deny each, and every and other averments contained in paragraphs 14,
11	17, 18, 20 through 29, inclusive.
12	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
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14	Answering the "First Cause of Action" of the Second Amended Complaint, these
15	Defendants admits, denies and avers as follows:
16	<ol> <li>Insofar as said first cause of action is not applicable to these Defendants,</li> </ol>
17	Defendants denies the same.
18	SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
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20	Answering the "Second Cause of Action" of the Second Amended Complaint,
21	these Defendants admits, denies and avers as follows:
22	<ol> <li>Insofar as the second cause of action is not applicable to these</li> </ol>
23	Defendants, these Defendants denies the same.
24	THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
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26	Answering the "Third Cause of Action" of the Second Amended Complaint, these
27	Defendants admits, denies and avers as follows:

1	<ol> <li>Insofar as this third cause of action is not applicable to these Defendants,</li> </ol>
2	these Defendants denies the same.
3	FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
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5	Answering the "Fourth Cause of Action" of the Second Amended Complaint,
6	these Defendants admits, denies and avers as follows:
7	Adopt by reference and make a part hereof each and all the admissions,
8	denials contained hereinabove.
9	Deny each, and every and all of the averments contained in paragraphs
10	46 through 48 of the fourth cause of action.
11	FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
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13	Answering the "Fifth Cause of Action" of the Second Amended Complaint, these
14	Defendants admits, denies and avers as follows:
15	<ol> <li>Adopt by reference and make a part hereof each and all the admissions,</li> </ol>
16	denials contained hereinabove.
17	Deny each, and every and all of the averments contained in paragraphs
18	50 through 54, inclusive of the fifth cause of action.
19	FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
20	Defendant James E. Johns is now deceased and this Court lacks jurisdiction.
21	SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
22	Plaintiffs have resolved its claim with regard to the remaining Defendants and
23	these Defendants is entitled to a credit therefore.
24	THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
25	Plaintiffs were provided reports indicating problems with regard to the subject
26	property and proceeded to close the escrow and assumed the risks by reason of the
27	same.

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#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs received compensation for the losses alleged to have been sustained in the purchase of the property and the claim has been satisfied.

#### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs has waived any rights to collect for issues as to these Defendants by reason of the notice of deficiencies.

#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Said complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

#### SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiffs negligently and carelessly conducted themselves in and about the matters averred in said complaint which said negligence and carelessness attributed to any and all lawsuits allegedly to be sustained by them.

#### **EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiffs engaged independent contractors and consultants and relied on the materials provided to them.

#### NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The duties owed to the Plaintiffs to adequately investigate and counsel the Plaintiffs were not by these Defendants.

#### TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims of the complaint are barred by justification.

#### **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The claims of the complaint are barred by unjust enrichment.

#### TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims of the complaint are barred by failure to act in a commercially reasonable manner.

#### THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims of the complaint are barred by lack of consideration.

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#### FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims of the complaint are barred in whole or in part by waiver acquiescence and/or estoppel.

## FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims of the complaint are barred by unclean hands and bad faith.

#### SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Recession is the remedy available to the Plaintiff.

Wherefore, these Defendants pray that Plaintiffs take nothing from said Complaint and that these Defendants have judgment against Plaintiffs for costs of suit and reasonable attorneys fees.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

The undersigned affirms that the foregoing pleading does not contain a social security number.

DATED this 17th day of JANUARY, 2018 C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, LTD.

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To exclude any evidence in connection with misdeeds of A. J. Johnson

that are beyond the opinion of the expert as not in compliance with the statutes

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requiring proof of violation of the standard of care as said evidence would be irrelevant and prejudicial to this Defendant.

#### **POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

#### A. STATEMENT OF FACTS

The property at issue is a single family residence located in Washoe County on one plus acre of land. It consists of primary residence, a two bay garage, one bay of which was converted into a living area, and a barn of which part of the barn was converted into an office area. For purposes of simplicity, living area in the garage will be referred to as living area. The living area is a conversion of one of the bays of the two bay garage. It was in place and in existence at the time that the seller (Reynolds) purchased the property from the prior owner. They were not involved in the conversion of the garage to a living area. The Reynolds (seller) purchased the property in 1995 and continued to use the living area as a mother in law quarters.

The Second Amended Complaint alleges that these defendants were the listing broker of this property. (Paragraph 14) As the listing broker of the property, these defendants did not represent the interest of the buyer. The agency disclosure forms prepared by these defendants clearly demonstrate that they are representing the seller and did not represent the buyer. In fact, the buyer never met these defendants. According to the Second Amended Complaint, the buyer had their own real estate agent representing their interest. The claims against James E. Johns arise from an allegation that James E. Johns is the broker (Paragraph 6) and should have monitored the listing agent. The claims against A. J. Johnson arise from the marketing and listing of the property in the Multiple Listing Service. (Paragraph 5)

The buyer purchased the property and later discovered that the "in law quarters" were not permitted. As a result, plaintiff filed a claim against the seller and the real estate agents.

Before making the offer on the property, the buyer submitted questions to their

broker concerning the property to include the size of the tank serving the house and structures and other amenities regarding the property. Obviously, the buyer was sensitive to certain issues concerning waste disposal precipating the subject communications to the listing agents by means of the buyer's broker.

#### B. STATEMENT OF PROCEDURAL FACTS

This action was commenced on February 10, 2015. On February 10, 2016, James E. Johns passed on. A Notice of Death was filed with the Court on March 9, 2016.

In connection with Defendant Reynolds, Plaintiffs settled the case with Defendant Reynolds for the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). In connection with the claims as to Defendants Brian F. Kincannon and Group One Inc. Keller Realty (buyers' broker), Defendants settled those claims for Seventy Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500). The only remaining Defendants are James E. Johns and A.J. Johnson.

#### C. ARGUMENT

#### STANDARD OF REVIEW

Motions in limine are designed to seek the Court's ruling on the admissibility of arguments, assertions and evidence in advance of trial and outside the presence of the jury. The authority for consideration of a motion in limine arises out of NRCP 16 (c) (3) and this Court's discretionary authority for making advance rulings on the admissibility of evidence. See *State ex rel. Dept. of Hwys, v Nevada aggregates of Asphalt Co.*, 92 Nev 370, 551 P.2d 1095 (1976) (holding that motions in limine are within the District Court's discretionary powers).

Motions in limine are the traditional vehicle for determining the admissibility of evidence and for pre-determination of the relevance of testimony or evidence. Under Nevada law, the admissibility of evidence must be determined outside the presence of the jury in order to prevent the jury from exposure or suggestion from or regarding the inadmissible evidence or the Court's decision. See NRS 47.080.

limine is to avoid the obviously futile attempt to "unring the bell" when highly prejudicial evidence is offered and then stricken at trial. See *McEwen v. Norman Oklahoma*, F. 2d 1539, 1548 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1991); See also *People v. Morris*, 53 Cal. 3d 152, 188 [279 Cal.Rptr. 720, 739] (1991). The consideration of a motion in limine is recognized as part of the trial Court's inherent power to administer justice and to conduct the proceedings efficiently and effectively. See *State ex. rel Department of Highways v. Nevada Aggregates & Asphalt Co.*, 92 Nev. 370, 551 P. 2d 1095 (1976); See generally, *Eberhand Mfg. Co. v. Baldwin*, 97 Nev. 271, 273, 628, P. 2d 681, 682 (1981). The decision to admit evidence after balancing its prejudice against its probative value is one addressed to the discretion of the trial judge. *Martin v. State*, 80 Nev. 307, 393 P. 2d 141 (1964); *State v. Nystedt*, 79 Nev. 24, 377 P. 2d 929 (1963); cf. *Anderson v. State*, 92 Nev. 21 544 2d 1200 (1976).

A motion in limine is "any motion, whether made before or during trial, to exclude

anticipated prejudicial evidence before the evidence is actually offered." Luce v. United

States, 469 U.S. 38, 40 105 S. Ct. 460, 462, fn. 2 (1984). The purpose of a motion in

Motions in limine serve to permit more careful consideration of evidentiary issues that would take place in the heat of battle during trial and minimize sidebar conferences and disruptions. By resolving critical evidentiary issues at the outset, they enhance efficiency of the trial process and promote settlements. *People v. Morris*, supra, 53 Cal. 3d at 188.

A motion in limine allows the Court to rule on the admissibility of arguments, assertions and evidences in advance of trial and outside the presence of the jury.

NRCP 16(c)(3); WDCR 5(2); State ex. rel. Department of Highways v. Nevada

Aggregates & Asphalt Co.,, 92 Nev. 370, 551 P. 2d 1095 (1976). Motions in limine are most appropriate in jury trial.

#### 2. EXPERT REPORT DEFICIENT

This action involves a claim for a real estate transaction that occurred in 2013

wherein J. E. Johns & Associates (the broker) secured a listing on a single family residence and advertised the listing in the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). The broker of was James E. Johns. The property consisted of a single family residence and a separate unit known as the Mother in Law Quarters. The claim in the Second Amended Complaint filed May 18, 2016 states that the septic system servicing the property were inadequate to serve the property. That Defendant Johnson failed to comply with NRS 645.252 breached their duties by reason of NRS 645.257.

NRS 645.252 provides that a licensee acting in a real estate transaction shall disclose to each party to the real estate transaction material fact, data or information which the licensee knows or should have know upon the exercise of reasonable care and diligence. It also provides that the licensee is not under any obligation to conduct an investigation on the condition of the property which is the subject of the real estate transaction. (Subsection 4 (c)) NRS 645.257 provides that a person who has suffered damages as a result of a licensee's failure perform his duty in NRS 645.252 may bring an action against the licensee. However, it goes on to provide in Subsection 3:

"In an action brought by a person against a licensee pursuant to Subsection 1, the standard of care by a licensee is the degree of care that a reasonably prudent real estate licensee would exercise and is measured by the degree of knowledge required to be obtained by a real estate licensee pursuant to NRS 645.343 and NRS 645.345."

NRS 645.343 and NRS 645.345 discuss the requirement that an applicant to become a licensee in real estate must complete a course of instruction on principles, practices and procedures, law and ethics of real estate. In other words, the standard of care that would be violated by a licensee under NRS 645.257 is the degree of care the licensee should exercise measured by that being instructed to applicants to become licensees. The expert report of Sherrie Cartinella also fails to meet any of these requirements.

This is one of the few places in the Nevada Statutes wherein the statute mandates that you have to engage an expert that opines that the Defendant real estate agent violated the standard of care. That is a statutory mandate! The expert must opine that the degree of care required of licensee is the subject of the instructions under NRS 645.343. Review of the report of Sherrie Cartinella simply states:

"In my opinion the aforementioned fact should have been known by a real estate agent and disclosed to a potential buyer. Failure to disclose these facts in my opinion was detrimental to the Lindbergs."

The Standard of care that needs to be violated by the licensee is not that which would be detrimental to the Lindbergs but the "degree of care that a reasonable prudent real estate licensee would exercise". That degree of care is measured by that which is instructed at the time of this real estate transaction, 2013. The Plaintiff's expert report is totally deficient in meeting any of these standards. There are a lot of things that are detrimental to the buyer. The home inspection report had numerous deficiencies in connection with problems with the house and the mother in law quarters. These are detrimental to the buyer. However, the real estate licensee is not responsible by statute unless it constitutes the "degree of care that a reasonable prudent real estate licensee would exercise". The Plaintiff's expert report does not even address this issue. When asked at her deposition if she has an opinion other than that has been reflected in the expert report, she responded no. (Deposition of Sherrie Cartinella, Page 134-135 attached as Exhibit 2) No where in the deposition did she express an opinion that this licensee fell below the standard of care and Plaintiff's counsel is challenged to find any such testimony in her deposition. In other words, her report coupled with her testimony failed to comply with the mandate of NRS 645.257. The reason will become obvious to the Court if this case proceeds to trial. Her remark that it was detrimental to the buyer is void of any substance that the actions of A. J. Johnson violated any standard of care

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1 for a licensee since no one in the industry shares that viewpoint. Furthermore, the 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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expert was served with a subpoena. The subpoena requested that the expert present any papers documents or materials used by her in connection with the instruction or teaching any applicant seeking to secure a license as a Nevada real estate agent in the last seven years past (Exhibit 3). The witness presented no such documents in support thereof. This expert never instructed applicants that were seeking an opportunity to be licensed. Page 24 (Exhibit 2) As a result, she never delivered any documents consistent with the subpoena. In other words, the expert can not comply with the mandate of the statute that the degree of knowledge required to be obtained by a real estate licensee pursuant to NRS 645.343 and NRS 645.345 as she was never an instructor in this arena, nor does her report indicate it is in compliance with this aspect of the statute.

In other words, the expert has failed to opine that A. J. Johnson failed to meet the standard of care that was obligated by her in a real estate transaction. The expert also testified that she had no other opinions other than were set forth in the report. The expert report does not comply with the mandate of the statute. The expert report is the basis of the testimony of the expert which NRCP 16.1 mandates a disclosure.

#### 3. COMMON LAW ABROGATED

NRS 645.251 clearly delineates and defines that a licensee is not required to comply with any principles of common law. It has now been replaced by statutes, more specifically NRS 645.252. The Nevada Supreme Court in the case of Davis v Boeing, 128 Nev. 301, 278 P.3d 501 (2012) specifically ruled and held that the common law has been abrogated as it pertains to responsibilities and duties of a licensee when the type of conduct complained of is covered by NRS 645.252, 645.253 or 645.254. The exceptions to this claim involve fraud and concealment, both of which are not plead or applicable to the case at hand. The Plaintiff's expert report fails to identify the nature of the duty that was violated. The significance of the enactment of these statutes

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abrogated any common law claims. Accordingly, any evidence or testimony concerning any claims of misdeed by A. J. Johnson that do not involve the septic system is beyond the statutory exposure of A. J. Johnson under the Second Amended Complaint and inadmissible.

In *Prigge v South Seventh Realty*, Id. 97 Nev. 640, 637 P. 2d 1222 (1981) the Névada Supreme Court upheld an Order for Summary Judgment against the listing broker. It observed that the listing broker had a right to rely upon representations of the seller although false and the purchaser's remedy was against the seller not the listing broker. The Court went on to observe:

"An agent who makes untrue statements based upon information given to him by the principle is not liable because of the fact that the principle knew the information to be untrue. An agent can properly rely upon the statements of a principle to the same extent as upon statements from any other reputable source." Id it Page 641.

In the case of *Land Baron Invs. Inc. v Bonnie Springs Family LP*, 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 69 (2015) the buyer sought to rescind the deal based upon a mutual mistake. The Supreme Court went on to observe that a buyer bears the risk of loss when he is aware at the time the contract is made that he had only limited knowledge with respect to the facts to which the mistakes relates and seeks to use that limited knowledge as an escape. In other words, the buyer made inquiry prior to the purchase concerning the septic system. The information disclosed by the listing agent was that the size of the septic system was 15,000 gallons. The information was secured from the seller. It was incorrect. The buyer made no further inquiry and investigation on this issue even though the buyer also had a copy of the septic report that was referred to by the Plaintiff's expert. Accordingly, the buyer can not claim that the fault now lies with the listing broker. In *Hallmark v Elridge*, 124 Nev. 492, 189 P.3d 646 (2008) the Supreme Court observed the following:

"To testify as an expert witness under NRS 50.275, the witness must satisfy the following three requirements: (1) He or she must be qualified in an area of scientific, technical or other specialized knowledge (qualification requirement); (2) His or her specialized knowledge must "assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence to determine a fact in issue" (assistance requirement); (3) His or her testimony must be limited "to matters within the scope of knowledge" (limited scope requirement).

The Supreme Court went on to observe that Dr. Boyle's testimony did meet the "assistance requirement" and held that he should not have testified as an expert. In the case at bar, the report of the Plaintiff's expert that the lack of disclosure of the correct size of the septic tank was detrimentally harmful is not of assistance to this Court in determining if the Plaintiff has met its burden under NRS 645.252. Furthermore, any other evidence of alleged misdeeds by A. J. Johnson as to square footage of the property, zoning, etc., is not subject to the experts report.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

The undersigned affirms that the foregoing pleading does not contain a social security number.

DATED this B day of February 2018 C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, LTD.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY ELECTRONIC FILING**

PURSUANT TO NEVADA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 5 (b), I certify that I am an employee of C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, LTD., and that on the date listed below, I caused to be served a true copy of the foregoing pleading on all parties to this action by electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system which served the following parties electronically:

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Exhibit 1

November 20, 2017 Sherrie Cartinella

RE: Lindberg v Richards et al

I have been retained to offer my opinion regarding the seller's agent's failure to adhere to established standards of REALTORS in the case of Lindberg v. Richards, et all. In fulfilling this task, I reviewed the SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT prepared by John D. Moore, Esq., the offer and supporting documents from the buyers side of the real estate transaction, zoning code documents from Washoe County and Health department regulations.

20957 Eaton Road was listed in the "Residential/Stick built" category through the Multiple Listing Service on September 12, 2012 according to the property history detail report (Exhibit 1). The MLS listing remarks (listing detail report included as Exhibit 2) states there were 3 separate units on the property including "inlaw quarters or guest house, office or studio or tack room or office." Also, the listing states the actual zoning of the property is single family and the source of that information was from the assessor (listing detail report included as Exhibit 2).

In addition to providing information to other Realtor members, the MLS listing remarks are seen by countless potential buyers through syndication to real estate web sites including the top 4, Zillow, Homes.com, Trulia and realtor.com which account for over 90% of all real estate traffic.

A real estate licensee has duty to adhere to NRS 645.252 which states:

NRS 645.252 Duties of licensee acting as agent in real estate transaction.

A licensee who acts as an agent in a real estate transaction:

- Shall disclose to each party to the real estate transaction as soon as is practicable:
- (a) Any material and relevant facts, data or information which the licensee knows, or which by the exercise of reasonable care and diligence should have known, relating to the property which is the subject of the transaction.

While it is also expected that the seller will disclose material facts, the agent is expected to be informed. In this case, a one acre parcel is allowed one septic in Washoe County according to District of Health regulations. Advertising 3 units on the 1.12 acre lot would elicit the question of how many septic tanks exist on the property. In my opinion, this should have raised a red flag for the listing agent.

In the MLS listing (Exhibit 2) septic is listed in the "utilities" section.

According to The Regulations of the Washoe County District of Health governing sewage, waste water and sanitation (amended and approved on May 23, 2013 by the Washoe County district board of health) the requirements for septic are as follows:

SECTION 060

SEPTIC TANKS

060.005 Any single family dwelling requires the following minimum septic tank capacity:

- 1. Up to three bedrooms 1,000 gallons.
- 2. Four (4) bedrooms 1,200 gallons.
- 3. Five (5) to six (6) bedrooms 1,500 gallons.
- 4. Seven (7) to eight (8) bedrooms 2,000 gallons.
- 5. Additional sizing requirements to be determined by the Health Authority.

According to the septic inspection performed by Waters Vacuum Truck Service on January 16, 2013 the property has a 1,000 gallon tank.

In my opinion, the aforementioned facts should have been known by a Real Estate agent and disclosed to a potential buyer. Failure to disclose these facts, in my opinion, was detrimental to the Lindbergs.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Cartinella

Realtor

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Structured classes, where you were sitting in a setting, sitting in a chair and listening to an

3 intrator. For credit, no. As a volunteer class there 5 - had a number of classes that you can attend. ■ Description say it was a structured class for redits, I would say no.

Bow about a specific class, even on a volunteer E that discussed the building codes in place in County, Nevada, whether it be City of Reno, City of Sparks?

Specifically talked about the building codes?

Tes, specifically --

A Yes.

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— talked about the building codes?

A Yes.

2 And what were the nature of those classes?

1 It was -- they're put on typically by a title Cra -- KDAWN or a class. I can't honestly you specifically.

o Okay.

1 I don't know.

Q Did they mention building codes in a class and the specifically focused on the her letting codes?

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I that you would go to if you were involved for -- in I z certain area, something like a specific township or an 3 are that you would be interested in what's going to be Largering in that area, or what the plan is.

Is an example, Lemmon Valley when -- that makes sense from had a specific need to know about the future plans of a specific area.

Q Did you attend such classes?

1 have over the years, yes.

Q Okay. Did you attend the classes with the specific intent of learning what the planning code was?

1 Yes.

Q Okay. Did you ever instruct applicants to be Processes? In other words, applicants that wanted to the license exam, did you ever do -- were you ever an instructor?

A No.

Q Did you ever participate in any type of instructors that were put on by instructors for Processes, that were applicants that wanted to become

1 I'm not sure I understand what the question is.

Q Sure. I'll rephrase the question.

1 Okay.

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Q I'll rephrase it. Did you ever, at any time in

A Did they -- I'm sorry?

Q Mention the building codes in the course of the class instruction, or were they specifically focused to educate you on the building codes?

A I would say that they specifically referred to certain building codes.

Q Okay. Did the class --

A And --

Q -- focus totally on the building codes, or did it focus on other topic areas and mention the building 10

A I'm sure there were other things mentioned in 12 the class other than just building codes. 13

Q When you signed up for the class did you sign up 14 to secure specific instructions with regard to the building code?

A No.

Q Okay. The same question. Did you ever attend any type of classes after becoming licensed as a real estate licensee with regard to planning codes in Washoe County, Nevada, which include Reno and Sparks, as well?

A I would answer the question the same as before. 22

o Okay.

23 A There are several opportunities for continuing 24 education with the different planning codes, things like

your entire career, ever attend any type of class as an observer, okay, or in any other capacity, whereby you

came to learn what the instructor was teaching applicants

who wanted to sit for the licensing exam to become a real estate licensee?

A Yes.

Q Okay. You have?

A I have.

Q Okay. And when is the last time that you've done that, where you observed that situation? 10

Approximate year is good enough. 11

A Last year.

Q Okay. Did you do so in 2013?

A I'm relatively certain I did.

Q Okay. And did the instructors instruct the applicants that they should become familiar with the building codes that were in place in their jurisdictional area that they were going to practice their license in?

A I want to make sure that I'm clear on what I'm answering.

Q Um-hum.

21 A Are you specifically talking about my continuing 22 education classes or --

Q No. I'm talking about the classes that are 24 conducted by instructors --

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                                                                    language that I've just read and other than what we've
         A Correct.
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         Q All right. Are there any other facts that
                                                                   discussed so far?
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    should have been known to the listing agent that you
    didn't identify that we've discussed so far? I don't
                                                                         Q Okay. How is that being detrimental to the
                                                                    buyer, when he bought a property -- do you know what his
   want you to repeat what you've already told me. We'll
                                                                    purchase price was, by the way?
    never get out of here.
                                                                         A No.
         A There's -- other than what we've talked about so
                                                                         Q 375,000. The property is appraised at 400,000.
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    far. no.
                                                                         MR. MOORE: I believe it was purchased for 385-.
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         O Yeah.
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                                                                         MR. PEREOS: All right. That's fine. I'll accept
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     A No.
                                                                    the 385-. He testified 375-. I'll accept the attorney's
         Q Okay. Did you know what the value -- what the
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                                                                    representation that it was 385-, because I don't have it
    amounts were that were on the appraisals?
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                                                                    committed to memory, on that. Okay?
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         A No, I didn't.
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                                                                    BY MR. PEREOS:
         Q Okay. I will tell that you both appraisals
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    appraised the property at $400,000 or better. Do you
                                                                         Q All right. Do you know what the cost was to
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                                                                    correct the problem with regard to the septic system so
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   understand that?
                                                                    that he could get a certificate of occupancy on the
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                                                                    mother-in-law quarters?
         Q Okay. You went on to say in your report:
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         "In my opinion, the aforementioned facts should have
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                                                                         A No, I don't.
                                                                         Q What happens if it was less than $15,000?
   been known by a Real Estate agent and disclosed to a
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                                                                         A What happens?
    potential buyer. Failure to disclose these facts, in my
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                                                                         MR. MOORE: It calls for a legal conclusion.
   opinion, was detrimental to the Lindbergs."
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         That's your language in the report; is that correct?
                                                                    BY MR. PEREOS:
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                                                                          Q Well, I'm asking. I want you to assume it's
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         A That's correct.
                                                                    less than $15,000.
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         Q Do you have any other opinions, other than that
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                                                                    400,000? In fact, one is at 400-, the other is at
         A Less than 15-?
                                                                    approximately $406,000. Your answer is still the same;
         O Is it still detrimental to the buyer that he
    bought this property?
                                                                   is that correct?
         A Oh. Are you comparing it to what the appraised
                                                                         A Yes
                                                                          Q Is it, in your opinion, the responsibility of a
    value was?
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                                                                    listing broker to pay for other repairs that the buyer
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                                                                     experienced on the property, other than the issue of
         A I can't answer that question. Because the
    appraised value -- clearly, the two appraisals are
                                                                     getting the certificate of occupancy for the
                                                                     mother-in-law quarters based upon the septic size?
    different. And me not knowing the property or any of the
    other information about it, I don't know that 15,000
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                                                                          A The listing agent is paying for the --
                                                                          O I'm asking you. Is it the responsibility of the
    would be detrimental or not. I can't really answer that
                                                                    listing agent to pay for other repairs?
    question.
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                                                                          MR. MOORE: It calls for a legal conclusion.
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          Q So as it relates to this particular property,
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                                                                     BY MR. PEREOS:
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    you don't know if it was detrimental whether or not he
                                                                          Q Such as the cost to install a water heater on
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     got a good deal on the buy of the property, do you?
          MR. MOORE: Same objection.
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                                                                     the property, as an example.
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          THE WITNESS: I don't. I don't know if he got a good
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                                                                          MR. MOORE: Same objection.
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    buy. Depending on the market conditions at that time and
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                                                                     BY MR. PEREOS:
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                                                                          Q Do you have an opinion as to whether a listing
    everything -- I'm sorry. I can't answer that.
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    BY MR. PEREOS:
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                                                                     agent should be responsible for those repairs?
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                                                                          MR. MOORE: Same objection.
          Q Do you know what the value of that property is
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                                                                          THE WITNESS: A listing agent to pay for the repairs
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   today?
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                                                                   of a hot water heater? No.
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                                                                    BY MR. PEREOS:
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          Q Okay. Now, your answer is still the same, even
   though I've told you both appraisals are in excess of
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#### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

STATE OF NEVADA COUNTY OF WASHOE

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JENLEE KNIGHT PARKER R -067702, being duly sworn says: That at all times herein Affiant was and is a citizen of the United States, over 18 years of age, and not a party to nor interested in the proceedings in which this Affidavit is made.

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Weight

White Female

Blond

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Age

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Other Features: eyeglasses

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030 this document does not contain the social security number of any person.

Affiant does hereby affirm under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 12/11/2017

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24	YOU ARE COMMANDED TO APPEAR at the offices of C. Nicholas Pereos, Ltd.,
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25	2017 at 10:00 a.m. for the taking of your deposition and to produce documents. Please
26	check with the offices of C. Nicholas Pereos, Ltd. before appearing, 775/329-0678.
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YOU ARE TO BRING WITH YOU in hard copy form the following:

- 1. Any and all notes, papers, documents, tangible items or any other document or item examined by you, and/or relied upon you in connection with the preparation of the report dated November 20, 2017 regarding the above entitled matter. An attached copy of which is marked Exhibit A.
- 2. Any paper, documents or materials in hard copy form used by you in connection with the instruction, teaching of any applicant seeking to secure license as a Nevada Real Estate Agent for the last seven (7) years past.

Any person failing to attend may be deemed in contempt of court, and shall be liable to the party injured in the sum of \$100, and for such damages as may be sustained by him on account of such neglect or refusal.

Served herewith is a notice under Rule 45 as required by statute.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

The undersigned affirms that the foregoing pleading does not contain a social security number.

DATED this The day of DECEMBER, 2017. C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, LTD.

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#### (c) PROTECTION OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO SUBPOENA.

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A party or any attorney responsible for the issuance and service of a subpoena shall take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena. The court on behalf of which the subpoena was issued shall enforce this duty and impose upon the party or attorney in breach of this duty an appropriate sanction, which may include, but is not limited to, lost earnings and a reasonable attorney's fee.

A person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, papers, documents or tangible things, or inspection of premises need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless commanded to appear for deposition, hearing or trial.

Subject to paragraph (d)(2) of this rule, a person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying may, within 14 days after service of the subpoena or before the time specified for compliance if such time is less than 14 days after service, serve upon the party or attorney designated in the subpoena written objection to inspection or copying of any or all of the designated materials or of the premises. If objection is made, the party serving the subpoena shall not be entitled to inspect and copy the materials or inspect the premises except pursuant to an order of the court by which the subpoena was issued. If objection has been made, the party serving the subpoena may, upon notice to the person commanded to produce, move at any time for an order to compel the production. Such an order to compel production shall protect any person who is not a party or an officer of a party from significant expense resulting from the inspection and copying commanded.

(3)(A) On timely motion, the court by which a subpoena was issued shall quash or modify the subpoena if it

fails to allow reasonable time for compliance:

- (ii) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to travel to a place more than 100 miles from the place where that person resides, is employed or regularly transacts business in person, except that such a person may in order to attend trial be commanded to travel from any such place within the state in which the trial is held.
- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter and no exception or waiver applies, or
  - subjects a person to undue burden. (iv)

(B) If a subpoena

requires disclosure of a trade secret or other confidential research. development, or commercial information, or

requires disclosure of an unretained expert's opinion or information not describing specific events or occurrences in dispute and resulting from the expert's study made not at the request of any party, the court may, to protect a person subject to or affected by the subpoena, quash or modify the subpoena or, if the party in whose behalf the subpoena is issued shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship and assures that the person to whom the subpoena is addressed will be reasonably compensated, the court may order appearance or production only upon specified conditions.

(d) DUTIES IN RESPONDING TO SUBPOENA.

(1) A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents shall produce them as they are kept in the usual course of business or shall organize and label them to correspond with the categories in the demand.

(2) When information subject to a subpoena is withheld on a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial preparation materials, the claim shall be made expressly and shall be supported by a description of the nature of the document, communications, or things not produced that is sufficient to enable the demanding party to contest the claim.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL**

PURSUANT TO NEVADA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 5 (b), I certify that I am an employee of C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, LTD., and that on this date, I deposited for USPS regular mail at Reno, Nevada, a true copy of the foregoing document addressed to:

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Defendants.

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO TAKE DEFAULT

TO: J.E. JOHNS & ASSOCIATES AND ITS ATTORNEY OF RECORD, C. NICHOLAS PEREOS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs intend to take your default unless an Answer or other responsive pleading to the Second Amended Complaint is filed with the Court and served on Plaintiffs' counsel on or before February 23, 2018.

#### **AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030**

The undersigned attorney does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any persons.

DATED this Lithary day of February, 2018.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of Moore Law Group, PC, and that on February 14, 2018, I caused the foregoing document to be served on all parties to this action by:

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

JOHN LINDBERG, MICHAL LINDBERG, JUDITH L. LINDBERG

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HARRY RICHARD REYNOLDS, DEANN REYNOLDS, J. E. JOHNS & ASSOCIATES, A. J. JOHNSON, KEN AMUNDSON, BRIAN F. KINCANNON

Plaintiffs.

Defendants.

Dept. No. 3

Case No. CV15-00281

# OPPOSITION TO MOTION IN LIMINE #2 TO EXCLUDE THE OFFER OF EVIDENCEOR ARGUMENT RELATED TO SETTLEMENT REACHED WITH OTHER DEFENDANTS

Plaintiff files this Motion in Limine for the purpose of excluding any evidence in connection with the settlement reached by the other Defendants. Specifically, the Plaintiff engaged a buyer's broker to represent his interests in the acquisition of this property. He settled with the buyer's broker for \$7,500. Plaintiff does not want this Court to know that the settled with the buyer's broker for \$7,500 and is seeking to exclude that testimony.

#### A. STATEMENT OF FACTS

The property at issue is a single family residence located in Washoe County on

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one plus acre of land. It consists of primary residence, a two bay garage, one bay of which was converted into a living area, and a barn of which part of the barn was converted into an office area. For purposes of simplicity, living area in the garage will be referred to as living area. The living area is a conversion of one of the bays of the two bay garage. It was in place and in existence at the time that the seller (Reynolds) purchased the property from the prior owner. They were not involved in the conversion of the garage to a living area. The Reynolds (seller) purchased the property in 1995 and continued to use the living area as a mother in law quarters.

The Second Amended Complaint alleges that these defendants were the listing broker of this property. (Paragraph 14) As the listing broker of the property, these defendants did not represent the interest of the buyer. The agency disclosure forms prepared by these defendants clearly demonstrate that they are representing the seller and did not represent the buyer. In fact, the buyer never met these defendants. According to the Second Amended Complaint, the buyer had their own real estate agent representing their interest. The claims against James E. Johns arise from an allegation that James E. Johns is the broker (Paragraph 6) and should have monitored the listing agent. The claims against A. J. Johnson arise from the marketing and listing of the property in the Multiple Listing Service. (Paragraph 5)

The buyer purchased the property and later discovered that the "in law quarters" were not permitted. As a result, plaintiff filed a claim against the seller and the real estate agents.

Before making the offer on the property, the buyer submitted questions to their broker concerning the property to include the size of the tank serving the house and structures and other amenities regarding the property. The buyer received the septic report referred to by Plaintiff's expert. Obviously, the buyer was sensitive to certain issues concerning waste disposal precipitating the subject communications to the listing agents by means of the buyer's broker. Plaintiff's counsel conveniently ignores

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making its ruling on this motion.

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The only evidence this Court will ever receive concerning the violation of duties of a real estate licensee whether it be the buyer's agent or seller's agent is the testimony (if admitted) of Sherrie Cartinella. In other words, this Court will hear no other evidence of any expert that a real estate licensee violated a duty pursuant to NRS 645.252 other than from Plaintiff's expert and that assumes that you read and interpret her report as being a breach of the standard of care required of realtors pursuant to NRS 645.252. Similarly, this Court will receive no evidence that the buyers broker accepted any other responsibilities or duties than those that have been imposed upon a real estate agent representing a buyer falling under the umbrella of NRS 645.252. If

the fact that this lawsuit was started on contentions of many misdeeds of the listing

broker beyond that which was identified in Plaintiff's expert report. A review of her

the septic report which identified a 1,000 gallon tank would have been insufficient to

the septic report before close of escrow). Additionally, Plaintiff wants the Court to

ignore the affirmative defenses raised in the Second Amended Complaint. The facts

will demonstrate that the Plaintiff owns properties serviced by a septic system before

purchasing this property. He had access to the septic report identifying only a 1,000

of the structures on the property and the lack of value placed on the mother in law

quarters from the caveat of the appraisers that they did not know if the mother in law

quarters were permitted. Buyer had both the septic report and appraisal before close of

escrow. He had access to the inspection reports before close of escrow that identified

code violations with the mother in law quarters. In other words, the Plaintiff is asking

that this Court predetermine how the facts in this case are going to be solicited in

gallon tank. He had access to the appraisal reports which identified the square footage

expert report is self-explanatory. It limits a claim of misdeed by failing to recognize that

service all the living units on the property (which assumes this Defendant had access to

Plaintiff wanted to show a misdeed of the buyer's broker, it failed to do so in this case. They can only rely upon their expert's report that discusses the septic system. As discussed in the briefing in this Defendant's Motion in Limine #3, there are no common law remedies that exist by the buyer against the buyer's agent. NRS 645.251. Davis v Boeing, 128 Nev. 301, 278 P.3d 501 (2012) Accordingly, the only claims that exist against the real estate agents, whether it be the buyer's agent or the seller's agent, is a violation of NRS 645.252. Plaintiff has already settled with the buyer's real estate agent for \$7,500. The only claim that exists against the listing agent for a violation of NRS 645.252 addresses the septic system according to the Plaintiff's expert. There is no other evidence from an expert indicating any misdeeds of the listing agent other than the issue pertaining to the septic system. Accordingly, any violation of NRS 645.252 by either the listing agent or the selling agent pertains to the septic system. As discussed in the Motion in Limine #3, NRS 645.257 mandates the necessity to receive an expert opinion concerning the standard of care. Therefore, the damages attributable to any action of a real estate licensee, whether it be the listing broker or the selling broker, for a violation of NRS 645.252 addresses the septic system and the listing broker is not liable for any other claim for damages (See this Defendant's Motion in Limine #2). The claim of damages in connection with installing a new septic system to service the mother in law quarters has now been reduced by receipt of \$7,500 from the buyer's broker and this Defendant is entitled to a credit for the same. In fact, the Plaintiff will literally get a double recovery as one can be relatively assured that part of the settlement with the seller included the septic system but the legal argument in connection with seeking a credit for receipt of proceeds in connection with the settlement against the buyer's broker is black and white given the law concerning the licensees responsibilities under NRS 645.252 whether it be the selling agent or buyer's agent. In fact, Plaintiff acknowledges this dual claim against seller's agent and buyer's agent in its Motion when it states on Page 3, Line 4 "and against the buyer's realty

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agent and broker, Brian Kincannon . . . for their failure to disclose information that they knew or should they have known and because these realtor Defendants did not act with reasonable and care with this transantion, which constitutes statutory violation of NRS 645.252. NAC 645.600 and NRS 645.257".

The argument concerning contribution by Plaintiff's counsel is misplaced. It is an argument predicated in tort. Tort is a common law remedy. The common law remedies have been abrogated as acknowledged by Plaintiff's counsel. (Page 4, Line 5 of its brief). The only basis for any liability for all the licensees is NRS 645.252 and the Plaintiff has already received \$7,500 towards paying of its claim for violation of that duty from its broker and the evidence demonstrates that \$7,500 goes towards the septic system. Rather than focus on the concept of contribution, this Defendant suggests the Court focus on the concept of damages. Has the Plaintiff been reimbursed for damages (whether in part or in full) in connection with septic issues since that is the basis for the violation of NRS 645.252? If so, his damage claim is reduced as it relates to this Defendant. There is no collateral source rule here wherein the Plaintiff can claim a double recovery. Unlike the collateral source rule, the Plaintiff did not pay insurance premium for coverage.

In *Davis v Boeing*, 128 Nev. 301, 278 P.3d 501 (2012) the Supreme Court not only addressed the issue of the common law being pre-empted by NRS 645.252, but they also addressed the issue of damages in connection with violation of that statute. The Supreme Court holds that the measure of damages is a question of law. Id at Page 316. The Supreme Court goes on to observe:

"Actual damages are defined as an amount awarded to a complainant to compensate for proven injury or loss . . . the term is often also termed compensatory damages. Thus, actual damages is another way of stating compensatory damages." Id at Page 316

The Supreme Court goes on to observe:

"We also note that in order to prevent a double recovery, any damages

Doughertys are awarded should be reduced by the amount of payment they received from renting property . . . a Plaintiff can recover only once from a single injury". Id at Page 319

In other words, there can not be a double recovery. In the case of *Elyousef v O'Riley* and *Ferrario LLC*, 126 Nev. 441, 245 P. 3d 547 (2010) The Supreme Court went on to observe:

"Although we have applied the double recovery option in prior cases, we have not expressly adopted it. We now take this opportunity to do so. Accordingly, we hold that Plaintiff can recover only once for a single injury even if the Plaintiff asserts multiple legal theories. Thus, satisfaction of a Plaintiff's damages for an injury bars further recovery for that injury. Applying the doctrine to this case, Elyousef can not recovery from O'Riley because he has already fully recovered through his settlement through Homayouni. Elyousef however argues that his judgement has not been fully satisfied because he only received \$50,000 from his settlement. He therefore claims that he should be able to recover the remainder of his judgment and attorneys fees from O'Riley . . . accordingly, the settlement with Homayouni fully satisfied the judgment and Elyousef's further recovery would violate the double recovery doctrine". Id at Page 444 In the case of Deyssi Janneth Prado-Guajardo v Martin Guzman Perez & El Rayo, U. S. D. Nev. September 8, 2017, the Plaintiff and third party Defendant reached a settlement for good faith under NRS 17.245 and secured a release and covenant not to sue. The Court went on to observe that this action does not discharge the other tort feasor but it reduces the claim against the others to the extent of any amount stipulated by the release and the covenant for the amount of consideration paid for it. In the case of Levy v the 8th Judicial District Court, 130 Nev. Adv. Op. 38 (2014) the Nevada

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Supreme Court observed that the lender's foreclosure (BB&T) on property precluded its

ability to pursue an action against the guarantor as such activity would constitute a double recovery. *Elyousef v O'Riley and Ferrario LLC*, 126 Nev. 441 the Supreme Court went on to observe that under the double recovery doctrine, there can only be one recovery of damages for one wrong or injury. (Citing 25 CJS Damages Section 5 and Other Authorities) Id at Page 443.

The desperate argument of Plaintiff is demonstrated when they contend that this Defendant is seeking to introduce such evidence in order to avoid liability. On the contrary, this Defendant is seeking to introduce the evidence to demonstrate that there can not be a double recovery. The nature of the desperate argument made by Plaintiff is demonstrated when they contend that the Defendant is seeking to introduce such evidence to avoid liability. How absurd! On the contrary, this Defendant is seeking to introduce evidence to demonstrate that there is not to be a double recovery.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

The undersigned affirms that the foregoing pleading does not contain a social security number.

DATED this 2200 day of February, 2018 C. NICHOLAS PEREOS, LTD.

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Defendants.

### PLAINTIFFS' COMBINED OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS IN LIMINE NUMBERS TWO AND THREE<sup>1</sup>

Plaintiffs John Lindberg, Michal Lindberg, and Judith L. Lindberg, ("Plaintiffs") hereby file this combined Opposition to Defendants' Motions in Limine Numbers Two and Three ("Opposition").

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Defendants' Motions in Limine Numbers Two and Three argue almost the same exact point, primarily that expert testimony is required in every instance when a realtor is sued under NRS 645.251, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs will address both Motions in this combined Opposition.

With the filing of this Opposition, Plaintiffs request that this Court deny Defendants' Motions in Limine Numbers Two and Three ("Motions"). In these Motions, Defendants falsely claim that Plaintiffs have only presented evidence of one misdeed against these Defendants, i.e., that the Defendants as realtors failed to disclose known facts related to the septic system found at this property that Plaintiffs purchased in early 2013. While it is true that Plaintiffs have alleged this misdeed associated with the septic system, discovery in this case has shown that these Defendants failed to disclose known facts related to the correct square footage of the living space found at the property and that these Defendants listed the property as a "single-family residence" when it obviously contained more than one residential living structure. From these three misdeeds, the Plaintiffs seek to recover damages against the remaining Defendants under, NRS 645.251, et seq., with specific reference to NRS 645.252 and NAC 645.600, which set forth applicable standards for realtors in Nevada.

The remaining Defendants also falsely claim in both Motions that NRS 645.257(3) requires expert testimony in every instance when there is a claim brought against a realtor under NRS 645.251, et seq. The remaining Defendants have cited not a single case from the state of Nevada that supports this contention because, quite frankly, no such case exists. Other jurisdictions, as will be set forth in more detail below, provide that expert testimony to establish the misdeeds of a realtor, whether established by statute or otherwise, is not required in all instances, especially in situations where the misdeeds are of such a nature that they are easily understood by the ordinary juror. The Defendants' misdeeds in this case established through discovery are so obvious and the damages flowing from these failures are so clearly identifiable that expert testimony is not required because these failures are well within the understanding of the ordinary juror. Moreover, in Nevada, there is case law that supports a finding that a realtor can be held liable for listing the size of real property incorrectly and that the remedy associated with such a failure is an abatement of the price paid for the property.<sup>2</sup> For

Ewing v. Bissel, 105 Nev. 488, 492, 777 P.2d 1320, 1323 (1989)(noting that the seller of real estate and the seller's agent are responsible to disclose material facts related to the property, such as its size, prior to closing and finding that an

these reasons, the Court should deny Defendants' Motions in Limine Numbers Two and Three, which both make the same basic argument. This Opposition is supported by the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the cases and evidence cited herein, and any argument permitted by the Court.

#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND<sup>3</sup>

#### a. Pertinent Factual Allegations raised against various Defendants

Plaintiffs filed a complaint on February 10, 2015 to vindicate their rights arising from the sale of property to Plaintiffs that took place on or about February 28, 2013. These claims arose under NRS 113.150 against the sellers of the property, Harry Reynolds and Deann Reynolds, for their failure to disclose various issues with the property in violation of NRS 113.130. Plaintiffs also asserted claims of negligent and fraudulent misrepresentation against the sellers. Plaintiffs' claims also arose under NRS 645.251, et seq., against the sellers' realty agent and broker, A.J. Johnson, James E. Johns, and J.E. Johns & Associates and against the buyers' realty agent and broker, Brian Kincannon, Robert Clement, and Group One, Inc., dba Keller Williams Realty for their failure to disclose information that they knew or that they should have known related to the property and because these realtor defendants violated specific statutes related to all realty transaction found at NRS 645.252, NAC 645.600, and NRS 645.257.

For purposes of informing the Court only, the buyers' realty agent and broker and the sellers have resolved all claims Plaintiffs raised against them at a settlement conference with Judge Bridget

abatement of the sales price as damages against the seller and seller's agent to reflect the actual size of the property, not its advertised size, was appropriate).

Plaintiffs object to the Statement of Facts set forth in Defendants' Motions because the Statement contains several inaccuracies. For example, the mother-in-law's quarters is not a "converted garage" but a separate building with two levels, the top level of which was converted into a mother-in-law's quarters with a kitchen, bedroom, and bathroom and the bottom level of which was converted into a living area. The mother-in-law's quarters also was not in place at the time the sellers (Harry and Deann Reynolds) purchased the property but was converted by the Reynoldses. Defendants' assertion that the lack of a permit was discovered at a time when additional grading was required by a building inspector is also inaccurate.

Robb that the remaining Defendants did not attend, their attendance being excused by stipulation.<sup>4</sup> The only remaining defendants in this case are the sellers' realty agents and broker, A.J. Johnson, James E. Johns and J.E. Johns & Associates<sup>5</sup> (the "Defendants"). The claims against the remaining Defendants are statutory in nature, these Defendants have not asserted claims of contribution or indemnity against the settling defendants, either as an affirmative defense or as a cross-claim, and these Defendants have not asserted as an affirmative defense or as a third-party complaint that third parties that are not named in this litigation may have contributed to cause Plaintiffs' injuries. As such, these Defendants cannot lawfully point the finger of blame at any other defendant to this case.

#### b. Established Misdeeds of the remaining Defendants.

Approximately one year after purchasing the property in question, John Lindberg discovered that two structures found on the property were not constructed with building permits, which is a fact Plaintiffs allege was known to the sellers of the property at the time of the sale. Accordingly, Plaintiffs sued the sellers under NRS 113.150 for their failure to disclose in a Seller's Real Property Disclosure form the fact that two of the buildings on the property were not permitted. Plaintiffs also sued the remaining Defendants in this matter asserting that the listing of the property as a single-family residence was made in error when the property contained multiple residential living structures. Plaintiffs also alleged that Defendants improperly listed the combined living space found at the property as having 3,880 square feet, when the size of the combined living space is much less. Plaintiffs have also alleged that the remaining Defendants knew or should have known that the septic system and well were inadequate. With these factual allegations, Plaintiffs have claimed that Defendants violated NRS 625.252, NAC 645.600 and NRS 645.257. Plaintiffs contend that each of these factual allegations against the remaining Defendants have been established during discovery.

For instance, a review of the property listing in this case, which is attached hereto as Exhibit

Plaintiffs believe another settlement conference with Judge Robb might help this matter reach a final resolution Plaintiffs have notified J.E. Johns & Associates of their intent to enter default against this last remaining Defendant, which will be filed with this Court on February 23, 2018 if J.E. Johns & Associates' answer to Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint is not filed before that date.

1, demonstrates that the listing of the property as "single-family residential" was made in error because the listing itself demonstrates that the property consists of at least two residential buildings and a third accessory structure. This listing also advertised that the combined living space of the two residential structures totaled 3,880 square feet. *Id.* However, during discovery, it was learned that prior to listing the property, on or about September 21, 2012, the remaining Defendants obtained a copy of an appraisal of the property from the sellers and that the appraisal in no uncertain terms disclosed that the combined living space of the two residential structures totaled 3,640 square feet, not 3,880 square feet. Despite this knowledge, the remaining Defendants listed the property with the larger square footage.

This discrepancy in the known actual square footage of the property (3,880 square feet compared to 3,640 square feet) is outlined in an appraisal dated September 5, 2012, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**. The fact that the remaining Defendants received a copy of this appraisal on or about September 21, 2012, or at some time during the real estate transaction, is confirmed in black and white in the Residential Listing Input Form, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**. In this form, which is in Defendant A.J. Johnson's handwriting, the remaining Defendants outlined on page one of that form that the listed square footage of the property was confirmed by the owners of the property <u>and</u> by an appraiser. *Id.* On page three of this form, Defendant A.J. Johnson also wrote that "Agent request [sic] appraisal be done to verify pertinent info. . ." related to the property. *Id.* 

Of course, at her deposition, A.J. Johnson has claimed that she did not receive a copy of this appraisal during this real estate transaction. Pertinent Portions of A.J. Johnson's Deposition at 28:10 – 30:6, attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**. This statement, however, is contradicted by A.J. Johnson herself in the Residential Listing Input Form noted above and in an email dated January 4, 2013, that Ms. Johnson sent during negotiations related to the property. Specifically, on January 3, 2013 at 1:47 pm, Plaintiffs made an offer to the sellers, seeking to purchase the property for \$375,000.00. January 3, 2013 Offer attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**. The sellers then made a counter-offer on January 4, 2013, upping the price to \$385,000.00, as seen in the Counter-Offer attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**. Upon making this Counter-Offer, the sellers through A.J. Johnson then shared the September 5, 2012

appraisal with the buyers' agent through an email dated January 4, 2013, which A.J. Johnson sent on 12:36 pm, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 7**. The text of this email is significant and shows that A.J. Johnson not only had the September 5, 2012 appraisal in her possession at this time but that she shared it with the Plaintiffs through their agent to assist the sellers to negotiate a higher sales price:

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Brian – I will be your point of contact on this file for Jim Johns<sup>6</sup> – The Sellers have elected to counter only because (the well, septic, buildings and pellet(s) stoves are all in good condition) they have an appraisal for \$400,000.00 and are willing to share with the Buyers. Thank you, A.J. (see attached)." Id.

This email clearly shows that A.J. Johnson shared the September 5, 2012 appraisal with the Plaintiffs' realtor on January 4, 2013. John Lindberg will testify at trial that he received the September 5, 2012 appraisal from his agent during negotiations on January 4, 2013. Mr. Lindberg will also testify at trial that he received the appraisal soon after it was emailed to his agent, on or after 12:36 pm, that he reviewed the appraisal only to verify the claim that the property had appraised for approximately \$400,000.00, and that he accepted the sellers' Counter-Offer at 1:42 pm, approximately one hour after his agent received the appraisal.

The significance of the remaining Defendants' possession and use of the September 5, 2012 appraisal during this sales transaction should not be lost on the Court. In multiple locations in the appraisal, the appraiser identifies the total square footage of the two residential structures at the property as being 3,640 square feet, not 3,880 square feet. **Exhibit 2** at p. 4 and 20. For example, on page 4 of the appraisal, the appraiser lists the square footage of the two residential structures as 2,180 square feet and as 1,460 square feet and on page 20 of the appraisal, the square footage is captured from actual measurements made by the appraiser. *Id.* Despite this information that was known to the remaining Defendants before the property was listed and that, at a minimum, was known to the

A.J. Johnson also claims she did not send this email, but that her late-husband Jim Johns *might have* sent it. **Exhibit** 4 at 62:4-63:1. This is a ridiculous statement unsupported by any written evidence because Ms. Johnson refers to her late-husband in this email in the third person, the email is sent from A.J. Johnson's email account, and it is signed off by "A.J." **Exhibit 7**. None of this supports the assertion that Jim Johns sent this email, and even if he did, Mr. Johns sent it with A.J. Johnson's knowledge and consent, as admitted by Ms. Johnson during her deposition. **Exhibit 4** at 67:4 – 68:10.

remaining Defendants during the sales transaction as shown in her January 4, 2013 email, the remaining Defendants listed the property as having 3,880 square feet and never acted to correct this error. This error is so significant and so blatant that two of the remaining Defendants' own experts have admitted that the remaining Defendants erred in listing the square footage as 3,880 square feet. Pertinent Portions of Pamela Beko Molini's Deposition (at 29:3-8, 58:7-18, 63:5-22, 64:4-66:7) and Forrest Barbee's Deposition (at 74:23-75:20), attached hereto as **Exhibit 8**. Because this property sold for \$99.23 per square foot, the damages associated with the abatement of the sales price, as permitted by Nevada law, totals \$23,815.20. Expert testimony to establish this blatant violation of NRS 645.252(1)(a) and the damages that flow from it is not required, as argued in more detail below.

The remaining Defendants' failure to disclose this known information regarding the square footage of the residential buildings found at the property is just one of the remaining Defendants' misdeeds established during discovery. As admitted by the Defendants in Motion in Limine No. 2, "[d]iscovery established that the septic system servicing the house was not large enough to service both the house and the mother in law quarters." Motion in Limine No. 2 at 5:20-22. During discovery, it has been learned that the septic system at this property was not sufficiently sized to serve both residential buildings (as Defendants have admitted), that the Washoe County Building Department ordered the Plaintiffs to remedy the improperly sized septic system after they purchased the property, and that it cost Plaintiffs \$27,663.95 to enlarge the capacity of the existing septic system. It was also learned during discovery that the remaining Defendants knew or should have known the size of the septic system during this transaction and that they should have known that the septic system was not appropriately sized for the total number of bedrooms served by the septic system.

In this regard, we look again to the documents produced in this matter, because Ms. Johnson has also claimed during discovery that she was not aware of the actual size of the septic system during this transaction. **Exhibit 4** at 82:14 - 83:22. This claim, like many of Ms. Johnson's claims, is not supported by the evidence. Specifically, before the Plaintiffs made an offer on the property, they forwarded by email questions regarding the septic system through their realtor, Brian Kincannon, to

the sellers through their agent, the remaining Defendants. Emails with Septic Questions and Handwritten Responses, attached hereto as **Exhibit 9.** The Plaintiffs wanted to know the size of the septic system before they made an offer to purchase the property. In response to these questions, the sellers provided answers through the remaining Defendants, which are also attached hereto as part of **Exhibit 9** and in an email attached hereto as **Exhibit 10**. Of significance in these responses is the claim that the septic tank was 15,000 gallons in size, which is enormous, and which should have been a red flag to the remaining Defendants. *Id.* Despite this clear error in disclosing the size of the tank, the remaining Defendants did not investigate the accuracy of the information they claim to have received from their clients.

Later, during the pendency of this transaction, the sellers were required to obtain an inspection of the septic system, which was obtained on or about January 18, 2013, as evidenced by the septic system report attached hereto as **Exhibit 11**. The remaining Defendants received a copy of this report, as plainly outlined in the report itself. *Id.* The remaining Defendants then forwarded a copy of this report by email to the Plaintiffs through their realtor on January 19, 2013, as demonstrated in the emails attached hereto as **Exhibit 7**. Specifically, in an email dated January 19, 2013 from A.J. Johnson to Brian Kincannon, A.J. Johnson states: "1-19-13 Please see attached Septic Report on Eaton. Pumping and Inspection – Thanks A.J." *Id.* A simple review of the septic report discloses unequivocally that the septic tank is 1,000 gallons in size, a fact that the remaining Defendants did not investigate further even after they had been told by their clients that the septic tank was 15,000 gallons in size, failing to investigate a major red flag in this case.

According to the expert testimony of Sherrie Cartinella, the remaining Defendants knew the actual size of the septic tank during this transaction, knew that it served two houses, knew the size of the lot upon which the two houses were located, and should have known that the septic tank size was insufficient to handle both residential structures. Report of Sherrie Cartinella, attached hereto as **Exhibit 12**. According to Ms. Cartinella, she was retained in this matter "to offer [her] opinion regarding the seller's agent's failure to adhere to established standards of REALTORS in the case of

Lindberg v. Reynolds. . . " *Id.* In this regard, Ms. Cartinella offered the opinion that "[a]dvertising 3 units on the 1.12 acre lot would elicit the question of how many septic tanks exist on the property. In my opinion, this should have raised a red flag for the listing agent [the remaining Defendants]." *Id.* Ms. Cartinella further opined that "[w]hile it is also expected that the seller will disclose material facts, the agent is expected to be informed. In this case, a one-acre parcel is allowed one septic in Washoe County according to District of Health regulations." *Id.* Moreover, "[a]ccording to The Regulations of the Washoe County District of Health governing sewage, waste water and sanitation. . ." the septic tank in this case should have been no smaller than 1,500 gallons. *Id.* Ms. Cartinella further opined that these facts related to the septic tank and its required sizing "should have been known by a Real Estate agent and disclosed to a potential buyer." *Id.* It is undisputed that the remaining Defendants did not disclose to the Plaintiffs that the 1,000-gallon septic tank was too small for this property. After Plaintiffs learned of the inadequate size of the septic system, Washoe County ordered Plaintiffs to seek a variance so that they could install a second tank on the property so that the septic system would be adequately sized, which caused damages to Plaintiffs in an amount more than \$27,000.00.

In Motion in Limine No. 2, the remaining Defendants almost concede that the damages asserted by Plaintiffs relating to the repairs that were needed to the septic system have been conclusively established. Motion in Limine No. 2 at 5:10-12. Defendants also concede in Motion in Limine No. 2 that "[d]iscovery established that the septic system servicing the house was not large enough to service both the house and the mother in law quarters." Motion in Limine No. 2 at 5:20-22. There is no doubt that Plaintiffs only learned of the improper size of the septic system after they discovered that the mother-in-law's quarters had been constructed without proper permitting. Yet, the information related to the size of the septic system was known to the remaining Defendants during this transaction and Plaintiffs offer expert testimony from Sherrie Cartinella to establish that the remaining Defendants should have known that the septic system in its current size was not sufficient.

Plaintiffs also assert that their own realtor should have known about this issue, which is why Plaintiffs sued their own realtor in this case. Both realtors should have known that the septic system was not satisfactory for this property and should have disclosed this to Plaintiffs.

It is this expert testimony that the remaining Defendants ask this Court to strike in their Motion in Limine No. 3, which is a request this Court should not entertain.

#### II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

#### a. Claims (plural) brought against the Remaining Defendants under NRS 645.252.

In Motions in Limine Nos. 2 and 3, the remaining Defendants claim that the Plaintiffs have only alleged one misdeed<sup>8</sup> against the remaining Defendants, i.e., that the remaining Defendants failed to disclose known information and/or information that they should have known related to the septic system found at the property that is the subject of this litigation. (Motion in Limine No. 2 at 5:4-6 and Motion in Limine No. 3 at 5:4-7). This claim that Plaintiffs have only asserted one misdeed against the remaining Defendants is not accurate and conflicts with the facts established during discovery in this matter. Rather, Plaintiffs are pursuing multiple claims against the remaining Defendants that arise under NRS 645.252(1)(a) and that also arise under NRS 645.252(2).

In accordance with NRS 645.252(1)(a), a "licensee who acts as an agent in a real estate transaction. . . [s]hall disclose to each party to the real estate transaction as soon as is practicable. . . [a]ny material and relevant facts, data or information which the licensee knows, or which by the exercise of reasonable care and diligence should have known, relating to the property which is the subject of the transaction." Under NRS 645.252(2), a licensee who acts as an agent in a real estate transaction "[s]hall exercise reasonable skill and care with respect to all parties to the real estate transaction." The obligations set forth in these pertinent portions of NRS 645.252 apply to real estate agents and to real estate brokers who act as a licensee in a real estate transaction and would include Defendants A.J. Johnson and James E. Johns.

As outlined in the Factual Background section above, the claims against these remaining Defendants sound primarily in the remaining Defendants' failure to disclose material and relevant facts that were known by or that should have been known by the remaining Defendants during this transaction. The most egregious of the Defendants' misdeeds (plural) is that which relates to the listing

Defendants use this word themselves in their Motions.

of the property where the remaining Defendants listed the square footage, claiming that the property consisted of 3,880 square feet when it was known to the remaining Defendants that this was not true. We know that the remaining Defendants knew the actual square footage of the property (3,460 square feet) because the remaining Defendants had in their possession during this transaction the sellers' September 5, 2012 appraisal. This appraisal clearly identifies the total square footage of the living space as 3,640 square feet. **Exhibit 2** at p. 4 and 20.

Despite A.J. Johnson's attempt to wiggle her way out of this fact, where she has claimed during her deposition that she did not receive the sellers' September 5, 2012 appraisal at any time during this transaction, the written documents disclosed by the remaining Defendants themselves and by their clients make it clear, in black and white, that the remaining Defendants received and relied upon the September 5, 2012 appraisal during this transaction. It says so in the Residential Listing Form attached hereto as **Exhibit 3.** A.J. Johnson herself confirmed as much in an email to Brian Kincannon dated January 3, 2013 attached hereto as **Exhibit 7** where she forwarded the appraisal to Mr. Kincannon as the parties were negotiating the price of the property. No testimony from any party to this transaction can diminish the written documents that prove that the remaining Defendants received and relied upon the September 5, 2012 appraisal during this transaction.

The remaining Defendants' second misdeed in this transaction does relate to the septic system. Again, regarding this issue, Ms. Johnson claimed during her deposition that she did not know the actual size of the septic system during this transaction. **Exhibit 4**. This claim is also untrue and is also disproved by the documents the remaining Defendants and their clients produced in this case. It is clear from these documents that the sellers were to obtain a septic system inspection during this transaction. The septic inspection report was forwarded to the remaining Defendants more than a month prior to closing. We know this is true because A.J. Johnson forwarded the septic inspection to the Plaintiffs' agent in an email dated January 19, 2013. **Exhibit 7**.

To establish this claim, Plaintiffs have offered expert testimony that the remaining Defendants in this case should have known that the septic system in its actual size (1,000-gallon tank) was not

appropriately sized for this property, which required a 1,500-gallon tank. **Exhibit 12.** Under this state of the facts, the remaining Defendants did not disclose to the Plaintiffs material and relevant information that they should have known about the septic system, i.e., the appropriate tank sizing, and this failure to disclose this information during this transaction is a valid claim against the remaining Defendants under NRS 645.252(1)(a).

Plaintiffs finally present a third claim against these Defendants. This claims also arises from the remaining Defendants' listing of the property as a "single-family residence" when the property was occupied by one main residential building and two accessory structures (the mother-in-law's quarters and a shop/barn). The property zoning does not authorize the existence of a residential structure and two accessory structures on this property, making the listing inaccurate. Each of these misdeeds violate NRS 645.252 and do not require expert testimony to establish, as set forth in more detail below. Accordingly, the Court should deny Defendants' Motions in Limine Nos. 2 and 3.

## b. NRS 645.257(3) does not require Expert Testimony to Establish a violation of any of NRS 645.252

In both Motions in Limine Nos. 2 and 3, the remaining Defendants' primary assertion is that NRS 645.257(3) "mandates expert testimony demonstrating that the licensee failed to perform a degree of care that a reasonably prudent licensee would exercise. . ." (Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 2 at 5:2-4) and that NRS 645.257(3) "is one of the few places in the Nevada Statutes wherein the statute mandates that you have to engage an expert that opines that the Defendant real estate agent violated the standard of care." (Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 3 at 6:1-3). Defendants further claim incorrectly that "[t]he expert must opine that the degree of care required of licensee is subject of the instructions [given to license applicants] under NRS 645.343." (Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 3 at 6:3-5). Despite these assertions, which are incorrect, NRS 645.257(3) says nothing about any mandated requirement that the breach of the statutory standards for realtors established by NRS 645.251, et seq., must be confirmed by an expert. NRS 645.257(3) instead establishes the standard

that applies to realtors, which is one of ordinary care and which is measured by the current requirements of Nevada law that apply to realtors. NRS 645.257(3) does not require expert testimony to establish the standard of care that would apply (because it is already expressly established under NRS 645.251, et seq.) or to establish breach of the applicable standard or to establish what is being taught to current real estate license applicants or the damages that may flow from a realtor's misdeeds.

Not surprisingly, the remaining Defendants cite to no Nevada Supreme Court case that holds that a claim for the breach of the statutory duties owed by a realtor to all parties involved in a realty transaction requires expert testimony. Defendants have not cited any applicable Nevada Supreme Court cases because none exist. Defendants also do not cite any case from any other state that would impose the obligation to secure expert testimony when suing a realtor for statutory violations because most states have held otherwise. Plaintiffs have not found one case that would require expert testimony in every instance of realtor malfeasance, as the remaining Defendants would require.

Most states have concluded that expert testimony is not required in every instance to establish a realtor's breach of the realtor's statutory obligation to exercise ordinary care, i.e., that the realtor will exercise that skill and care that a reasonably prudent realtor would exercise during a real estate transaction. Specifically, in *Durbin v. Ross*, 276 Mont. 463, 476, 916 P.2d 758 (1996), the Supreme Court of Montana concluded that the plaintiff in that case properly pursued claims that sounded in the "nondisclosure of materials facts concerning the property. . .," and for statutory violations of Montana's Real Estate Licensing Act stemming from a realtor's failure to disclose facts related to a septic system (interestingly). Upon determining that the plaintiff in *Durbin* had pursued appropriate claims, the Supreme Court of Montana held that the failure to disclose properly the existence of "a legal septic system on property" did not require expert testimony because it involved a "question resolvable by common knowledge and does not turn on a standard peculiarly within the knowledge of

The plaintiff in *Durbin* disclosed an expert during discovery but decided not to present the expert at trial. *Id*.

an expert witness." *Id.* at 474. When considering the statutory violation claims arising under Montana's Real Estate Licensing Act, the Supreme Court of Montana concluded that "the Real Estate Licensing Act establish[es] a standard of conduct to which brokers and salespersons must conform. . . 'If not, they must bear the consequences.' Accordingly, in the instant case, expert testimony was not required because a jury may determine whether the Realtors violated any of the provisions in the regulations or statutes." *Id.* at 476 (citations omitted). Such is the case here, where the ordinary jury can determine whether the remaining Defendants violated Nevada's realty statutes or regulations, because such violations are not solely within the knowledge of an expert witness.

Other states have also held that expert testimony is not required to establish the misdeeds of a realtor. In Easton v. Strassburger, 152 Cal.App.3d 90, 199 Cal.Rptr. 383, 393 (1984), a California Court of Appeals concluded that "none of the pertinent cases" regarding claimed misdeeds of a realtor "require expert testimony to establish the standard of care in the real estate industry. . ." or the breach of that standard. Id. at 392. Another Court in California dealing with a claim of realtor malfeasance noted that "[t]he correct rule on the necessity of expert testimony has been summarized by Bob Dylan: 'You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows.'" Jorgensen v. Beach n' Bay Realty, 125 Cal. App. 3d 155, 163, 177 Cal. Rptr. 882 (1981) (citations omitted). In Polyzos v. Cotrupi, 264 Va. 116, 563 S.E.2d 775, the Supreme Court of Virginia held that expert testimony is not required in every instance to establish a realtor's statutory violation to exercise ordinary care when a "person of ordinary intelligence" would grasp that the realtor's actions violated statutory provisions. *Id.* at 122. In *Marchese v. Miller*, 364 Wis.2d 406, 866 N.W.2d 404 (2015), a Court in Wisconsin succinctly provided that "[r]equiring expert testimony is an extraordinary step. . . that should be taken only 'when issues to be decided requires an analysis that would be difficult for the ordinary person in the community..." Id. at \*7 (citations omitted). In that regard, "requiring expert testimony before a claim can get to [a] jury is an extraordinary step that should be ordered 'only when unusually complex or esoteric issues are before the jury." *Id.* (citations omitted). In this case, the issues are not unusually

complex or esoteric and the alleged misdeeds of the remaining Defendants to disclose information that they knew or that they should have known is well within the grasp of the ordinary juror. As such, expert testimony should not be required under the circumstances of this case.

Moreover, NRS 645.257(3) does not specifically require expert testimony. This statute is starkly different from the statutory provisions of Nevada law that govern medical malpractice claims, which are found in NRS 41A. Under NRS 41A.071, to support a claim of medical malpractice, the plaintiff bringing the claim must supply an affidavit at the time the claim is filed that: (1) supports the allegations contained in the action; (2) is submitted by a medical expert who practices or has practiced in an area that is substantially similar to the type of practice engaged in at the time of the alleged professional negligence; (3) identifies the medical provider by name and describes the conduct that is alleged to be negligent; and (4) sets forth the facts related to each defendant concisely and directly. Even with this pre-filing requirement of expert testimony just to bring a claim for medical malpractice, the Nevada Supreme Court has held that expert testimony is not required in every instance where medical malpractice is claimed. *Szydel v. Markonan*, 121 Nev. 453, 117 P.3d 200 (2005). The holding in *Szydel* is instructive here, where the Nevada Supreme Court concluded that "it is unreasonable to require a plaintiff to expend unnecessary effort and expense to obtain an [expert opinion] from a medical expert when expert testimony is not required for the plaintiff to succeed at trial. ..." *Id.* at 460.

Other states have likewise held that expert testimony is not required in the medical malpractice context when the resort to "common knowledge" of the "ordinary juror" would eliminate the need for expert testimony. *Ewing v. Northridge Hosp. Medical Center*, 120 Cal.App.4th 1289, 16 Cal.Rptr. 591 (2014). Such testimony is likewise not required when the misdeed constitutes a "blunder so egregious that a layman is capable of comprehending its enormity. . ." *Haugene v. Bambrick*, 663 N.W. 2d 175, 180 (2003)(N.D.). In other contexts, such as in insurance broker liability claims, other states have concluded that expert testimony is not required "unless technical insurance issues beyond the understanding of the average trier of fact are involved." *Fillinger v. Northwest Agency, Inc. of* 

*Great Falls*, 283 Mont. 71, 84,938 P.2d 1347 (1997). Finally, even in attorney malpractice cases, expert testimony is not always required to establish the misdeeds of an attorney. *Allyn v. McDonald*, 112 Nev. 68, 910 P.2d 263 (2000).

In this case, the remaining Defendants either failed to disclose material information that they knew or that they should have known during this transaction or they did not. *It is that simple*. No expert testimony is required to prove any of the remaining Defendants' misdeeds, though Plaintiffs have offered the testimony of Sherrie Cartinella to establish what the remaining Defendants should have known regarding the septic system. That testimony itself is not required by NRS 645.257(3), but Plaintiffs concluded that offering Ms. Cartinella's testimony relating to what the remaining Defendants should have known about the septic system made sense because the "should have known" standard in this context could be confusing to the ordinary juror. On the remaining issues related to the failure to list the correct square footage and listing the property as "single family," this office made the decision not to offer expert testimony to avoid what could turn into a battle of experts when these remaining issues are so clearly established by the facts. Plaintiffs were not required to offer expert testimony on any of their claims and the failure to do so is not fatal to Plaintiffs' case. It would be unreasonable for the Court to require Plaintiffs to present expert testimony that is not necessary. Accordingly, the Court should deny Defendants' Motions in Limine Nos. 2 and 3.

#### c. Sherrie Cartinella qualifies as an Expert in this Matter

Toward the conclusion of Motion in Limine No. 3, Defendants set forth what they believe to be the standard by which an expert is to be evaluated in this and in all other realty transactions. Specifically, Defendants find fault with Sherrie Cartinella because she "can not [sic] comply with the mandate of the statute. ." because "she was never an instructor. . ." of potential realty licensees. (Motion in Limine No. 3 at 7:8-12). Thus, according to the Defendants, only experts who have taught classes to potential realty licensees under NRS 645.343 and NRS 645.345 can act as experts in cases such as this. This is an absurd argument and unsupported by the law. Moreover, this is unsupported

by the Defendants' own actions in this case, because none of their designated experts have indicated that they have acted as "an instructor" of potential realty licensees. Defendants also seem to argue that Ms. Cartinella must utter "magic words" in her report specifically related to a breach of the statutory standard of care that applies to realtors.

Instead, to qualify as an expert in this case, it must be shown that: (1) Ms. Cartinella is qualified in an area of scientific, technical or other specialized knowledge; (2) the specialized knowledge will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue; and (3) the testimony is limited to matters within the scope of the expert's specialized knowledge. *Perez v. State*, 129 Nev. Adv. Op. 90, 313 P.3d 862 (2013). In making this evaluation, the Court has wide discretion to determine the admissibility of expert testimony on a case-by-case basis. *Brant v. State*, 130 Nev. Adv. Op. 97, 340 P.3d 576 (2014). Here, Ms. Cartinella is most qualified, as set forth in her curriculum vitae that accompanied the disclosure of her expert report, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 12**. Ms. Cartinella's specialized knowledge as a real estate agent and a broker will be of assistance to the trier of fact in determining what the Defendants should have known regarding the septic system at this property. Her testimony will also be limited to those matters within her scope of knowledge.

Interestingly, in Motion in Limine No. 2, where Defendants do not seek to strike Ms. Cartinella as an expert, Defendants acknowledge the utility of Ms. Cartinella's testimony when they admit that "[t]he expert report of the Plaintiff states in summary that the listing broker should have known that the septic tank was a one thousand gallon tank which would not have been sufficient to service both the house and the mother in law quarters and the failure to disclose these facts is 'detrimental to the buyer.'" (Motion in Limine No. 2 at 5:4-8). That is exactly correct. Ms. Cartinella's testimony will assist the trier of fact to determine what the Defendants should have known regarding the septic system and what they should have disclosed to the Plaintiffs, which are issues upon which expert testimony is appropriate, though not required as set forth above. Ms. Cartinella is qualified to testify as an expert, her expert report outlines what the Defendants knew or should have known regarding the septic system and what they should have disclosed to the Plaintiffs regarding the septic system.

Ms. Cartinella is also not required to utter "magic words" in her expert report. As argued in Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 3 at 7:13-17, Defendants would require Ms. Cartinella to say specifically in her expert report that "the Defendants violated the standard of care applicable to realtors because of [insert violation of this standard here]." The use of these "magic words" that Defendants would impose upon Ms. Cartinella is not required by any statute, case or rule governing expert testimony. Instead, Ms. Cartinella has expressly identified the Defendants' violation of NRS 645.252(1)(a) in her expert report and during her deposition by stating that the Defendants knew or should have known that the septic system was insufficient for this property and that they should have disclosed what they knew or should have known to the Plaintiffs. Ms. Cartinella has opined and will opine at trial that these Defendants violated the duties identified in NRS 645.252(1)(a) when they failed to disclose material and relevant information regarding the septic system found at the property that they knew or that they should have known. All the other violations of NRS 645.252 outlined above are so blatant and so obvious that expert testimony is not required to establish these violations. The damages flowing from each of the Defendants' misdeeds are also well within the grasp of the ordinary jury and expert testimony to support these damages is also not required. Finally, the evidence shows that the Defendants knew or should have known more about the septic system than what was told to them by their clients, yet they did nothing with that knowledge.

#### III. CONCLUSION

Defendants' Motions in Limine Nos. 2 and 3 both appear to argue that Plaintiffs do not offer satisfactory expert witness testimony in this case. However, to establish the misdeeds of a realtor in Nevada and in most other states, expert testimony is not required if the alleged misdeeds are within the grasp and knowledge of the ordinary member of the community. What the remaining Defendants are accused of doing, or not doing, in this case is not something that is solely within the knowledge of an expert witness. This case does not involve unusually complex or esoteric issues, for which expert testimony might be required. Instead, this case is more akin to deciding which way the wind is blowing, for which a weatherman is not needed. Plaintiffs do wish to present the testimony of Sherri

Cartinella, because Plaintiffs believe that her testimony will assist the trier of fact to determine issues relevant to this case. Because she is qualified to testify and because her testimony will be helpful to the trier of fact, the Court should permit her to do so. Ms. Cartinella is not required to utter "magic words" to establish a breach of NRS 645.252. Accordingly, the Court should deny Defendants' Motions in Limine Nos. 2 and 3.

#### **AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030**

The undersigned attorney does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any persons

DATED this 23rd day of February, 2018.

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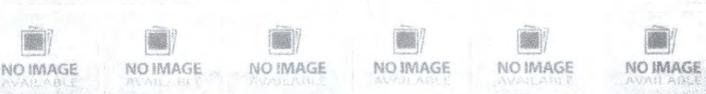
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HOA AMENITIES

No Amenities

Street

**ADJOINS** VIEW Yes, Mountain, Valley, Desert

PERSONAL PROPERTY Storage Shed INCL

INTERIOR FIXTURES

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System/Owned

LIVING ROOM

Separate/Formal, Firepice/Woodstove/Pellet, High

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**DINING ROOM FAMILY ROOM** 

None

KITCHEN

Garbage Disposal, Microwave Built-In, Island,

Pantry, Breakfast Bar

MASTER BEDROOM Walk-In Closet, Shower Stall

LAUNDRY AREA OTHER ROOMS

Garage, Cabinets

Yes, Office/Den(not incl bdrm), Bonus Room, Workshop, Guest House, In-Law Quarters

FLOOR COVERING

Carpet, Ceramic Tile

EXTERIOR ROOF HEATING/COOLING

WATER HEATER WINDOWS

FIREPLACE UTILITIES

FOUNDATION

LANDSCAPED **SPRINKLERS** 

Yes, Pellet Stove Electricity, Propane, Well-Private, Septic

Fully Landscaped

Propane

Double Pane

Full Sprinklers, Front, Back, Drip-Full, Drip-Front, Drip-Back, Automatic

FENCED Full, Back

PATIO/DECK Deck EXTERIOR FEATURES Dog Run, Barn-Outbuildings, Workshop

WATER TEST **ACCESS** Public TOPOGRAPHY Level, Upslope

OWNER(S) MAY SELL Conventional, FHA, VA, Cash

**GREEN FEATURES** 

None

#### MLS Remarks

REGULAR SALE..NO FREEWAY NOISE AND THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL PEACEFUL QUITE GARDEN OF PARADISE. BRING THE HORSE PLENTY OF ROOM AND PASTURE AREA - THREE SEPERATE UNITS ON THE PROPERTY INLAW QUARTERS OR GUEST HOUSE, OFFICE OR STUDIO OR TACK ROOM OR OFFICE THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED 30 MINUTES TO ANYWHERE (CARSON CITY, VIRGINIA CITY, LAKE TAHOE) HALF WAY BETWEEN CARSON AND RENO. GREAT SCHOOLS AND THE PROPERTY IS MATICULOUS AND MOVE IN READY. EASY TO SHOW AND COMPLETELY REMODELED ...

#### Extended Remarks

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Seller needs a closing to conincide with the close of escrow of their new home.

#### Sold Information

Selling Agent

Brian F Kincannon - 775-338-2527

Selling Office 1

Selling Agent 2 Selling Office 2

Keller Williams Group One Inc. - Office: 775-823-8787

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REINOLDS

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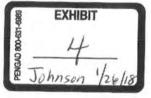
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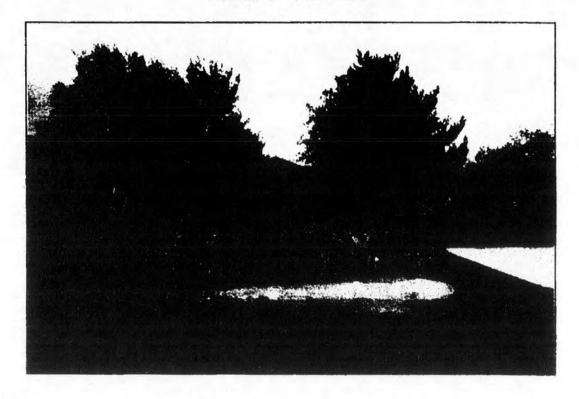
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Property Rights Appraised	: S Fee Simple	Leasehold Lease	ed Fee Oth	er (describe)			
Intended Use: ESTAB	LISH MARKET VAL	UE FOR A PROPOS	ED SALE				
Under USPAP Standards	Rule 2-2(c), this is a Restr	Icted Use Appraisal Repor	t, and is intended	only for the sole use of th	e named client. T	here are no other intende	d users. The
Client must clearly unders	tand that the appraiser's o	opinions and conclusions	may not be under	stood properly without ad	ditional informati	on in the appraiser's work	file.
Client: REYNOLDS				EATON ROAD, REN			
Appraiser: RICHARD	LACE			AKESIDE DR. #25			
FEATURE	SUBJECT	COMPARABLE S		COMPARABLE S		COMPARABLE S	ALE # 3
Address 20957 EAT	ON RD	20890 AMES LN		125 ANDREW LN		20685 COOKE DR	
Reno, NV	89521	RENO, NV 89521		RENO, NV 89521		RENO, NV 89521	
Proximity to Subject		0.12 MILES NE		1.24 MILES E		0.24 MILES NE	
Sale Price	\$	8	287,000	\$	402,000	\$	370,000
- Sale Price/GLA	\$ 138.33/sq.ft	\$ 159.09/sq.ft.		\$ 115.95/sq.ft.		\$ 131.07/sq.ft.	
Dala Source(s)		MLS #110003792		MLS #120000282		MLS #110002711	
Verification Source(s)		#4120388 WASHO	E COUNTY	#4088753 WASHO	E COUNTY	#4141634 WASHO	E COUNTY
VALUE ADJUSTMENTS	DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	+(-) \$ Adjust.	DESCRIPTION	+(-) S Adjust.	DESCRIPTION	+(-) \$ Adjust.
Sales or Financing	0	CASH		VA		OWER	
Concessions		DOM = 444		DOM = 56		DOM = 537	
Date of Sale/Time		06/08/2012		02/29/2012		08/15/2012	
Rights Appraised	Fee Simple	Fee Simple		Fee Simple		Fee Simple	
Location	AVERAGE	AVERAGE		AVERAGE		AVERAGE	
Site	1.12 ACRES	1.26 ACRES		.97 ACRES		1.06 AC	
View	MOUNTAIN	MOUNTAIN		MOUNTAIN		MOUNTAIN	
Design (Style)	RANCH	RANCH		RANCH		SPLIT LEVEL	
Quality of Construction	AVERAGE	AVERAGE		AVERAGE		AVERAGE	
Age	26A/5E	46A/25E	+25,000	10		35A/5E	
Condition	GOOD	AVERAGE		G000		GOOD	
Above Grade	Total Bdrms Baths	Total Bdrms Baths		Total Borms Baths		Total Bdrms Baths	
Room Count	6 3 2	7 3 2		8 3 3		9 5 3	
Gross Living Area	2,180 sq.ft.	1, 804 sq.ft.	+16,920	3, 467 sq.ft.	-31,400	2,823 sq.ft.	-28,935
Basement & Finished	NONE	1804 SF	-45,100	NONE		NONE	
Rooms Below Grade	N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A	
Functional Utility	AVERAGE	AVERAGE		AVERAGE		AVERAGE	
Heating/Cooling	FAU/CAC	FAU/CAC		FAU/CAC		FAU/CAC	
Energy Efficient Items	INSULATION	INSULATION		INSULATION		INSULATION	
Garage/Carport	G2AT/BARN/SHOP	G-3/ATTACH	+12,500	G-3/ATTACH	+12,500	G4/ATT, G2DT	-9,500
Porch/Patlo/Deck	PRCH, PT, GZBO	PRCH, DK, CVDPT		PORCH, DECK, PT		PCH, PT, BLCNY	
EXTRAS	2 PLT STVS	2-FPL'S		FIREPLACE	+1,500	FIREPLACE	+1,500
EXTRAS	GUEST HOUSE	NONE	+44,000	NONE	+44,000	NONE	+44,000
EXTRAS	NONE	NONE		NONE		NONE	
EXTRAS	NONE	NONE		NONE		NONE	
3 EXTRAS	GOOD LANDSCAPE	GOOD LANDSCAPE		GOOD LANDSCAPE		GOOD LANDSCAPE	
Net Adjustment (Total)		X + . S	53,320	N+ 1. \$	26,600	X+ 1: S	7,065
Adjusted Sale Price		Net 18.6 %		Net 8.6 %		Net 1.9 %	
of Comparables		Gross 50,0 % \$	340,320		428,600		377,065
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2nd Prior Subject Sale/Tran	ister	
Date:		
Price:		
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Subject Market Area and Marketal		EXPERIENCED A DECLINE IN THE MEDIAN HOUSING PRICES SINCE
		INANCING HAS BEEN CONVENTIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL WITH NO
SPECIAL CONDITIONS,	CONCESSIONS, OR BUY DOWNS	KNOWN.
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Site Area: 1.12 ACRES	Site View: MOUNTAIN	Topography: FLAT AND UNSLOPED Orainaga: APPEARS ADEQUATE
Zoning Classification: LDS	Zuelan Co.	Description: ALLOWS FOR SFR 1 ACRE MIN.
Mahani & Bani Ilan     Draea	Zoning Cor nt use, or Other use (explain)	nollance: 🔀 Legal 🔲 Legal nonconforming (grandfathered) 🔲 illegal 🔲 No zonin
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FFMA Spec'l Flood Hazard Area	Yes No FEMA Flood Zone x	FEMA Map # 32031C3332G FEMA Map Date 03/16/2009
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Final Reconciliation THE SAL	ES COMPARISON APPROACH TO	VALUE IS BELIEVED TO BE THE BEST SUITED TO THE APPRAISAL
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completed, subject to the fi the following required inspection	based on the Extraordinary Assumption the	and specifications on the basis of a Hypothetical Condition that the improvements have bee of a Hypothetical Condition that the repairs or alterations have been completed,  at the condition or deficiency does not require alteration or repair:
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		nordinary Assumptions as specified in the attached addenda.
Based on the degree of inspe	ection of the subject property, as indicated way (our) Onlines of the Market Value	ated below, defined Scope of Work, Statement of Assumptions and Limiting Condition (or other specified value type), as defined herein, of the real property that is the subje
of this report is: S	400.000 as of:	400,000 which is the effective date of this annuals:
If Indicated above, this Opinio	n of Value is subject to Hypothetical Cor	nditions and/or Extraordinary Assumptions included in this report. See attached addend
A true and complete copy of II		exhibits which are considered an integral part of the report. This appraisal report may not be
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Scope of Work	□ Limiting Cond / Certifications □	Narrative Addendum 🖾 Pholograph Addenda 🖾 Sketch Addendum
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Client Contact:	- Carried and Languishing	Client Name: REYNOLDS
E-Mall:		Address: 20957 EATON ROAD, RENO, NV 89521
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Company: LACE APPRAIS	ALS, LLC.	Co-Appraiser Name: Company:
Company: LACE APPRAIS Phone: (775) 337-0988 E-Mail: richard@laceapp	Fax: (775) 201-1697	Co-Appraiser Name:

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VALUE ADJUSTMENTS	DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	+(-) \$ Adjust.	DESCRI		+(-) \$ Adjust.	DESCRIP	TION	+(-) \$ Adju
Sales or Financing	0	NONE KNOWN	7 . 7	NONE KNO	NWC				
Concessions		NONE KNOWN		NONE KNO	NWC				
Days on Market		58		52					
Rights Appraised	Fee Simple	Fee Simple		Fee Sim	ole				
Location		AVERAGE		AVERAGE					
Site					200				-
View	1.12 ACRES	1 ACRE		2.03 ACE					
	MOUNTAIN	MOUNTAIN		MOUNTAIN					
Design (Style)	RANCH	RANCH		COLONIA					
Quality of Construction	AVERAGE	AVERAGE		AVERAGE					
Age	26A/5E	49A/10E	+5,000	54A/15E		+10,000			N 1
Condition	GOOD	GOOD		GOOD					
Above Grade	Total Borms Baths	Total Borms Baths	+4,000	Total Borms	Baths	-5,000	Total Bdrms	Baths	
Room Count	6 3 2	7 3 2	11.500	7 4	3	3/35		-	
Gross Living Area	2, 180 sq.ft.		+25,650		823 sq.ft.	-28,935		sq.ft.	-
Basement & Finished			+23,630		823 Sq.n.	-20,935		54.11.	
	NONE	NONE		NONE					
Rooms Below Grade	N/A	N/A		N/A					
Functional Utility	AVERAGE	AVERAGE		AVERAGE					
leating/Cooling	FAU/CAC	FAU/NONE	+1,500	FAU/NONE	5	+1,500			
Energy Efficient Items	INSULATION	INSULATION		INSULAT	LON				
Garage/Carport	G2AT/BARN/SHOP			G-3/BUII					
Porch/Patlo/Deck	PRCH, PT, GZBO	PORCH, DECK, PT	F	PORCH, DE					
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20957 EATON RD

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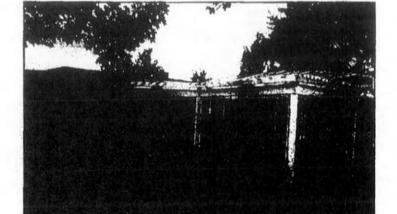
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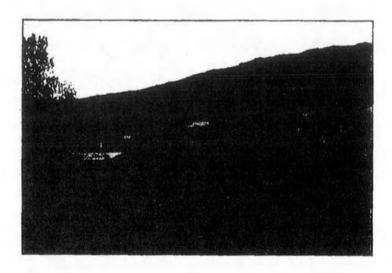
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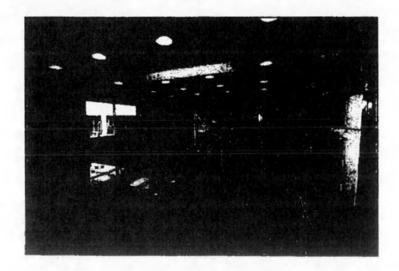


Subject Rear



Subject Street

REY00073



### Kitchen

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Sales Price

 Gross Living Area
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 Total Rooms
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 Total Bedrooms
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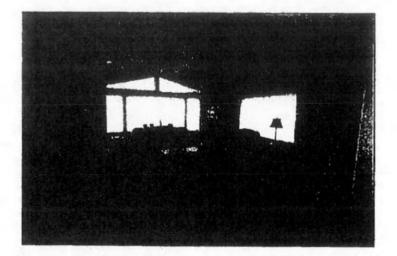
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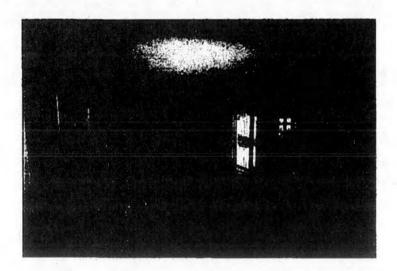




**Dining Room** 



REY00074



#### Foyer

20957 EATON RD

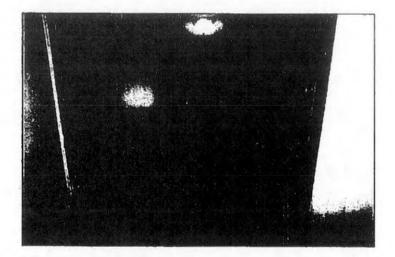
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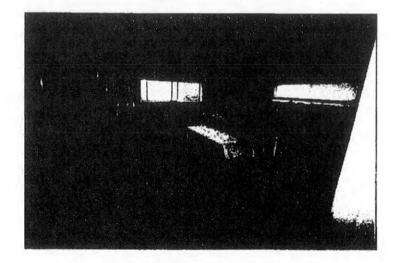
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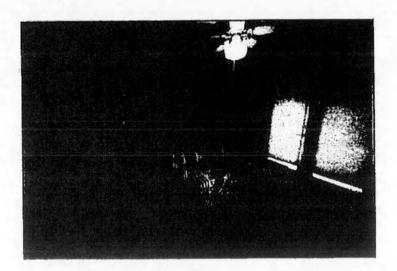




**Bed Room** 



REY00075



#### **Bed Room**

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 Total Rooms
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 Total Bedrooms
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 Total Bathrooms
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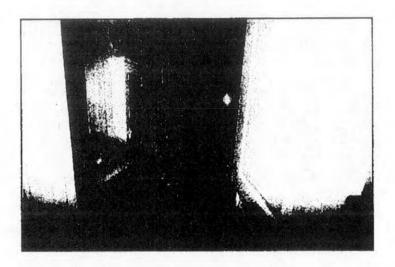
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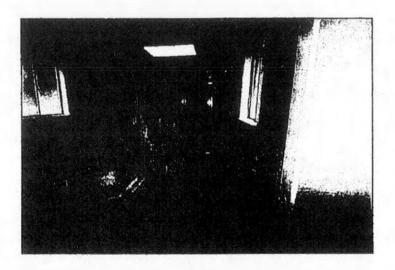
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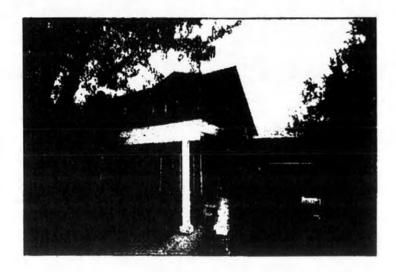
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Bath



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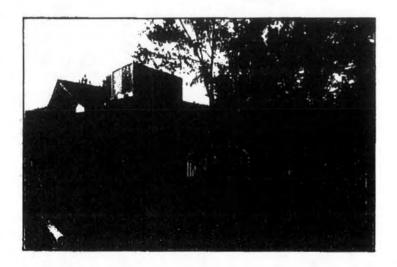
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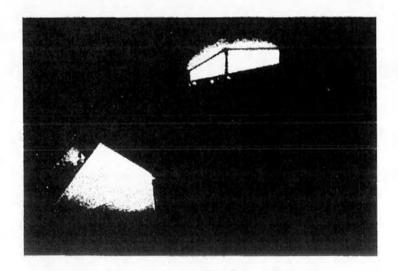
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**Guest House Rear** 



**Guest House Rear** 



#### **Guest House**

20957 EATON RD

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 Total Rooms
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 Total Bedrooms
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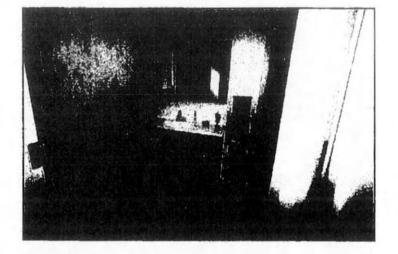
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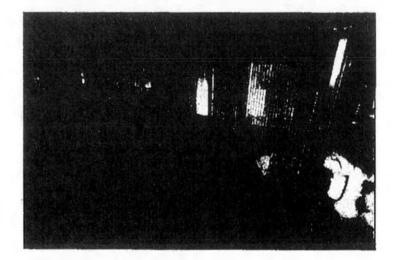
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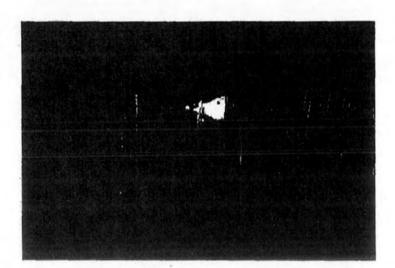
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**Guest House** 





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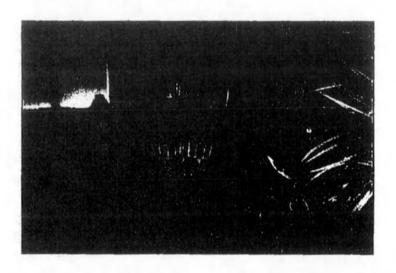
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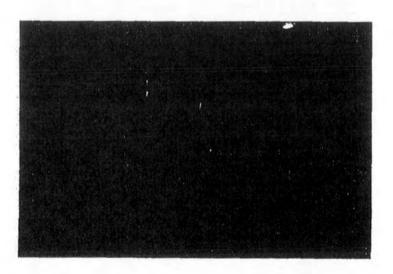
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**Guest House** 



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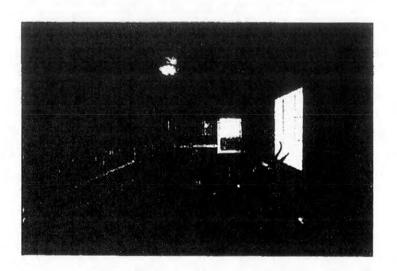
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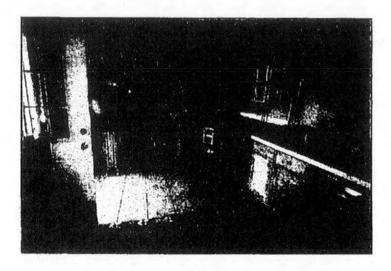
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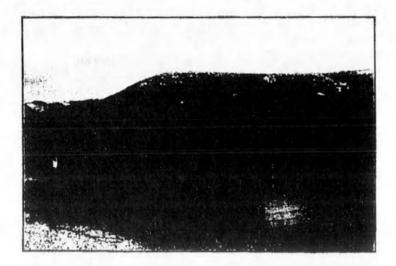
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Barn/Shop



Barn/Shop



#### Comparable 1

20890 AMES LN

 Prox to Subject
 0.12 MILES NE

 Sale Price
 287,000

 Gross Living Area
 1,804

 Total Rooms
 7

 Total Bedrooms
 3

Total Bedrooms 3 Total Bathrooms 2 Location AV

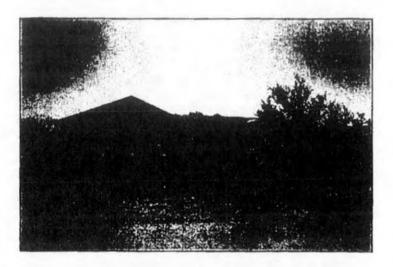
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 46A/25E



#### Comparable 2

125 ANDREW LN

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Total Bedrooms 3

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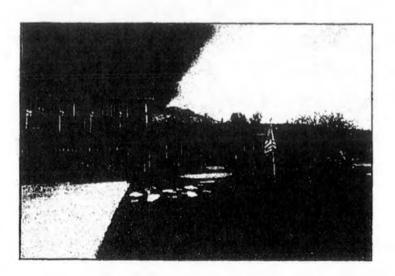
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#### Comparable 3

20685 COOKE DR

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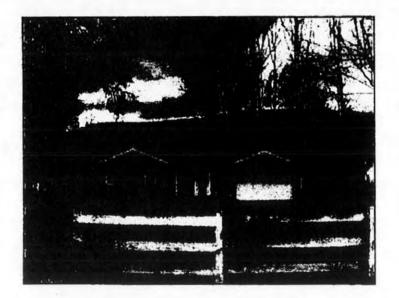
 Gross Living Area
 2,823

 Total Rooms
 9

 Total Bedrooms
 5

 Total Bathrooms
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Location AVERAGE
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Quality AVERAGE
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#### Listing 1

142 CONCHO DR

Proximity to Subject 0.46 MILES S

List Price

326,000

Days on Market Gross Living Area 1,610

58

2

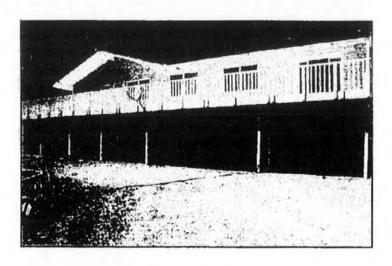
Total Rooms

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Total Bedrooms

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49A/10E



#### Listing 2

20975 DAVID DR

Proximity to Subject 0.13 MILES N

List Price 334, 900

Days on Market 52 Gross Living Area 2,823

Total Rooms

7

Total Bedrooms

4

Total Bathrooms 3

Age

54A/15E

#### Listing 3

Proximity to Subject List Price

Days on Market

Gross Living Area

Total Rooms

Total Bedrooms

Total Bathrooms

Age

#### Info Sheet

Owner Information & Legal Description			Building Information					
APN 045-337-11			Quality RO25 FAIR/AVG			VG	Bldg Type Sgl Fam Res	
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Situs 20957 EATON RD			1	Year Bul	lt 1986		Square Feet 2,180	
Owner 1 REYNOLDS, HARRY R & DEANN				W.A.	. 1987		quare Feet does not include Basement or arage Conversion Area.	
Reno NV 89521				Bedroom	3		lick here for Building Square Footage, pecial Feature and Yard Item Details.	
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Section 7 Township 17 SPC Range 20			Roof Cover COMP SHINGLE		SLE	Sub Floor WOOD		
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51ze 48903 SF	Water WELL	Street PAV		Reseon P	leappraisal		orhood Map ID Neighborhoods Map	
Valuation Information	2011/12	2012/13	1				n/Recorded Document	
	FV	PV	Y-Code	LUC	Doc Date	Value	Grantor	
Texable Land Value	80,000	60,000	SNTT	020	01/23/2003	A THE PARTY	REYNOLDS, HARRY R & DEEANN	
Txble Improvement Value	165,636	181,087	Sitt	020	07/14/1997	0	RETHOUS, HARRI R & DECKNIN	
Taxable Total	245,636	241,087	20	020	05/22/1996	235,000		
Assessed Land Value	28,000	21,000	20	020	09/01/1987	112,000	9	
Assessed Improvement Value	57,973	63,380	All date o	n this for	m is for use b	y the Wash	noe County Assessor for assessment	
Total Assessed 85,973 84,380			purposes only. Zoning information should be verified with the appropriate planning agency. All Percels are reapprelsed each year.					

#### Info Sheet

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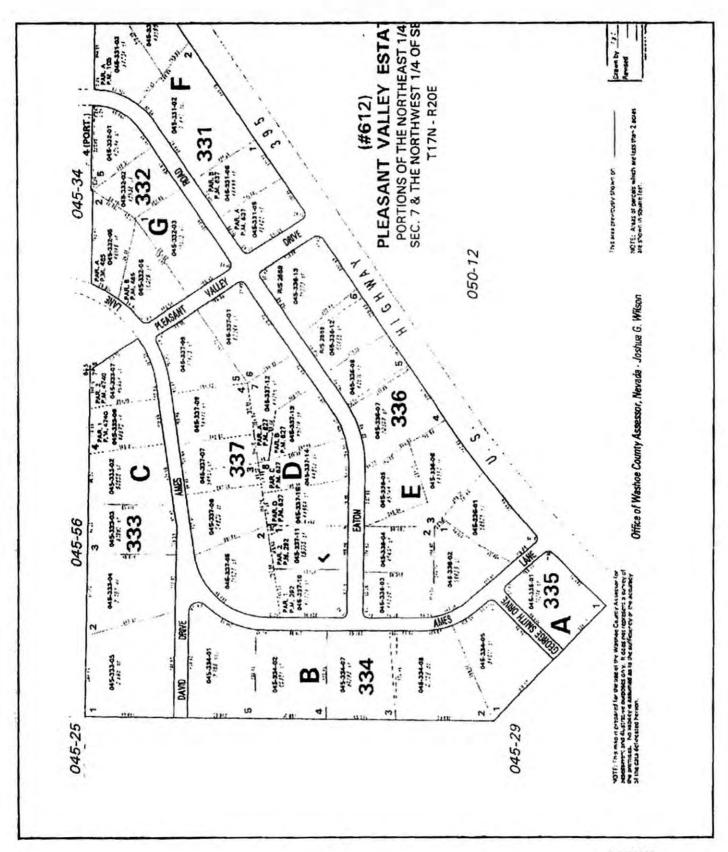
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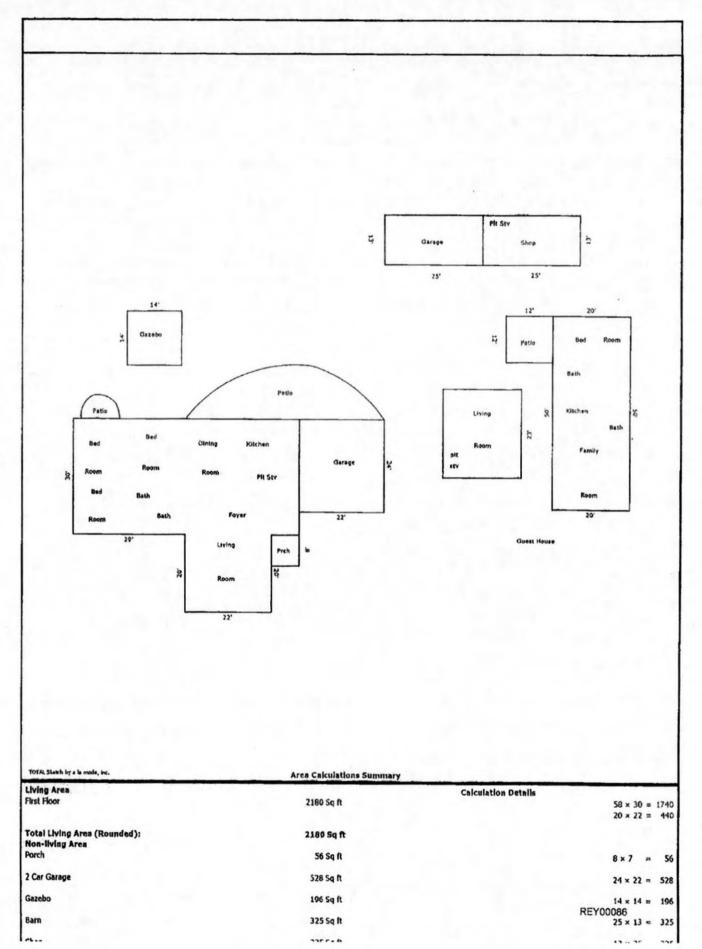
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PRF1	PORCH ROOF	277	

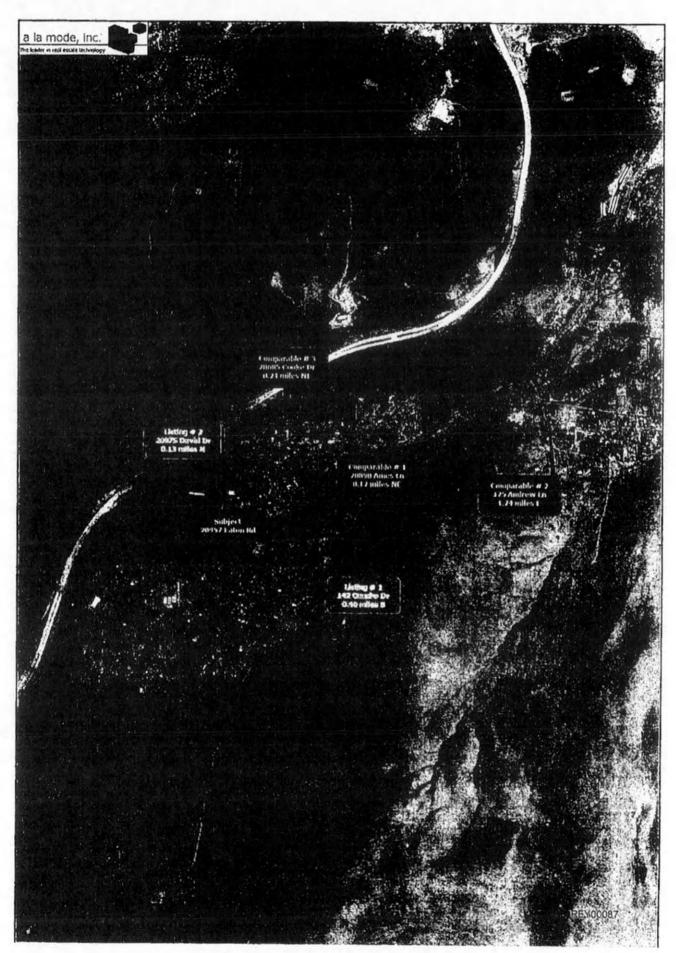
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FWCO FLATWORK CONCRETE	3.0	2008	850
GST1 GUEST HOUSE Q1	3.0	1997	460
HBR1 RAISED BREEZWAY BARN LOW	3.0	1986	650
LFT1 LOFT TYPE 1 - LOW	3.0	1997	1,175
LTC2 LATTICE AVERAGE-METAL, VINYL, WOOD	3.0	2008	850
WPRS WELL, PRESSURE SYSEM & SEPTIC	3.0	1986	1
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#### **Parcel Map**





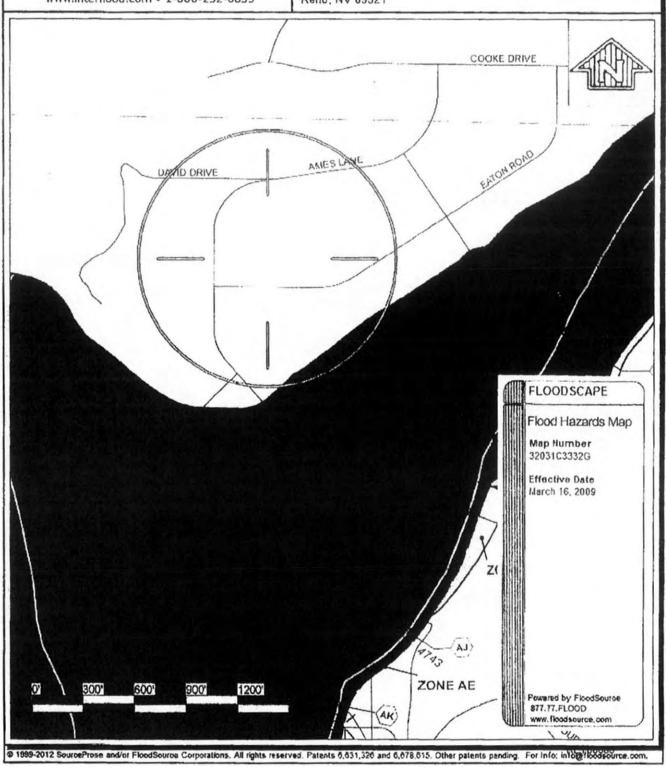




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# **EXHIBIT 3**

### **EXHIBIT 3**

# Residential Listing Input Form



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Agent Seller Seller Seller	D. Street   Street

### Residential Listing Input Form page 2



CHECK ALL THAT APPLY					
E. INTERIOR FEATURES/	7. Shower Stall	7. Asbestos	3. Propane	ZA. WATER TEST	
PERSONAL PROP. INCL.	8. Tub/Shower Combo	[] 8. Log	4. Oil	1. Yes	
1. None 2. Drapes/Curtains 3. Blinds/Shades	9. Bellitub 10. Garden Yub	9. Masonile 10. Brick	5. City/County Water	2. No	
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4. Rods	13. 2nd Master Borm (or	P. ROOF	9. City Server	1. Public 2. Private 3. Private wMaint Agrml	
5. Garage Door Opener(s) 6. Smoke Detector		I I I I DETICAL	10. Community Sewer	2 Private	
7. Intercom	K. LAUNDRY AREA	2 Flat	11. Septic	3. Private w/Maint Agrint	
8. Security System/Owned	1. None	3. Gravel	12. Cable	ZC. TOPOGRAPHY	
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10. Central Vacuum	4. Kilchen	6. Wood/Shake	14. T1 + Available	2. Upslope	
11. Humidifier	5. Garage	7. Tile	15. Telephone	3. Downstope 4. Steep	
12. Filler System	6. Bathroom Combo	8. Melel	16. Water Meter Installed	Total Control of the	
13. Washer	7. Laundry Room		17. Solar (photovollaic)	5. Rolling 6. Gentle 7. Hilly 8. CombNaries	
14. Dryer 15. Hot Tub	8. Laundry Sink	Q. HEATING/COOLING  1. Natural Gus	18. Wind	6. Gentle	
	9. Cabinets	2. Propane	19. Generator	7. Hilly 6. Comb/Varies	
16. Softened/Rented	10. Shelves 11. Common	713 OI	V. LANDSCAPED	1 9 Culdo-sac	
17. Water Softener/Owned	11 Common	1 4. Electric	C 1 None	10 Flag Lot	
18. Furnished 19. Refrigerator	L. OTHER ROOMS	3. Oil 4. Electric 5. Soler	2. Yes 3. Fully Landscaped	9. Cul-de-sac 10. Flag Lot 11. Corner Lot	
19. Refrigerator 20. Portable Dishwasher	1. None	6. Wood/Coal	3. Fully Landscaped	70 OWNEDON MAY CELL	
21. Microwave (portable)	2. Yes	6. Wood/Coal 7. Geolhemal bd/ms) 3. Forced Air	4. Partially Landscaped	ZD. OWNER(S) MAY SELL	
	3. Office/Den (not incl in 4. Study/Library	bdrms) 3. Forced Air	W. SPRINKLERS	(Optional)	
LIVING ROOM	4. Study/Library	9. Wall Heater	1 None	Y. Conventional	
1. None 2. Separate/Formal	5. Game Room	10. Hol Water System	2. Full Sprinklers	2. FHA 3. VA	
Separate/Formal     Gombo/Fam. Rm	6. Sewing Room	11. Baseboard	3. Front	4. Øwner Carry 1st	
1 4. Great Room	7. Bonus Room	12 Fireplace	4. Back	5. Owner Carry 2nd	
3. Combo/Fam Rm 4. Great Room 5. Fireplace/Woodslove/Pellet	8. Loft	13. Heal Pump	5. Drip-Full	G. Cash	
6. High Ceiling	9. Entry/Foyer	14. Radiant Heat-Ceiling 15. Radiant Heat-Floor	- Competition	6. Cash 7. Exchange/1031	
7. Ceiling Fan	10. Atrium 11. Mud Room	16. Floor Funace	7. Drip-Back 8. Automatic	8. Lease/Option	
8. Combo/Dining Rm	12. Workshop		8. Automatic		
	13. Maid's Room	17. Radialor 18. No Heat	9 Manual	ZE. ACCESSIBILITY	
. DINING ROOM  1. Separateliformal	14. Sunroom	19. Central Refrig. A/C	X. FENCED	(Optional)	
2. Kitchen Combo	15. Bdrn/Office on Main		1. None	1. Bell Lights	
Separate/Formal     Kitchen Combo     Living Rm Combo	16. Basement-Finished	21. Air Unit	1. None 2. Full 3. Front 4. Back 5. Pertial	1. Bell Lights 2. Electric Lift 3. Entry Ramp	
4. Family Rm Combo	17. Basement-Unfinished	(	3. Front	3. Entry Ramp 4. No Steps	
5. Great Room	18. Basoment-Walkout/0		4. Back	4. No Steps 5. Roll-in Shower 6. Stiding Shelves	
6. FireplaceWoodstove/Pellet	19. Guest House 20. In-Law Quarters	2 Propers	L 5. Pertial	6. Sliding Shelves	
4. Family Rin Combo 5. Great Room 6. Fireplace/Woodstove/Pellot 7. High Ceiling	20. In-Law Quarters	aylight 1. Natural Gas 2. Propane 3. Electric 4. Solar 5. Oil	Y. PATIO/DECK	7. Triangle Exit	
8. Celling Fan	21. Rec Room	74 Sobr	1. None	8. Wide Width Doorways	
9. No Dining Room	M. FLOOR COVERING	5. Oil	1. None 2. Yes 3. Uncovered	9. Wide Width Hallways	
. FAMILY ROOM	[2] 1. Cappel	6. Circulating Pump			
1. None	1. Carpel 2. Ceramic Tile	7. On Demand	4. Covered 5. Enclosed-Screen 6. Enclosed-Glass	ZF. "GREEN" FEATURES	
	3. Viryl Tile	8. Goothermal	5. Enclosed-Screen	D12 None	
3. Combo/Living Room	4. Sheel Vinyl	☐ 99. None	6. Enclosed-Glass 7. Breezeway-Open	3 One or more Emergy Star	
4. Great Room	5. Wood	6. WINDOWS		Raled Appliances*	
	6. Stone 7. Brick 8. Laminate	1. Single Pane	per de la		
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	10. Marble 11. Slate	5. Melal Frame	1. RV Access/Parking	into Associated Docs.	
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3. Single Oven	13. Travertine	7. Vinyl Frame	3. Salelite DisNOwned 4. TV Anlenne		-
4. Double Oven	99. None/Unfinished	8. Low E	5. Dog Run	CONDO ONLY	
5. Refrigerator		9. ComboVaries	6. Storage Shed		
6. Built-in Dishwasher	N. FOUNDATION	☐ 10. 100% Energy Star	6. Storage Shed 7. Bern-Ovfbuildings	UNIT LEVEL	
7. Garbage Disposal	1. None	T, FIREPLACE		1. Ground Floor	
B. Microwaye - Built-in	2. Concrete/Crawl Space	t 1. None	8. Correls/Stalls 9. Above Ground Pool 10. In-Ground Pool	2. Mid Level	
9. Trash Compactor	3. Concrete Slab	2. Yes 3. One	10. In-Ground Pool	3. Top Floor	
10. Island 11. Pantry	4. Mesonry 5. Wood	3. One	11. Spaffol Tub		
12. Breakfast Bur	D. Wood	1 4. Two or More	12. Sauna	UNCONV. MANUF	
13. Breakfast Nook	6. Post & Pier	5. Wood-Burning Stove	13. Tennis Courts	HOUSING ONLY	
15. CookTop	7. Slone 8. Full Perimeter	6. Wood/Coal Slove	14. 88Q-Bulk In		
99. None of the Above	9. 8-Point	7. Pellet Slove	15. BOQ-Slubbed In	HUD#	
	10. Strip	8. Gas Stove	16. Healed Driveway	SERIAL#	
MASTER BDRM		9. Air Circulating			
1. None	O. EXTERIOR	10. Insert		PERS. PROP TAXES \$	
2. Walk-In Closet 3. Fireplace, Woodslove, Pellet	1. Masonry Veneer	11. Fireplace	19. Boat House	SKIRTING WID	TH
4. High Colling	2 Stucco	13. Gas Log	20. None, NA		Singl
5. Ceiling Fan	3 Wood Siding		21. Workshop	2. Full 2.	
	4. Metal Siding	U. UTILITIES		1. None 2. Full 3. Part	1119/10
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# **EXHIBIT 4**

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5	IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
6	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE
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8	TOUR LINDREDG on individual: Gaza No. CVIE 00001
9	JOHN LINDBERG, an individual; Case No. CV15-00281 MICHAL LINDBERG, an
10	individual; and JUDITH L. Dept No. 3 LINDBERG, an individual,
11	Plaintiffs, vs.
12	HARRY RICHARD REYNOLDS, an
13	
14	ASSOCIATES, a Nevada business entity; JAMES E. JOHNS, an
15	<pre>individual, A.J. JOHNSON, an individual, et al.,</pre>
16	/
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19	DEPOSITION OF
20	A.J. JOHNSON
21	JANUARY 26, 2018
22	RENO, NEVADA
23	
24	REPORTED BY: CORRIE L. WOLDEN, NV CSR #194, RPR, CP
25	JOB NO.: 443304

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Page 28
 1
     right?
 2
          Α
               I assume so, yes.
 3
          0
               You don't know?
 4
               Well, I can't remember --
 5
               Okay.
               -- what the final price was.
 6
          Α
               And you could be refreshed in your recollection if
 7
          0
     you saw the documents related to the sale?
 8
 9
          Α
               Yes.
               Okay. Then we will go ahead and do that. You
10
          0
11
     then down here list total living space as 2,180 and 1,700
12
     square feet; is that right?
13
          Α
               Yes.
14
               And then you added 600 feet, also; is that
15
     correct?
16
               Yes.
          Α
17
               That was for a barn/garage area; is that correct?
          Q
18
          Α
               No.
19
               What is the 600 feet?
          Q
20
               I can't remember. This information would have
          Α
21
     come from the client.
22
          Q
               Okay.
23
               So I would have written down whatever they told
24
     me.
25
               Okay. Now, it says here total living space two
          Q
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Page 29 amounts and then an additional amount, so 2,180, 1,700, and 1 2 then 600. Do you remember what the 2,180 was for? 3 I believe it was for the front house. Α 4 0 Okay. And the 1,700? I believe it was for the in-law quarters. 5 And but you don't recall the 600? 6 Q 7 Α No. And then if you look here, source of square 8 Okay. Q 9 footage, checked is owner and appraiser. Do you see that? 10 Α Correct. 11 Did you check those boxes? 12 Α I did. 13 Okay. And that's because you received information 14 from the owner about the square footage, right? That is correct. 15 Α 16 And from an appraiser? 0 17 No, that is incorrect. Α Why did you mark appraiser as the source of square 18 Q 19 footage? 20 Because they stated they got it from their Α 21 appraisal. 22 Q Okay. Did you see the appraisal on 23 September 21st? 24 Α No. Okay. Did you see it at any time after 25 Q

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     September 21st, between September 21st and let's say
 1
 2
     December 1st, 2012?
 3
          Α
               No.
 4
          0
               Did you see it between December 1st, 2012 and
     February 28th, 2013?
 5
 6
          Α
               No.
               Do you know, did J.E. Johns ever see the
 7
     appraisal?
 8
 9
               I can't answer that. I don't know.
10
               Do you know if the appraisal was ever attached to
     an e-mail sent from your e-mail account to the buyer's agent
11
12
     in this case?
13
               I can't -- I don't know.
               Okay. Let's look at the third page, if we could.
14
     There is some handwriting in the MLS remarks. Do you see
15
16
     that?
17
               Yes.
          Α
               And that's also your handwriting, correct?
18
          Q
19
          Α
               Correct.
20
               Do you see where you list main house, 2,180
          Q
21
     approximate?
2.2
          Α
               Correct.
23
          Q
               That's the square footage for the main house?
24
               Correct.
          Α
25
               Second house, 1,700 approximate?
          Q
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	Page 62
1	A Uh-huh.
2	Q How did they do that?
3	A I cannot remember. I honestly don't remember.
4	Q When you shared this counter offer with
5	Mr. Kincannon on January 4th did you also share with him
6	Exhibit 4 which is the appraisal that we have looked at
7	already in this case?
8	A No.
9	Q Do you know if someone from J.E. Johns &
10	Associates did?
11	A I don't know.
12	Q Do you know if James E. Johns did?
13	A I don't know.
14	Q At this time in 2012 and 2013 were there any other
15	agents working for J.E. Johns & Associates?
16	A I don't believe so, no.
17	Q So if Mr. Kincannon received the appraisal in this
18	case, the appraisal that the Reynolds had done in September
19	of 2012, he would have received it from either you or
20	James Johns?
21	MR. PEREOS: Objection; inconsistent with the
22	testimony of the witness based upon her prior testimony,
23	assumes facts not in evidence. Calls for speculation.
24	THE WITNESS: I don't know.
25	///

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1	BY MR. MOORE:
2	Q You don't know?
3	A I'm sorry, I don't.
4	Q Would it have been appropriate for him to get that
5	from the Reynolds themselves?
6	A Appropriate, no.
7	Q Okay. The way things work is you are a conduit of
8	information from your client to my client, right, and you
9	pass that information to a realtor; is that right?
10	A Rephrase your question, please.
11	Q The way these transactions work is you represent a
12	client and my client has a realtor that represents him?
13	A Correct.
14	Q And you two act as conduits of information between
15	your respective clients; is that right?
16	A Correct.
17	Q Typically, under these scenarios the seller's
18	agent will provide information to the buyer's agent?
19	A Correct.
20	Q And you would believe it would be inappropriate
21	for you to give information directly to my client, right?
22	A Correct.
23	Q And it would be inappropriate vice versa for my
24	client's agent to give or receive information directly from
25	your client?

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               MR. PEREOS: Objection; characterization and
 1
 2
     misquotes the testimony of the witness.
 3
     BY MR. MOORE:
 4
          0
               Someone references it in this e-mail?
 5
          Α
               Correct.
               Who signed off as you, right?
 6
          Q
               Who signed off as me?
 7
          Α
               "Thank you, A.J."
 8
          Q
 9
               That is what it says, correct.
               Okay. Someone signed off as you or you sent this
10
          0
     e-mail?
11
12
          Α
               I can't answer that question.
               Okay. Would it have been anybody other than
13
          Q
     James E. Johns sending this e-mail if it weren't you?
14
15
          Α
               No.
16
          0
               Would you have known that Mr. Johnson was using
     your e-mail and pretending to be you at the time he did
17
     this?
18
19
          Α
               No.
20
               Did you authorize him to send e-mails on your
          0
21
     behalf?
2.2
          Α
               He was the broker.
23
          Q
               Did you authorize him to use your name on e-mails?
24
               Possibly. I don't know.
          Α
               Okay. I'm going to push you on that.
25
          Q
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1	A C	Page 68
2		oid you authorize him to use your name in e-mails?
3		te had authorization to use my e-mails, yes.
4		o use your name
5	A Y	es.
6	Q T	o use your name in your e-mails?
7	A Y	es.
8	Q A	nd you knew if he was using your name in e-mails
9	that he was	doing that?
10	A Y	es.
11	Q C	kay.
12	M	R. MOORE: I'm going to take a little break.
13	Т	THE WITNESS: Yeah. Can I please have a break for
14	a few minut	es?
15	M	R. MOORE: Yeah.
16	Т	HE WITNESS: Thank you.
17	(Whereupon	a break was taken from 11:23 a.m. to 11:29 a.m.)
18	BY MR. MOOR	E:
19	Q M	s. Johns, before we took a break we were
20	discussing	the appraisal that the Reynolds received in this
21	matter in S	eptember 2012, which is marked as an exhibit to
22	your deposi	tion as Exhibit 4. Do you know that portions of
23	this apprai	sal were produced in this case by your attorney?
24	M	R. PEREOS: Oh, portions you said?
25	M	R. MOORE: Yeah, portions.

1	Page 82 A No.
2	Q Okay. Why not?
3	A Because this wasn't my file at the time, but I
4	retrieve information that's given to me by my client. If it
5	is incorrect, which this document went to title, it would
6	have also gone to the buyer's broker. I don't see this
7	unless there is an issue.
8	Q Okay. Was this document sent to J.E. Johns &
9	Associates?
10	A I don't I'm sorry, I don't know.
11	Q Okay. Let's look at Exhibit 5, if you could,
12	page 2 of Exhibit 5.
13	A Yes.
14	Q All right. If we look at Exhibit 17 briefly,
15	again, it's dated January 18th; is that right? Well, it
16	looks like it's January 16th, but there is evidence that it
17	was faxed on the 18th. Do you see that?
18	A I'm sorry, we are looking at Exhibit 17?
19	Q Yes.
20	A Okay.
21	Q On the first page, the invoice date is the 16th of
22	January, but at the top it appears that it has been faxed on
23	January 18th. Do you see that?
24	A Correct.
25	Q Okay. And then there is also a date of

Page 83 January 17th on the pump inspection, and then another one 1 2 January 18th outlining the specifics related to the tank. 3 J.E. Johns & Associates received this on January 18th; isn't 4 that correct? I don't know. 5 Α And then sent it to Brian Kincannon on the 19th? 6 0 I don't know. 7 Α 8 Okay. Let's look at Exhibit 5, page 2. Q 9 Okay. 10 The bottom e-mail dated January 19th, 2013, from 0 aj4jj@aol.com. Do you see that? 11 12 Α Yes. 13 "Please see attached septic report on Eaton, 0 pumping and inspection. Thanks, A.J. Please let me know 14 when inspections are. Thanks, A.J." Did I read that 15 16 correctly? 17 Α Yes. 18 You sent this to Mr. Kincannon, this being 0 19 Exhibit 17, on January 19th; is that correct? 2.0 I don't know. Α 21 Okay. Someone using your e-mail account sent it? 0 2.2 Α Yes. 23 Q If it wasn't you, it was Mr. Johns? 24 Α I don't know. I would assume, yes. And if he sent it on your behalf, you would have 25 Q

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1	STATE OF NEVADA ) ) Ss.
2	WASHOE COUNTY )
3	I, CORRIE L. WOLDEN, a Certified Shorthand
4	Reporter in and for the County of Washoe, State of Nevada,
5	do hereby certify; That on FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018, at the
6	hour of 9:57 a.m. of said day, at 151 Country Estates
7	Circle, Reno, Nevada, personally appeared A.J. JOHNSON, who
8	was duly sworn by me to testify the truth, the whole truth
9	and nothing but the truth, and thereupon was deposed in the
10	matter entitled herein;
11	That I am not a relative, employee or independent
12	contractor of counsel to any of the parties; or a relative,
13	employee or independent contractor of the parties involved
14	in the proceeding, or a person financially interested in the
15	proceeding;
16	That said deposition was taken in verbatim
17	stenotype notes by me, and thereafter transcribed into
18	typewriting as herein appears; That the foregoing
19	transcript, consisting of pages 1 through 98, is a full,
20	true and correct transcription of my stenotype notes of said
21	deposition.
22	DATED: At Reno, Nevada, this 4th day of February,
23	2018.
24	Carrie L. Wolden
25	CORRIE L. WOLDEN, CSR #194, RPR, CP

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# **EXHIBIT 5**

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### OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY



	RECEIVED FROM Jon Line				
2	hereinafter designated as BUY	ER, the amount set forth	i below as EARNEST M	ONEY DEPOSIT on a	account of the PURCHASE PRIC
3	OF \$ 375,000.00				_ DOLLARS, for the real proper ty ofWashoe
4	situated in the 🖾 City OR 🗖 U	Inincorporated Area of .	Reno	, Count	y of <u>Washoe</u>
5	State of Nevada, commonly de-	cribed as	209	57 Eaton Road	
6	APN 045337711	(legal description to be	supplied in escrow).		
7	BUYER 🗵 does, 🗀 does not in	itend to occupy the prop	erty as a residence.		, v. <u></u>
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9	EARNEST MONEY DEPOSI	T Evidenced b	y ⊠ Cheok, or 🗖 other	<b>s</b>	1,500.0
10	payable to	Pirst Centennial	Title	, held uncashed u	1,500.0 until acceptance and then deposite wn)
ΙI	within one (1) business day of	acceptance with First	Centennial Title	a (Roberta Cro	wn)
12	Authorized escrow holder to be	selected by BUYER	SELLER.		
13		•			
14	DISPOSITION OF EARNEST	' MONEY DEPOSIT I	N THE EVENT OF DE	FAULT	
15	In the event BUYER shall defa	ult in the performance	of this Agreement, SELI	ER may, subject to	any rights of a BROKER herein
					ropriate by SELLER to collect suc
17	damages. BUYER shall have the	right to take such action	as deemed appropriate b	VBUYER to recover	such portion of the deposit as ma
	be allowed by law.		11 1	,	* *
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20	BALANCE OF CASH DOWN	PAYMENT (not include	ling closing costs)	S	36,000.0
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37	Taxes and Insurance shall b	e impounded monthly o	y lender or paid directly	by BUYEK.	
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39	BUYER to lock loan terms	within45	days of acceptance or B	OYER agrees to pay	prevailing rates.
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41	BUYER to pay discount po	ints not to exceed	% SELLER to pa	ay discount points no	ot to exceed%.
42	Any reduction in discount p	oints at closing to be all	ocated proportionately.		
43	Loan origination fee not to	exceed 1.000 %	oaid by⊠BUYER, ⊔ S	ELLEK.	
44	SELLER agrees to pay up t	0.\$in	fees which cannot be pa	id by the BUYER pu	ursuant to FHA or VA regulation.
45	All remaining loan fees sha	Il be paid as required by	law, ordmance and/or re	gulation.	
46	PMI, MIP, VA funding fce,	if any, to be Lipaid in o	cash, 🖬 financed, 🗀 paid	l monthly.	
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48	OTHER (Specify in Additi	onal Terms and Condition	ons or Financing Addend	um): S	\$
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50	TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE	in the sum of (not include	ing closing costs):		\$ <u>375,000.00</u>
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					tion, including all documentation
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55 7	his offer is conditioned upon B	UYER's ability to delive	r to SELLER a letter of	loan approval which	includes income verification and
56 v	erification of available funds,	subject to acceptable ap	praisal and lender revie	ew of preliminary re	eport from title company within
57_	<u>30</u> days of acceptance. By	signing below, BUYER	consents to the lender's:	release of loan status	and conditions of approval to the
	ELLER and Brokers.				
59 I	f loan approval is not obtained v	vithin said time frame, S	SELLER reserves the rig	th to terminate this.	Agreement, Both parties agree to
60 c	ancel the escrow and have earne	st money deposit returne	d to BUYER less expens	ses incurred by BUY	ER.
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63 d	ate shall not change from the ori	ginally agreed upon clos	ing date. Both parties she	all deposit with the ar	uthorized escrow holder all funds
64 a	nd instruments necessary to com	plete the transaction in a	ccordance with the terms	s herein.	
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2 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	ADDITIONAL CONTRACT TERMS  2 DEFINITIONS The BROKER includes cooperating Brokers and all Licensees. DAYS means calendar days unless otherwise specific ACCEPTANCE means the date on which this Agreement and any other counter offers are fully executed and delivered. DELIVERE 4 means personally delivered to principals or respective Licensees, transmitted by facsimile machine, Electronic PostMark <sup>TM</sup> , or mailed by 5 certified mail. In the event of fax transmission, delivery shall be deemed to be complete at the time noted on the confirmation she 5 generated by the sender's fax. In the event of certified mailing, delivery shall be deemed to have been made on the third day following the 7 date of mailing, evidenced by the postmark on the envelope containing the delivered material. RECEIPT means personally accepted 8 the designated recipient or the authorized representative, in the case of personal delivery; accepted by the designated recipient's figure of the designation of Electronic PostMark <sup>TM</sup> or three (3) days following the date of mailing, evidenced by the postmark on the envelope containing the delivered material, in the case of a certified mailing, not withstanding the date the recipient, or the authorized representative, actually signs for the certified mailing.							
	CONDITIONS SATISFIED OR WAIVED IN WRITING Each condition, contingency, approval and disapproval shall be satisfied according to its terms unless waived in writing by the beneficiating party within the time limits specified, or an extension in writing it agreed to by the parties or, this Agreement shall terminate and all deposits be returned to BUYER less expenses incurred by BUYER to the date of termination of this transaction. Each party shall diligently pursue the completion of this transaction.							
18 19 20 21 22 23 24	APPRAISAL BUYER Initial Required    Inotidied   Waived	of the property or to costs) is less than the						
27	SALE OF OTHER PROPERTY  BUYER must check one of the following:  A. This Agreement is not contingent upon conveyance of BUYER's property  OR							
29 30	□ B. This Agreement is contingent upon conveyance of BUYER's property described as: which is							
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 42 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51	in escrow OR currently listed in an MLS System by a REALTOR®, or will be listed within	seement, and written SELLER's notice to expenses incurred by that the financing is this Agreement shall property and related within						
52 53 54 55	waiver of this contingency. If this contingency is waived, the close of original escrow date will hold unless oth in writing.	- 1						
57 ( 58 1 59 1 60 s 61 c 62 [ 63 ]	SELLER'S REAL PROPERTY DISCLOSURE FORM The SELLER will provide BUYER, at time of wricompleted Selfer's Real Property Disclosure Form which, by this reference, shall be incorporated into this Agreementum an acknowledged copy to SELLER within four (4) working days of receipt.  DISCLAIMER: BUYER understands that the above Seller's Real Property Disclosure Form is for disclosure property inspections by experts, including, but not limited to, engineers, geologists, architects, general eccontractors such as roofing contractors and pest control operators. BUYER is urged to retain such experts that are buyer understands and acknowledges the Brokers in the transaction cannot warrant the condition of the property or ghave been disclosed by SELLER. Both parties acknowledge Brokers will not be investigating the status of permits, lines, and/or code compliance.	ment. BUYER shall urposes and is not a contractors, specialty believed appropriate, marantee all defects						
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	1 VESTED TITLE Title shall vest as designated in Escrow Instructions.					
4 5 6 7 8 9 10	EXAMINATION OF TITLE in addition to any encumbrances referred to herein, BUYER shall take title to the property subject to (1) Real Estate Taxes not yet due, and (2) Covenants, Conditions, & Restrictions (CC&Rs), rights of way, and easements of record, any, which do not materially affect the value or intended use of the property. Within (wo (2) business days of acceptance, SELLE shall order a preliminary report from a title company and CC&Rs if applicable, for the property. Within five (5) days from BUYER receipt of the preliminary report and CC&Rs, all exceptions shall be deemed approved unless written objection is delivered to SELLER Broker within this five (5) day period. Should BUYER object to any exceptions, SELLER shall use due diligence to remove thos exceptions before close of escrow. If those exceptions cannot be removed before close of escrow, BUYER may elect to purchase, subject to the existing exceptions or BUYER may elect to terminate all rights and obligations hereunder, and the deposit shall be returned to BUYER, less expenses incurred by BUYER to the date of termination. If SELLER is unwilling or unable to remove such objection					
12	2 SELLER shall deliver written notification to BUYER's Broker within ten (10) days of receipt of said objections.	J				
13 14	CLOSING COSTS					
15	5 DBUYER SELLER shall pay for a (Standard) owner's policy of title insurance.					
17	5 🖾 BUYER 🗆 SELLER shall pay for a (Standard) lender's policy of title insurance. 7 BUYER is aware additional coverage policies are available. All costs associated with additional coverage policies to BUYER, 🗆 SELLER, 🗅 other	o be paid for by				
19	DEscrow Fee to be paid by □ BUYER, □ SELLER, ☑ split equally.					
	Transfer Tax(es) to be paid by D BUYER, El SELLER, D other.  All remaining closing costs shall be paid in customary manner as required by law, ordinance and/or regulation.					
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23 24 25	BONDS AND ASSESSMENTS (Other than Common-Interest Communities) In the event there is a bond or assess a principal balance or requires settlement in full prior to close of escrow, the bond or assessment shall be in assumed by BUYER, in other	sment which has i by SELLER, or				
26 27 ( 28 ) 29	OMISSIONS FROM ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS The omission from escrow instructions of any provision preclude any party from enforcing that provision. All representations and warranties shall survive the conveyance of the	herein shall no property.				
30 I 31 i	PRORATION Any and all rents, taxes, interest, homeowner association fees, payments on bonds and assessme BUYER, and other expenses of the property shall be prorated as of the date of recordation of the deed. Security deposits,	ents assumed by advance rentals,				
32 c	or considerations involving future lease credits shall be credited to BUYER at close of escrow.					
33 34 )	REASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY TAX The BUYER is advised the property may be reassessed upon change of	ownership which				
35 1	may result in a tax increase or decrease.	•				
36 37 <i>!</i>	SYSTEMS AND MAINTENANCE Until possession is delivered, SELLER shall maintain the property in its entiret	y, including, but				
38 t	not limited to, all existing structures, landscaping, grounds, appliances and systems. SELLER agrees to deliver the prope	rty in a neat and				
39 c 40	clean condition, and remove all debris and personal belongings removed. The following items are specifically excluded	from the above:				
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12 I 13 I	HOME WARRANTY CONTRACT BUYEM Initial Required					
14	/ Included / Waived					
15   16 6	A home warranty contract, shall be selected by BUYER, SELLER BUYER AGE LER Dether 400, 00	t and paid for by				
7 a	EX HUYER, ASELLER, □ other 400.00  The home warranty contract shall at close of excrew for not less than one year, at a price NOT to exceed \$ The Brokers herein have information of the property of t	med both parties				
18 ti 19	that such protection programs are available. Brokers do not approve or endorse any particular program.					
50 C	COMMON-INTEREST COMMUNITY DISCLOSURE					
	The property □ is ☒ is not located in a Common-Interest Community.  If so, complete the following:					
3 A		. The amount of				
4 a	any delinquent assessments including penalties, attorney's fees, and other charges provided for in the management do paid current by the SELLER at close of escrow. SELLER must disclose knowledge of upcoming and pending assessments.	cuments shall be				
	Existing Assessments levied shall be paid by DBUYER, DSELLER, Dother					
7 A	Assessments levied, but not yet due, shall be paid by DBUYER, DSELLER, Dother SELLER to provide BUYER common-interest community documents ("Resale Package") as required by NRS, BUYER	** 1				
9 d	days from receipt of Resale Package for review. If the BUYER does not approve the Resale Package then written notice to					
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2 <i>i</i>	AREA RECREATION PRIVILEGES AND RULES If applicable, SELLER shall relinquish, on or before recreation privileges, passes, identification cards or keys for access to common-interest community facilities and general Upon close of escrow, SELLER agrees to pay replacement charges for identification cards or keys that are not relined.	al improvements.				
5 5	shall become familiar with the current common-interest community facilities and general improvement policies reg privileges and associated costs prior to close of escrow.					
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I ITEMS NOT ADDRESSED Items of	a reperal maintenance or assemble meture unlikely d	a mat materially affect only a consequence of					
1 ITEMS NOT ADDRESSED Items of a general maintenance or cosmetic nature which do not materially affect value or use of the 2 subject property, which existed at the time of acceptance and which are not expressly addressed in this Agreement are deemed accepted 3 by the BUYER.							
	5 INSPECTIONS AND FINAL WALK-THROUGH Acceptance of this offer is subject to the following reserved right. BUYER may						
<ul> <li>6 have the property inspected and select th</li> </ul>	e licensed contractors, certified building inspectors of	nd/or other qualified professionals who will					
/ inspect the property. The following is no	t an exhaustive list of possible inspections: therefore	the BUYER shall initial those inspections.					
8 included and waived AND add under "	OTHER" any additional inspections necessary to sa	ntisfy the BUYER.					
9 ☑ Within 21 days of the date of 10 OR ☐ according to the deadline inserted	acceptance						
11 OR D within days of Lien Ho	older(s) Anyroval of Short Sale						
12 all inspections shall be completed and B	UYER shall deliver to SELLER, at BUYER's sole e	xpense, copies of all inspection reports and					
13 written notice signed by BUYEK provid	ing for one of the following:	spendes, copies of all inspection reports and					
A. approval of the inspections with	out requiring any repairs; OR						
<ul> <li>B. approval of the inspections with</li> <li>which SELLER shall respond with</li> </ul>	an attached Notice of Required Repairs Form or a	n Addendum listing all required repairs to					
17 C. termination of this Agreement	including an explanation how the condition(s) reve	ealed by any inspection report materially					
18 and/or reasonably justify such a c	decision.						
19 If any inspection is not completed and de	elivered to SELLER by the deadline set forth above, I	BUYER is deemed to have waived the right					
20 to that inspection and Seller is release	ed from liability for the cost of repairs said inspection in the said inspection in the said in the sa	is beel bedienably identified best in					
22 conditions revealed by the inspection(s).	BUYER is released from any and all obligations to	g the Agreement based upon objectionable					
2.) earnest money deposit, less expenses incl	arred by BUYER.	O SEEDER and entitled to a return of the					
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27 [ ] [ / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /	) PEST INSPECTION	Paid by: 🗷 BUYER, 🗖 SELLER					
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30 [] []	COOLING SYSTEM INSPECTION	Paid by: □ BUYER, □ SELLER					
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34 [/ ] [/ ]	WOODBURNING DEVICE INSPECTION	Paid by: ☐ BUYER, ☐ SELLER					
35 In the event device does not meet all app	licable codes and/or laws, the cost of its removal sl	hall be the responsibility of the SELLED					
36 Stovepipe to be capped off at ceiling or fi	replace to be restored to working order at SELLER's	expense.					
38[////////////////////////////////////	FIREPLACE INSPECTION	Paid by: DBUYER, SELLER					
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40 [ [ ] 2 2 2 ]	WELL QUANTITY	Paid by: DBUYER, SSELLER					
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48 SELLER agrees to provide reasonable acco	ess to the property to BUYER, as well as inspectors i	representing BUYER, for both inspections					
49 and re-inspections as provided in this Apri	eciment and to representatives of lending institutions.	for apprecial reprocess SELLED agrees to					
50 have all utilities in service the day of inspection and until close of escrow. BUYER shall have the right to a final walk-through inspection of later than5_ days prior to close of escrow to ensure compliance with the terms of this Agreement.							
52							
53 LIMITATION OF REPAIR COSTS TO	e SELLER agrees to pay for and complete repairs in	an amount NOT to exceed the total sum					
34 01 \$ 2,500.00 for all repair cor	34 of \$2,500.00 Ior all repair conditions indicated on Page 2. lines 18-24 (Apprecial Report): Page 3. lines 27.40 (Sustament)						
56 Disclosure Form or discovered by SELI	55 Maintenance); Page 4, lines 5-49 (Inspection and Final Walk Through); and/or any defect identified in the Seller's Real Property 56 Disclosure Form or discovered by SELLER but not disclosed in the Seller's Real Property Disclosure Form or which has been						
2 / discovered to be insterially worse than was	mdicaled.						
58 In the event BUYER's required repairs are not completed by close of escrow. BUYER shall execute an Addendum direction have the							
39 SELLEICS funds for the remaining repairs shall be disburse on behalf of the BUYER. The Brokers herein have no responsibility to essist							
60 in the payment of any repair, correction or deferred maintenance on the subject property which may have been revealed by the above 61 inspections, agreed upon by the BUYER and SELLER or requested by one party.							
62 and SELLER or requested by one party.							
63 DESTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENT	S If the improvements of the property are destroy	ed, materially damaged, or found to be					
04 REACTION UCICUITY DITOL TO CLOSE OF ESCHOW, BUYER MAY ferminate the Agreement by written notice delivered to CELLED's Destan							
65 and earnest money deposit shall be returned to BUYER. In the event BUYER does not elect to terminate the Agreement, BUYER shall be 66 entitled to receive, in addition to the property, any insurance proceeds payable on account of the damage, destruction and/or defect.							
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1 OIL AND PROPANE If applicable, any oil or propane existing at time of written acceptance, atlowing for normal use up to close of 2 escrow, will be purchased by BUYER x included in the purchase price. If fuel is purchased by BUYER, SELLER to contact fuel company to measure existing fuel no later than five (5) days prior to close of escrow. Fuel credit amount to be submitted to title company 4 for credit to SELLER for remaining fuel. 6 PHYSICAL POSSESSION Physical possession of the property, with keys to all property locks, community mailbox keys, alarms, and garage door opener(s), if applicable, shall be delivered to BUYER \( \) upon recordation of the deed or \( \) by separate Agreement. 9 VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION Any information relating to square footage, land or its use, and/or improvements of 10 the land are approximate or estimates only, and neither the SELLER nor the Brokers involved make any representation or guarantee 11 regarding the accuracy. Any oral or written representations by SELLER or Brokers regarding age of improvements, size, and square 12 footage of parcel or building, or location of property lines, may not be accurate. Apparent boundary line indicators such as fences, 13 hedges, walls, or other barriers may not represent the true boundary lines. Brokers are not obligated to investigate the status of permits, 14 zoning, or code compliance. BUYER to satisfy any concerns with conditions that are an important or critical element of the purchase 15 decision. BUYER has not received or relied upon any representations by either Brokers or SELLER with respect to the condition of the 16 property which are not contained in this Agreement or in any attachments. The information contained in the Multiple Listing Service. 17 computer or advertisements, and feature sheets pertaining to this property are not warranted or guaranteed by the Brokers. Errors and/or 18 omissions in inputting information, while uncommon, are possible. BUYER shall be responsible for verifying the accuracy of pertinent 19 information. Deposit of all funds necessary to close escrow shall be deemed as final acceptance of the property. SELLER agrees to hold 20 all Brokers in the transaction harmless and to defend and indemnify their from any claim, demand, action or proceedings resulting from 21 any omission or alleged omission by SELLER's statements. 23 FIXTURES All items permanently attached to the property as of this date, including, but not limited to, light fixtures, attached 24 floor coverings, draperies, blinds and shades including window hardware, door and window screen(s), storm sash, combination doors, 25 awnings, TV antenna(s), satellite dish, burglar, fire and smoke alarms, built-in pools and spas and related equipment, solar system(s), 26 conforming woodstoves, attached Greplace screen(s), electric garage door opener(s) with control(s), outdoor plants and trees (other than 27 in movable containers), are included in the purchase price, free of liens, EXCLUDING 28 29 30 31 PERSONAL PROPERTY The following personal property, on the premises when inspected by BUYER, is included in the purchase 32 price and shall be transferred to BUYER free of liens at close of escrow with no warranty implied as to the condition of any personal 33 property after close of escrow: Electic Range, Single Oven, Garbage Disposal, Microwave Built in, 34 blinds shades, closet builtins. 35 36 WATER RIGHTS Water rights, if any, to be included with the property unless specifically excluded by deed or mutual agreement. 37 38 WATER METERS The BUYER may be required, at some future date, to incur the costs of installation of water meters and/or 39 conversion to metered rates. 40 41 WELLS Many factors may affect the performance of a well system. If the property includes a well, BUYER may be required, at some 42 future date, to incur the costs of connecting the residence to a public water system. See Authorization for Release of Water Quality and Water Quantity Testing Results and Information Regarding Private Well and Septic System. 43 44 45 ADDITIONAL FEES Some areas may include/impose additional fees or charges for the remediation of water systems. 46 47 SEPTIC SYSTEMS If the property includes a septic system, BUYER may be required, at some future date, to incur the costs of 48 connecting the residence's plumbing to a public sewer system. See Information Regarding Private Well and Septic System. 50 At close of escrow, BUYER assumes all future costs associated with water meters, wells and septic systems. 51 PRIVATE ROADS If the property shares a common road or access driveway or right of way with other property, the SELLER shall disclose the existence of any road maintenance agreement.

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55 LAND USE REGULATION The BUYER is advised the property may be subject to the authority of the federal government, state, 56 county, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, city and/or the various courts having jurisdiction. These governmental entities, from time to 57 time, have adopted and revised land use and environmental regulations that may apply to the property, and which, among other things, 58 may restrict new construction, expansion, remodeling and rebuilding of buildings and other improvements. Due to the uncertain effect of 59 land use and environmental regulations that may apply to the property and may affect BUYER's intended use of the property, the Broker 60 makes no representations or warranties regarding the existing permissible uses or future revisions to the land use regulations.

62 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS The BUYER is advised the property may be located in an area found to have special flood 63 hazards as indicated by FEMA, avalanche conditions, freezing temperatures, snow loads, seismic activity and/or wildland fires. It may be 64 necessary to purchase additional insurance in order to obtain a loan secured by the property from any federally regulated financial 65 institution or a loan insured or guaranteed by an agency of the U.S. Government. For further information, consult your lender, 66 insurance carrier or other appropriate agency.

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	1 TAX WITHHOLDING (FIRPTA) Unless the property is acquired for use as a primary residence and is s 2 \$300,000, SELLER agrees to provide BUYER with (a) NON-FOREIGN SELLER AFFIDAVIT (PPC 13 WITHHOLDING CERTIFICATE FORM from the Internal Revenue Service stating that withholding is not required.	Form 101-V), or (b d. In the event none o		
5	4 the foregoing is applicable, BUYER must withhold 10% of the Gross Sales Price under the FOREIGN INVES 5 PROPERTY TAX ACT (IRC Section 1445).	IMENI AND KEAL		
10 11 11	6 7 TAX DEFERRED EXCHANGE In the event BUYER or SELLER wishes to enter into an IRC tax deferred 8 property described herein, each of the parties agrees to cooperate with the other party in connection with such es 9 execution of documents as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the same. Provided that the other party sh 0 delay the closing, all additional costs in connection with the exchange shall be borne by the party requesting the extension of the party shall not be obligated to execute any note, contract, deed, or other document providing for any personal 2 survive the exchange. The other party shall be indemnified and held harmless against any liability arising or is claimage.	cchange, including the all not be obligated to change, and the other liability which would		
13 14	3 account of the acquisition of ownership of the exchange property.			
	5 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:			
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23 24	THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY BUYER: Common Interest-Community Information Statement "Before You Purchase Property in a Common-Interest Community Did You Know"			
	Duties Owed by a Nevada Real Estate Licensee  Environmental Contact List			
27	🖾 For your Protection: Get a Home Inspection			
	B ☑ Information Regarding Private Well and Septic System D ☑ Residential Disclosure Guide			
30	☐ The New Reality of Property Insurance			
31 32	THE FOLLOWING ADDENDA AND EXHIBITS ARE ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED			
33	Authorization of Release of Water Quality and Water Quantity Testing Results			
	☐ Consent to Act ☐ Financing Addendum			
36	Lead Based Paint Addendum (if property built prior to 1978)			
	☐ Range Land Disclosure ☐ Used Manufactured/Mobile Home Disclosure			
	39 🗍 Short Sale Addendum to the Offer and Acceptance Agreement			
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44 45	<b>ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION</b> The electronic transmission of a signed copy hereof or any counter offer/am party or the Broker shall constitute delivery of said signed document. Signatures appearing on electronically to shall be accepted as originals.			
46 47	TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE Time is of the essence of this Agreement.			
48	NEVADA LAW TO APPLY Nevada law shall apply to the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement.			
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52	MEDIATION For information purposes only. If a dispute arises out of or relates to this Agreement, or its beaware that the local Association of REALTORS® has a Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) available. A DRS brock request.	reach, the parties are ture is available upon		
55	ATTORNEY FEES In the event either party is required to engage the services of an attorney to enforce prevailing party in any proceeding shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees, legal expenses and co			
58 59 60	CODE OF ETHICS Not all real estate licensees are REALTOR(S)®. A REALTOR® is a member of the Na REALTOR® and therefore subscribes to a higher ethical standard in the industry, known as the REALTOR® Code a copy of the REALTOR® Code of Ethics, ask your real estate professional OR, the local Association of REALTO	of Ethics. To receive		
63 64	PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION ADVISORY A real estate Broker is qualified to advise on real estate. The consult with appropriate professionals, including, but not limited to, engineers, surveyors, appraisers, lawy professionals, on specific topics, including, but not limited to, land use regulation, boundaries and setbacks, squ condition, legal, tax, water rights and other consequences of the transaction.	ers, CPAs, or other		
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## **EXHIBIT 6**

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Property address 20957 (20)	tron David	ETAM COLUMN Services (Native
in reference to the offer made by,	LEDWIN ET AL	, Buyer,
dated 1-3-13 , the	following Counter Offer is submitted:	, , 2-1, 4,
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## **EXHIBIT 7**

ibj: Re: Physical and peet insp.\_tion - 20957 EATON
ite: 1/31/2013 2:44:05 P.M. Pacific Standard Time
om: bkincennon@kw.com

: AJJJ@sol.gom

: beneating west well there are some items with the home Pie

ne inspections went well there are some items with the home. Please rward the last inspection and we will put together a repair addendum.

hanks, rian incannon Team ieller Williams kincannon@kw.com 75-338-2527

#### AJ4JJ@aol.com:

>>> 776.220.7653 >>> tkincennon@kw.com

>>>

1-30-13 You called today. How did the inspection go?? A.J. Johnson In a message dated 1/24/2013 10:32:40 A.M. Pacific Standard Time, » bidnoannon@kw.com writes: > Just have them fill it up at this time. How are we with the well? is the inspection time ok? > Thanks. > Brian > Kincannon Team > Keller Williams > bkincannon@kw.com > 776-338-2527 > Quoting AJ Johnson <sj4ji@eol.com>: >> Anything on the riser for the septic?? >> >> Sent from my iPhone >> >> On Jan 24, 2013, at 9:42 AM, bkincannon@kw.com wrote: >> >>> >>> >>> ---- Forwarded message from bkincannon@kw.com ->>> Date: Tue, 22 Jan 2013 14:43:11 -0600
>>> From: bkincannon@kw.com
>>> Subject: Physical and pest inspection - 20967 EATON
>>> To: AJ4JJ <AJ4JJ@aol.com> >>> >>> HI A.J. >>> I just heard from the physical inspector and the inspection is set >>> up for Tuesday at 10em. January 29th at 10em. >>> Please let us know you received this email and that time will work >>> for your seller. Also, any information on the well inspection? >>> Thank you, >>> Tammy Kincannon >>> Keller Williams Group One Realty



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 >> Quoting bkingannon@kw.com:
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 >>> Thanks A.J.
 >>> Can you tell me if you have the inspection report for the well?
>>> If not, do you have a time frame on that Inspection?
>>> We are trying to schedule the physical and pest for either Monday
 >>> or Tuesday next week at 10am. Once I hear back from the inspector
 >>> I will let you know.
>>> Hope you are feeling better,
>>>> Tammy Kingannon
 >>> Kincennon Team
>>> Keller Williams Group One Realty
>>> 775.220.7653
>>>> tidnosnnon@kw.com
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>>>> Quoting AJ4JJ@sol.com:
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>>>> 1-19-13
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>>>> Please see attached Septic Report on Eaton. Pumping and Inspection ->>>> Thanks. A.J. Please let me know when Inspections are. Thanks.
> A.J.
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          End forwarded message
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Subj:

Counter Offer on 20987

Date:

1/4/2013 12:36:12 P.M. Pacific Standard Time

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AJ4JJ@sol.com bkingsnnon@kw.com AJ4JJ@sol.com

C: 1-4-13

Brian - I will be your point of contact on this file for Jim Johns - The Sellers have elected to counter only because (the well, septic, buildings and peliet(s) stoves are all in good condition) they have an appraisal for \$400,000 and are willing to share with the Buyers. Thank you. A.J. (see attached)

(just a heads up) obviously you know because there is limited inventory - there are three more showings on this property today...Thanks again for your offer. Hopefully we can work together.

"I shall pass this way but once therefore, any good I can do, or any kindness I can show another human-being, let me do it now ~ Let me not ask why, or delay nor excuse it ~ For I shall not pass this way again..."

## **EXHIBIT 8**

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6	SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
7	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE
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9	JOHN LINDBERG, et al.,
10	Case No. CV15-0281 Plaintiffs,
11	Department No. 3 vs.
12	HARRY RICHARD REYNOLDS, et al.,
13	Defendants.
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15	DEPOSITION OF
16	PAMELA BEKO MOLINI
17	JANUARY 16, 2018
18	Reno, Nevada
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23	SUNSHINE LITIGATION SERVICES
24	REPORTED BY: DEBORA L. CECERE NV CCR #324, RPR
25	JOB NO.: 441853

1	Page 29 A They do a schematic and break down the
2	square footage.
3	Q If you get an appraisal that has the square
4	footage broken down, would you expect a seller's agent
5	to use that information?
6	A Yes. I would prefer that information to
7	what the assessor provides, frankly, because the
8	assessor is frequently incorrect.
9	Q I agree.
10	A Okay.
11	Q I think the assessor is wrong in this case,
12	but that's a different story.
13	A The assessor is wrong in a lot of cases.
14	Q That's a different story.
15	So in this case you're aware that an
16	appraisal was done
17	A Yes.
18	Q prior to the listing?
19	A Yes.
20	Q Do you know what the listed square footage
21	is in the appraisal?
22	A I had, I looked at two appraisals.
23	Q Um-hum.
24	A I'm not sure which one was before and which
25	one I remember it was Richard Lace. Is that not
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     right?
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          Α
                Um-hum, yes.
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          Q
                Do you know where A.J. Johnson got the
 4
     living, total living space square footage?
                I don't know for a fact, but I'm assuming
 5
 6
     she got it from the appraisal.
                Okay. All right. Can you look at the very
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          Q
     first page of Exhibit 7? Right next to 2180 and 1700
 9
     it says:
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                    Source of square footage.
                She checked "owner" and "appraiser," is that
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12
     right?
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          Α
                Yes.
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                She doesn't check assessor, does she?
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          Α
                No.
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                So would you agree with me that she got this
          Q
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     information from the owner and from an appraisal?
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          Α
                Yes.
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          Q
                Okay. And then we have the second page, and
     it's got a bunch of check marks and things on it, is
20
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     that right?
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          Α
                Yes.
23
                Okay. I'm going to show you next in order,
     Exhibit 8.
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		that anyway, they violated their
2	obligations	s as a Realtor?
3	A	She broke it down. She makes it clear how
4	she came up	with that total.
5	Q	So have you seen the appraisal?
6	А	I've seen the one by Richard Lace.
7	Q	Okay. I'm going to show you what's been
8	marked as	the next exhibit.
9		(Exhibit Number 9 was marked for
10		identification.)
11	BY MR. MOOI	RE:
12	Q	Let me know when you're done reviewing.
13	А	Okay.
14	Q	Okay. Is this the appraisal you reviewed in
15	preparation	n of your report?
16	А	Yes.
17	Q	And you received this from Ms. Johnson?
18	А	Yes.
19	Q	And did she represent to you that this was
20	the apprais	sal that she received before she took the
21	listing in	this case?
22	A	Yes.
23	Q	If you look at the date of the appraisal,
24	it's dated	September 5th, 2012, is that right?
25	А	Yes.

1	Page 64 Q She took the listing on September 21st, is
2	that right?
3	A Yes.
4	Q All right. Let's go ahead and look at the
5	third page the fourth page of Exhibit 9, REY 00070,
6	if we could.
7	Do you see here in the appraisal right about
8	in the middle it says:
9	Gross living area, 2180 square
10	feet.
11	A Yes.
12	Q Do you see that?
13	A Yes.
14	Q And that meshes with what was on the
15	Residential Listing Input Form, right?
16	A Yes.
17	Q And let's go down into the summary of sales
18	comparison approach.
19	Do you see that
20	A Yes, I do.
21	Q section?
22	A Yes.
23	Q Second paragraph.
24	The subject also has the utility
25	of a guest house. The guest
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		Page (F)
1		Page 65 house is 1460 square foot.
2		Do you see that?
3	А	Yes.
4	Q	That's not 1700 square feet, is it?
5	А	No.
6	Q	Yet in this case, Ms. Johnson listed that
7	the proper	ty was 3880 square feet, is that right?
8	А	Wasn't there a place that showed an
9	additional	600 square feet and something?
10	Q	It's a garage.
11	А	Okay.
12	Q	It's a barn.
13	А	Okay. Yes, that's what it says.
14	Q	Would you agree that that was an error by
15	Ms. Johnson	n to list it at 3880 square feet?
16	А	No.
17	Q	Why not?
18	А	It would not.
19	Q	Why not?
20	А	Because if you include the square footage,
21	it does com	me to 3880, isn't it?
22	Q	No, 2180 plus 1460.
23	А	What is it? Do the math for me.
24	Q	Do you want me to give you a calculator?
25	А	No, just give me a rough.

1	Page 66 Q It's 3640 square feet, 240 square feet
2	smaller than the listed square footage.
3	A Okay.
4	Q So it was an error by A.J. Johnson to not
5	rely upon this appraisal and instead list the property
6	for 3880 square feet, is that correct?
7	A Well, it sounds like it.
8	Q And let's go back to, let's go back to the
9	last page of this exhibit, REY 00086.
10	Actually, let's look at the second to last
11	page. REY 00085. At the bottom it says that the
12	appraisal was done with A la mode, Inc. software.
13	Are you familiar with that?
14	A No.
15	Q Okay. But does it say that there?
16	A Yes.
17	Q The next page, do you see, right here
18	towards the bottom?
19	A Yes.
20	Q Area calculation summary
21	A Yes.
22	Q do you see that?
23	A Yes.
24	Q Okay. And then do you also see Total
25	"something" by A la mode, Inc., right? It's to the

#### PAMELA BEKO MOLINI - 01/16/2018

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1	STATE OF NEVADA ) ) ss.
2	WASHOE COUNTY )
3	I, DEBORA L. CECERE, a Certified Court
4	Reporter in and for the State of Nevada, do hereby
5	certify:
6	That on Tuesday, the 16th day of January,
7	2018, at the hour of 9:54 a.m. of said day, at 151
8	Country Estates Circle, Reno, Nevada, personally
9	appeared PAMELA BEKO MOLINI, who was duly sworn by me
10	to testify in the within-entitled proceedings;
11	That said deposition was taken in verbatim
12	stenotype notes by me and thereafter transcribed into
13	typewriting as herein appears;
14	That I am not a relative nor an employee of
15	any of the parties, nor am I financially or otherwise
16	interested in this action;
17	That the foregoing transcript, consisting of
18	pages 1 through 75 is a full, true and correct
19	transcription of my stenotype notes of said deposition.
20	DATED: At Reno, Nevada this 25th day of
21	January, 2018. Belove L. Cere
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23	DEBORA L. CECERE, NV CCR #324, CA CSR #8821
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                    OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
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               IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE
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     JOHN LINDBERG, an,
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     individual; MICHAL LINDBERG,
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     an individual; and JUDITH
     L. LINDBERG, an individual,
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               Plaintiffs,
               vs.
                                    ) Case No. CV15-00281
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     HARRY RICHARD REYNOLDS, an
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     individual; DEANN REYNOLDS,
     an individual; J.E. JOHNS &
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     ASSOCIATES, a Nevada business )
     entity, JAMES E. JOHNS, an
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     individual; A.J. JOHNSON, an
     individual; BRIAN F.
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     KINCANNON, an individual,
     et al.,
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               Defendants.
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               DEPOSITION OF FORREST L. BARBEE
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                  WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018
19
                       LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
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      Reported by: KENDALL KING-HEATH, NV. CCR No. 475
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                       CA. CSR No. 11861
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Page 74 I didn't see that, I'll give you that. 1 Α. 2 And I can give you other examples where this stuff 3 happens. Southern Nevada Water Authority, owner of 4 a property, decides to make a deal and they go from 5 grass to desert landscape. They get a conservation 6 easement put on the property and it's recorded with the County. Then they sell the property later. 7 Who should have known? It's like, seller 8 decides not to disclose it; they don't think it's 9 anybody's business. Listing agent takes the 10 11 attitude, wait until the prelim, but I would arque 12 in this case -- in that case, that's something the 13 listing agent should have known because it was a 14 button click within the MLS away. 15 This is something the agent knew before Q. the listing was submitted; is that correct? 16 17 MR. PEREOS: Object to the form. 18 MR. MOORE: Is that correct? 19 MR. PEREOS: Wait a minute. You're asking 2.0 him to speculate. Objection. 21 THE WITNESS: I really don't know. 22 BY MR. MOORE: 23 Q. If this agent had received an appraisal, if she had exercised reasonable diligence, should 24 25 she have known the size of the two buildings that

Page 75 were up for sale? 1 2 Α. I don't know how she calculated her math. 3 She might have had some other thing going on in her 4 head. I really don't know. If she had acted reasonably, should she 5 have known the square footage before she listed the 6 7 property? She could have relied upon the 8 Α. 9 appraisal. Should she have known? 10 0. 11 Should she have known at that point? Ιf 12 she had the appraisal. 13 Assume she had the appraisal. Q. 14 Α. Okay. Should she have known? 15 Q. 16 At that point, she should have known. Α. 17 Thank you. And the statutes require her Q. to disclose information that she should have known; 18 19 is that right? 2.0 That's correct. Α. 21 MR. MOORE: No further questions. 2.2 MR. PEREOS: Nothing at this time. We'll waive. 23 24 (Whereupon the deposition was 25 concluded at 3:37 p.m.)

#### FORREST BARBEE - 01/24/2018

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1	Page 76 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
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3	STATE OF NEVADA )
4	) ss. COUNTY OF CLARK )
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6	I, KENDALL D. HEATH, CCR No. 475, a
7	Certified Court Reporter for the State of Nevada, do hereby certify:
8	That I reported the taking of the
9	deposition of the witness, FORREST L. BARBEE, commencing on the 24th day of January, 2018, at the hour of 2:02 p.m.
10	That prior to being examined, the witness
11	was duly sworn by me to testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
12	That I thereafter transcribed my said
13	shorthand notes into typewriting and that the typewritten transcript of said deposition is a
14 15	complete, true and accurate transcription of my said shorthand notes taken down at said time, and that a request has not been made to review the transcript.
16	I further certify that I am not a relative
17	or employee of an attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel involved in said action, nor a person
18	financially interested in the action.
19	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my signature this 7th day of February, 2018.
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23	KENDALL D. HEATH
24	CCR No. 475
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# **EXHIBIT 9**

hir get answers to. leptic Tank )how many tanks are there and what size are they?
:how long/many feet is the leach line?
:)When was the last time when the tanks where pumped? )where abouts is the leach field located? )how many Gallons per minute does the well produce? !)how deep is the well? !)how big is the well shaft casing 6"/ 6"? !) Is the casing steel or PVC? i)when was the last time a well pump was replaced? I)when was the last time the well bladder was replaced? 'ils there water rights?

I)is the water hard or smelly?and do you have a water softener ropane ) what are the monthly cost of propane in the winter? i)is natural gas availible? and if so what is the cost to bring it up rom the street? i)is there propage hook ups for the clothes dryer?or just electric? i) is it fully insulated? !)is there a breaker box there? i)is there RV hook ups/power etc... free in the front yard ) did the wind damage the tree? ?)has any one looked at the tree and does it have to come down? Flood insurance I) is it required? Roof I) when where the roofs last replaced on all the buildings?

Thursday, January 03, 2013 AOL: AJ4JJ



ubj: Fwd: eston
ste: 1/3/2013 9:58:39 A.M. Pacific Standard Time
rom: bkincannon@kw.com
iC: AJ4.J@sol.com
lere are the questions.
hanks,
rtan
incannon Team
aller Williams
kincannon@kw.com

75-338-2527

irian,good to see you and thanks for taking the time to show us the roperty. I have a ton of questions I would like to ask, and hope you an get answers to. NO TONK 1) THANK 15,000 GALLORS ( both houses) !)how long/many feet is the leach line? DOD+ Food CHOWE Blue Prints)
!)When was the last time when the tanks where pumped? Dight Ago
!)where abouts is the leach field located? )how many tanks are there and what size are they? side house cursi side Show many Gallons per minute does the well produce? high more than resourced Dut in !)how deep is the well? - 125 Ft !)how big is the well shaft casing 6"/ 8"? B in !) is the casing steel or PVC? - 5+000 table 50 FA S)when was the last time a well pump was replaced? 6 45 5 3-4 41 950 We the water hard or smelly and do you have a water softener thank water hard or smelly and do you have a water softener thank water hard water hard water hard water hard water and house a water softener thank water hard water and house a water softener thank water hard water and house a water softener thank water and house water softener thank water hard water har r)is there water rights? HO 2) is natural gas availible? and if so what is the cost to bring it up thook up from the street? " 10 / Electric on the cost to bring it up = 242.00 MANUEL parament 3)is there propene hook ups for the clothes dryer?or just electric? D. JAM 1) is it fully insulated? Y 55 2) is there a breaker box there? NOO - Tours are soponate aft mother with Ocupa QUARKS /BATO HAS ETOL merd - Dames grow thank way Plus )did the wirld dirnage the tree? 2)has any one looked at the tree and does it have to come down? Flood insurance 20 1) is it required? \$ 5-7 415 AGO All AP SAME FIME 1) when where the roofs last replaced on all the buildings? Thanks Brian

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## **EXHIBIT 10**

Subj: Re: eaton
1/3/2013 12:12:24 P.M. Pacific Standard Time
From: AJ4JJ@eol.com
To: Mincannon@kw.com
AJ4JJ@gol.com

Here are the answers to your questions via my client - Please note, my client is a doctor and has the property fully and professionally maintained. Here are the answers to your questions

- 1. Tank to 15,000 gallons and services both houses.
- 2. 200+ feet and they have the blue prints for it.
- 3. 2 years ago
- 4. West side of house

#### Well

1-3-13

- 1. High producing (more then the required amount) a larger pump was put in
- 2. 125 feet HIGH WATER TABLE 50 Ft.
- 3. 8"
- 4. Steel
- 5. 6 years ago
- 6. 3-4 years ago
- 7. No
- 8. Hard water No Smell No Water Softner

#### Propane -

- 1. The pellet stove heats the main house and they use it all the time \$100.00 a year on main house. mother in law quarters (on an Equal Payment Plan) is \$242 a month
- 2. No natural gas to the property at this time. However, when I closed the property on Cooke they discovered the well was geo thermal (I am not sure about this one)
- 3. Line hook up is available
- 1. Barn is fully insulated and there is a line hook up for propane
- 2. No runs off separate off mother in law quarters and has electrical plugs in barn
- 3. electrical for RV only

Tree in front yard (grew that way) and the brace is to try and help it straighten No wind damage to tree does not need to be cut down

Flood Insurance - No

Roof - ALL ROOFS WERE DONE ABOUT 5-7 YEARS AGO ALL AT THE SAME TIME

Seller has documents and blue prints all available

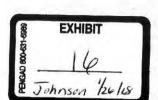
Let me know if you have any questions - Thanks AJ

In a message dated 1/3/2013 9:58:39 A.M. Pacific Standard Time, bkincannon@kw.com writes:

Here are the questions.

**JJvI 065** 

Thursday. January 03. 2013 AOL: AJ4JJ



heiter vvipiams bkincannon@kw.com 775-338-2527

Brian,good to see you and thanks for taking the time to show us the property. I have a ton of questions I would like to ask, and hope you can get answers to.

Septic Tank

1)how many tanks are there and what size are they?

2)how long/many feet is the leach line?

3) When was the last time when the tanks where pumped?

4) where abouts is the leach field located?

Well

1)how many Gallons per minute does the well produce?

2)how deep is the well?

3)how big is the well shaft casing 6"/ 8"?

4) Is the casing steel or PVC?

5) when was the last time a well pump was replaced?

6) when was the last time the well bladder was replaced?

7) is there water rights?

8)is the water hard or smelly?and do you have a water softener Propane

1) what are the monthly cost of propane in the winter?

2) is natural gas available? and if so what is the cost to bring it up from the street?

3) is there propane hook ups for the clothes dryer?or just electric? little/barn house in back

1) is it fully insulated?

2) is there a breaker box there?

3)is there RV hook ups/power etc...

Tree in the front yard

1)did the wind damage the tree?

2)has any one looked at the tree and does it have to come down?

Flood Insurance

1) is it required?

Roof

1) when where the roofs last replaced on all the buildings?

Thanks Brian

Thursday, January 03, 2013 AOL: AJ4JJ

**JJvI 066** 

# **EXHIBIT 11**

OTY AMOUNT

#### Invoice

Waters Vacuum Truck Service P.O. Box 18160 Reno, NV 89511

Ph: 775-825-1595 Fax: 775825-1692

Cust	C0060
Sile#	55
Dote	1/16/2013
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Terms 155	NET30
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invoice #:	S-129696
Due Date	2/15/2013

	Billing Address
FIRST CENTENN ATTN: GLORIA C 1450 RIDGEVIEW RENO, NV 89519	
Plume: (775) 689-8	30 Fav. (775) 680 8520

Page 1/1 Service: Address DEANN REYNOLDS (SELLER) 20957 BATON ROAD RENO, NV 89511 Rental & Service Completed Through 1/16/2013

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Pumped 1,000 gallons \$350.00 Concrete baffled soptic tank Inspection \$125.00 20957 Eaton Road

Total

475.00

Lead of Approved:

Statement as of 1/18/2013

Future: 0.00

Current: 475.00

30 Day: 0.00

60 Day: 0.00

00 Day: 0.00

Total Duc: 475.00

Please detach here and return the bottom portion with your payment.

Div:S Cust #: C0060 Site #:55 Invoice #: 129696

From,

FIRST CENTENNIAL TITLE ESC# 196130 ATTN: GLORIA GRUBIC 1450 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE RENO, NV 89519

Invoice#	S-129696
Invoice Total	475.00
Pald Amt	0.00
Adjustment Amt	0.00
Balance	475.00

To -Waters Vacuum Truck Service P.O. Box 18160

Reno, NV 89511

All invoices more than 30 days old are charged a late fee of 1.5% per month or 18% per year

**EXHIBIT** Johnson 1/24/18

KW 36

# WATERS VACUUM TRUCK SERVICE Inspection Limitations. Terms and Condition

Inspection does not include any testing or evaluation of material or workmanship used in the original
installation or subsequent repairs or modifications to the septic tank system, leach lines or leach field.

Inspection of the tank lids and covers is limited to a visual inspection of condition and placement at the time of inspection and does not include any testing or analysis of composition, strength or quality.

- 3. Inspection of the septic tank is limited to a visual inspection of components that are visible from the access ports available or provided by the customer. Inspection does not include any testing or analysis of the tank's composition, strength or quality. Only one tank will be pumped and inspected unless a design or plot map indicates that more than one tank makes up the component parts of the system. No materials test, x-rays, or other means are used to determine the quality of the materials, age, or condition of the tank.
- 4. Inspection in Washoe County does include the induction of water into the leach field pipe to verify that the field is accepting water at the time of service. Other counties are taken on a case by case basis. Factors such as age, vacancy or minimal use can affect the ability of a leach field to absorb effluent, the fact that the line or lines are accepting water at the date of inspection is no assurance that they will continue to function in the future, that the leach field has not exhausted its useful life or that the absorption capacity in the future will be adequate to meet new or extraordinary demands.

Inspection of the septic system does not include a site inspection of the ground surface. It is
recommended that the owner or prospective owner examine the ground surface in the vicinity of the
tank and leach field to determine whether there is any evidence of percolation.

6. Inspection of the leach field, when a design or plot map is provided, shall be limited to a surface inspection of the exposed ground surface for percolation of effluent in the area where the map shows the leach field to be located, but does not include an inspection below the ground surface or beneath any building, pavement or other natural or man made obstruction.

Inspection does not include testing to determine whether any toxic, corrosive or hazardous materials have been disposed of through the septic system or whether the leach field has been contaminated by such discharge.

8. Inspection is limited to a visual examination of those parts of the system which can be visually examined and does not include soil tests, saturation tests, review of design criteria, or any other test or calculation to determine whether the system meets the design criteria, building codes, ordinances or other local, county or state requirements and is limited to a report of the condition of the septic system, leach lines, or leach field as can be determined from visual inspection at the date of inspection.

This report of inspection is intended for the use of the person or persons requesting the inspection and
paying for the service rendered, any third party reliance on this report is subject to the limitations, terms
and conditions herein contained.

10. This report reflects visually observable conditions of the inspected septic system on the date of inspection only and is not warranty of the sufficiency of the system to function or meet the demands to which it may be subjected in the future nor is a guarantee as to the design, construction, installation or usable life of the system expressed or implied hereby.

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#### Waters

Vacuum Truck Service

ACCOUNT NO. C-0060 INVOICE NO. 129696

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#### WATERS VACUUM TRUCK SERVICE P.O. BOX 10160 RENO, NEVADA 89511 775-825-1595

Nevada Contractors License #26228

DATE: 1/18/13

The following information is provided to facilitate the processing of loan reports and septic tank permits. Note that all residential septic tanks ahould be pumped every two years to protect tanks and leach fields from damage. This is a report of a visual inspection as dated and is not a guarantee or warranty of the septic system or any of its component parts. This report is subject to the limitations, terms and conditions printed on the back of this form.

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NOTICE

This inspection report is based solely on a visual observation by the driver/servicemen. This inspection report is not an express or implied warranty or guarantee of the fitness of the septic system. Septic systems have a limited life span and are subject to failure at any time. Septic systems can be adversely affected by house vacancy, heavy water usage, leaky plumbing, ground water infiltration, abusive usage, improper maintenance and natural conditions. Prospective purchasers should consider the usage and age of the system and do their own site inspection prior to purchase.

WATERS VACUUM TRUCK SERVICE

George Waters, President

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## **EXHIBIT 12**

January 16, 2018 Sherrie Cartinella

RE: Lindberg v Reynolds, et al

I have been retained to offer my opinion regarding the seller's agent's failure to adhere to established standards of REALTORS in the case of Lindberg v. Reynolds, et all. In fulfilling this task, I reviewed the SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT prepared by John D. Moore, Esq., the offer and supporting documents from the buyers side of the real estate transaction, zoning code documents from Washoe County and Health department regulations.

20957 Eaton Road was listed in the "Residential/Stick built" category through the Multiple Listing Service on September 12, 2012 according to the property history detail report (Exhibit 1). The MLS listing remarks (listing detail report included as Exhibit 2) states there were 3 separate units on the property including "inlaw quarters or guest house, office or studio or tack room or office." Also, the listing states the actual zoning of the property is single family and the source of that information was from the assessor (listing detail report included as Exhibit 2).

In addition to providing information to other Realtor members, the MLS listing remarks are seen by countless potential buyers through syndication to real estate web sites including the top 4, Zillow, Homes.com, Trulia and realtor.com which account for over 90% of all real estate traffic.

A real estate licensee has duty to adhere to NRS 645.252 which states:

NRS 645.252 Duties of licensee acting as agent in real estate transaction. A licensee who acts as an agent in a real estate transaction:

- 1. Shall disclose to each party to the real estate transaction as soon as is practicable:
- (a) Any material and relevant facts, data or information which the licensee knows, or which by the exercise of reasonable care and diligence should have known, relating to the property which is the subject of the transaction.

While it is also expected that the seller will disclose material facts, the agent is expected to be informed. In this case, a one acre parcel is allowed one septic in Washoe County according to District of Health regulations. Advertising 3 units on the 1.12 acre lot would elicit the question of how many septic tanks exist on the property. In my opinion, this should have raised a red flag for the listing agent.

In the MLS listing (Exhibit 2) septic is listed in the "utilities" section.

According to The Regulations of the Washoe County District of Health governing sewage, waste water and sanitation (revision approved January 26, 2006 by the Washoe County district board of health) the requirements for septic are as follows:

#### **SECTION 060 SEPTIC TANKS**

060.005 A minimum liquid capacity of 1000 gallons is required for single family dwellings with up to three (3) bedrooms. For dwellings with four (4) to six (6) bedrooms, the tank capacity shall be at least 1500 gallons. For each additional bedroom the tank capacity shall be increased at least 250 gallons.

According to the septic inspection performed by Waters Vacuum Truck Service on January 16, 2013 the property has a 1,000 gallon tank.

In my opinion, the aforementioned facts should have been known by a Real Estate agent and disclosed to a potential buyer. Failure to disclose these facts, in my opinion, was detrimental to the Lindbergs.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Cartinella

Kerrie (artinella)

Realtor

License #BS29532

# **EXHIBIT 1**

#### PROPERTY HISTORY DETAIL

#### Address

20957 Eaton Road Reno, NV Nev -89521

MLS #120014058



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03/15/2013 7:03:00 PM	Down Payment Assistance		SOLD	\$385,000	James E Johns Sr.	J.E. Johns & Associates	3/15/2013	
03/05/2013 1:28:00 PM	Status, Sold Price		SOLD	\$385,000	James E Johns Sr.	J.E. Johns & Associates	3/5/2013	
01/08/2013 10:29:00 AM	Status		Active /Pending -Loan	\$399,900	James E Johns Sr.	J.E. Johns & Associates	1/8/2013	
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### **EXHIBIT 2**

### **EXHIBIT 2**

MLS All Fields 1601

MLS # 120014058 Status SOLD

Address 20957 Eaton Road Unit #

Asking Price\$399,900

City State NV

Class Residential Type Site/Stick Built Zip Nev -89521 174Pleasant Valley Area

Reno







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Property Informa	ation				
Bedrooms #	3	County	Washoe	Common Interest	No
Baths #Full or	2	Parcel #	045337711	<b>Attached Common Wall</b>	No
# Half Baths	0	Taxes \$	\$2,734.10	Water Rights	No
# Garage	4	Assessment \$	0.00	HOA	No
# Carport	0			HOA/Mgt Co	
<b>Total Parking</b>	4	<b>Zoning Actual</b>	Single Family		
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Unit Level		Horses Okay	Yes	Assoc Trans Fee \$	
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Source of SqFt	Assessor	Middle School	Depoali	Other Fee	
Price per SQFT	103.07	High School	Galena	CC/R Restrictions	No
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Agent / Showing Inform	- divole

Agent James E Johns Sr.

Agent E-mail

**Listing Agent 2** 

**Listing Office 2** 

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**Listing Office 1** 

J.E. Johns & Associates

Showing InstructionsCall Listing Office 775-856-2525

**To Show Contact** 

Occupied By Owner

Commentary/Reviews

**Contact Name** James E. Johns **Contact Phone** 775-856-2525

Listing Information CBB \$ or %\$ **Original Price** \$399,900 Comm to BB 2.50 **Listing Date** 12/1/2012 Variable Rate Yes Days on Market 89 **Input Date** 12/2/2012 3:29 PM Days On MLS 88 **Expiration Date** Sliding Scale No **Update Date** Sale/Lease For Sale **Cumulative DOM** 160 2/27/2015 **Status Date Listing Type Exclusive Right** Cumulative 3/5/2013 159 COE **Price Date** Possession **Agent Hit Count** 3/5/2013 **Limited Service Listing** No **Client Hit Count** HotSheet Date 3/5/2013 **Special Conditions of** None Off Market Date 2/28/2013 **Fannie Mae First** No **Internet Display Options** HUD Internet Display Y **Automated Valuation** No **Internet Plus** 









Office: 775-856-252





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Features

GARAGE TYPES Attached, Detached, Garage Door Opener(s), RV

Access/Parking

HOA AMENITIES No Amenities ADJOINS Street

VIEW Yes, Mountain, Valley, Desert

PERSONAL PROPERTY Storage Shed

INCL

INTERIOR FIXTURES Blinds/Shades, Smoke Detector(s), Security

System/Owned

LIVING ROOM Separate/Formal, Fireplce/Woodstove/Pellet, High

Ceiling

DINING ROOM Separate/Formal

FAMILY ROOM None

KITCHEN Garbage Disposal, Microwave Built-In, Island,

Pantry, Breakfast Bar

MASTER BEDROOM LAUNDRY AREA

Walk-In Closet, Shower Stall Garage, Cabinets

OTHER ROOMS

Yes, Office/Den(not incl bdrm), Bonus Room,

Workshop, Guest House, In-Law Quarters

FLOOR COVERING

Carpet, Ceramic Tile

FOUNDATION Concrete/Crawl Space

EXTERIOR Wood Siding

ROOF Asphalt, Composition/Shingle Propane, Hot Water System

WATER HEATER
WINDOWS
FIREPLACE
Propane
Double Pane
Yes, Pellet Stove

UTILITIES Electricity, Propane, Well-Private, Septic

LANDSCAPED Fully Landscaped

SPRINKLERS Full Sprinklers, Front, Back, Drip-Full, Drip-Front,

Drip-Back, Automatic

FENCED Full, Back
PATIO/DECK Deck

EXTERIOR FEATURES Dog Run, Barn-Outbuildings, Workshop

WATER TEST No ACCESS Public

TOPOGRAPHY Level, Upslope

OWNER(S) MAY SELL Conventional, FHA, VA, Cash

GREEN FEATURES None

MLS Remarks

REGULAR SALE..NO FREEWAY NOISE AND THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL PEACEFUL QUITE GARDEN OF PARADISE. BRING THE HORSE PLENTY OF ROOM AND PASTURE AREA - THREE SEPERATE UNITS ON THE PROPERTY INLAW QUARTERS OR GUEST HOUSE, OFFICE OR STUDIO OR TACK ROOM OR OFFICE THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED 30 MINUTES TO ANYWHERE (CARSON CITY, VIRGINIA CITY, LAKE TAHOE) HALF WAY BETWEEN CARSON AND RENO. GREAT SCHOOLS AND THE PROPERTY IS MATICULOUS AND MOVE IN READY. EASY TO SHOW AND COMPLETELY REMODELED...

Extended Remarks

Private Remarks

Seller needs a closing to conincide with the close of escrow of their new home.

Sold Information

Selling Agent Brian F Kincannon - 775-338-2527

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Keller Williams Group One Inc. - Office: 775-823-8787

Selling Office 1 Selling Agent 2 Sold Price

\$385,000 99.23

Sold Price per SqFt How Sold

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#### Sherrie Cartinella

#### Real Estate Professional

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#### Work Experience

Since entering the real estate profession in 1995, I have had the opportunity to serve hundreds of clients in residential and commercial real estate transactions as well as dedicating much of my time to the industry through many volunteer leadership roles in the national, state and local associations of REALTORS. Most recently, I held a Governor's appointment as Commissioner for the Nevada Real Estate Division.

#### Experience

Terry Lee Wells Foundation, Trustee	2006-current
Ferrari-Lund Real Estate, Broker/Salesperson	2011-current
CENTURY 21, Goldcrest Realty, Broker/Salesperson	2006-2011
CENTURY 21, Owner/Broker/Salesperson	1992-2006
Sherrie's Nail Corner, Owner	1976-1992

#### Volunteer Experience

State of Nev	ada Real	Estate	Division:
2013-2016 Cd	ommissio	ner	

#### National Association of Realtors:

2008 Board of Directors

2006-2010, 2012 Risk Management Committee

#### Nevada Association of Realtors:

2014 Policy & Bylaws 2013 Chair Policy & Bylaws 2011-2012 Audit Committee 2010, 2012 (Vice Chair) Budget Development

2011, 2012 Board of Directors

2002-2004, 2011-2017, Currently Budget & Finance 2008, 2009 (Chair), 2013 Nominating & Awards

2005 Forms Committee Chair

#### Northern Nevada Regional MLS:

2013-2016 Trustee 2008-2011 Trustee 2009,2010 President

#### Other:

Washoe High School: Speech class volunteer Girls Scouts of America: Relocation Seminar

#### Reno/Sparks Association of Realtors:

2014 & 2015 Legislative Committee 2013-2015 Communications Chair

2015 Bylaws & Policy 2014 Awards Committee

2011 President

2000, 2008-2012 Board of Directors 2001-2017 & Currently Risk Reduction 2005-2007 Professional Standards 2006 Commercial Forms Chair 2008,2010,2012 Budget & Finance

2001,2003,2007,2013,2014 Credentials Committee 2004,2006-2008,2010-2012 Strategic Planning

#### Women's Council of Realtors National:

2005 Executive Committee

2003,2004 Strategic Planning Committee

2005 Nomination Committee 2005 Regional Vice President 2003 & 2010 State Governor 2008 Outreach & Influence 2004 Leadership Development

2011 Broker/Owner/Manager Program State: 2002 State Chapter President Local:1999 Local Chapter President

#### Accreditations and Licenses

Real Estate Broker Leadership Training Designation

Performance Management Network Designation Cosmetology

#### **Professional Memberships**

Reno/Sparks Association of REALTORS

Nevada Association of REALTORS

National Association of REALTORS

Women's Council of REALTORS

#### Awards Received

Nevada Distinguished REALTOR Award, State of Nevada Member of the Year, Reno/Sparks Association of REALTORS Matt Gibbons Award, Reno/Sparks Association of REALTORS Member of the Year, Women's Council of REALTORS Centurion Agent, CENTURY 21 Quality Service Award, CENTURY 21

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### IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

JOHN LINDBERG, MICHAL LINDBERG, JUDITH L. LINDBERG

Plaintiffs,

VS.

HARRY RICHARD REYNOLDS, DEANN REYNOLDS, J. E. JOHNS & ASSOCIATES, A. J. JOHNSON, KEN AMUNDSON, BRIAN F. KINCANNON

Defendants.

Case No. CV15-00281 Dept. No. 3

#### REPLY ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN LIMINE NUMBER TWO AND DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN LIMINE NUMBER THREE

This Defendant files two Motion in Limine which are self-explanatory:

Motion in Limine Number Two is to exclude any evidence in connection with damages sustained by the Plaintiff other than those damages relating to the septic system that service the mother in law quarters. This motion is relatively simple. The predicating concept is that the only admissible evidence this Court will receive as to the failure to meet the standard of care of the licensee regards the septic system, ergo, the exposure of A. J. Johnson is for damages relating to the septic system servicing the mother in law quarters.

Defendant's Motion in Limine Number Three is to strike the report of Sherrie Cartinella as failing to meet the mandates of the statute in that her proferred expert

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testimony is not in compliance with NRS 645.252, NRS 645.257. It goes on to seek an order of exclusion with regard to any evidence that would not have been covered by the expert opinion's testimony, to wit, failure to discern the correct septic size of the septic system for the mother in law quarters.

The two motions are relatively clear and simple. When you get beyond the hyperbole and mis-characterization of Plaintiff's counsel, he opposes these motions on the following concepts:

- There are additional claims of misdeeds consisting of incorrect square footage and the listing the property as a single family residence as it contains more than one residential living structure. (Not covered in expert report)
- The Plaintiff is entitled to damages for these additional claimed misdeeds and expert testimony is not required for the same.
- Expert report should be read to comply with the statute.

Obviously, Plaintiff is acknowledging by his silence on this issue that his expert has not addressed any other "misdeed" or issues and we can now proceed on the concept that Plaintiff's expert report only identifies a misdeed as it relates to improperly discerning the size of the septic system so as to service the mother in law quarters. The other issues raised by the Plaintiff are a ruse so as to misdirect the thinking of this Court. For instance, the Plaintiff argues the damages flowing from these other misdeeds are so clearly identifiable that expert opinion is not required. On the contrary, the only remedy available to the Plaintiff is a violation of NRS 645.252. In reading that statute, it is obvious that the subject statute does not provide a measure of relief for these other misdeeds. Instead, we must read NRS 645.257 which indicates that the injured party that suffered damages that is identified under NRS 645.252, NRS 645.253 or NRS 645.254 is entitled to collect actual damages. In other words, NRS.645.257 specifically delineates that the damages are a measure of recovery under NRS 645.252 (the only applicable statute discussed by Plaintiff's expert witness). With the abrogation of the common law, the Plaintiff is not entitled to recover an abatement of the purchase

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price for claimed misdeeds that do not constitute a violation of NRS 645.252 and this Court has received no evidence from any expert by the Plaintiff indicating that lack of square footage or improperly listing the property as a single family residence constitutes a misdeed under NRS 645.252. In other words, the Plaintiff is smoke screening the issue. They are not entitled to damages for abatement of the purchase price unless they can prove that such misdeed was covered by the expert witness opinion under NRS 645.252. (Its interesting to note that Plaintiff seeks to strike opinions by Forrest Barbee and others that are not specifically addressed by Plaintiff's expert report but they also want the right to advance other opinions of misdeeds in their case!). Plaintiff advances the case of *Ewing v Bissell* to support its argument that they can recover an abatement of the purchase price for failure to disclose material facts but failed to demonstrate how that case applies to a real estate agent versus the seller. More importantly Plaintiff fails to demonstrate how that case decided many years before the enactment of NRS 645.252 and NRS 645.257 is applicable to claims against the real estate agent. Once again, it is indicative of the smoke screening.

Plaintiff then advances that proposition in its brief that there was an error in the listing form that listed the property as a single family residence when there are more structures on the property thereby mistating the nature of the listing. Let's assume that Plainitff is correct. So what? Did that constitute a violation of NRS 645.252? Where is the expert testimony so stating that? After all, it was known to the expert! Where is the expert evidence that this was the standard of care in place at the time of instructing licensees to become applicants, NRS 645.257, Subsection 3? Only an expert can proffer that evidence. Where is the expert opinion? Plaintiff goes on to state on Page 5 of his brief and advances the proposition that there is an improper quantification of square footage of the property. Where is the expert testimony that this constitutes a violation of the standard of care? Is Plaintiff suggesting that he has a right to advance these arguments to support a measure of damages without expert testimony? How does Plaintiff reconcile the established case law of Nevada that common law has

been abrogated and replaced by these statutes? Davis v Boeing, 128 Nev. 301, 378 P.3d 501 (2012). The Plaintiff can argue the fact claiming these misdeeds (Pages 5-6 of brief) but how do these misdeeds constitute failure to exercise reasonable care and diligence under NRS 645.252 as the standard has been set for a reasonable and prudent licensee under NRS 645.257? Once again, Plaintiff is seeking to advance his concepts under the common law and not statutory liability! If that is the case, then this Defendant has the same common law defenses that exist against the Plaintiff and abatement of the purchase price clearly is not available to the Plaintiff in a claim against the realtor (which will be demonstrated by case law as the need arises). Plaintiff advances the proposition that it cost \$27,000 to enlarge the capacity of the existing septic system but that is not consistent with the response to discovery provided to this Defendant. Notwithstanding, the issue will be subject to proof and/or impeachment as need arises. Once again, Plaintiff's counsel is raising a smoke screen. The motions in limine are designed to eliminate any claim of damages unrelated to the septic systems, such as, misstating the square footage on the property (I repeat myself that the common law does not give the Plaintiff an abatement of the purchase price against the realtor which would be subject to briefing should the issues arise). The motions in limine also address the legitimacy of the expert's report and demonstrated the deficiency in the report by the expert that stated that these events were "detrimental" to the buyer. That is not the standard. Is Plaintiff suggesting that if the expert report is stricken by this Court consistent with Defendant's Motion in Limine that he can still proceed to trial showing the misdeeds of the realtor? What will be his proof of the standard of care required in 2012 (when the offer was made)? Where is his disclosure pursuant to NRCP 16 of these witnesses?

Plaintiff attempts to save the expert's report by demonstrating that the expert report raised a "red flag" to the listing agent (Page 9 of the brief) and facts should have been "known" to the licensee. Let's assume that is correct. So what? Did it violate a standard of care that was then in place for realtors at the time this transaction closed in

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27 28 2013? NRS 645.252 and NRS 645.257. Even if it violated common law claims, so what? The common law has been abrogated!

Plaintiff proceeds in its argument section to smoke screen the issue.

Defendant's motion is relatively easy. Can the Plaintiff proceed against this Defendant absent of showing misdeeds that are the subject of expert testimony as required umder NRS 645.252 and NRS 645.257? Plaintiff can re-argue the facts as many times as it wants but can not avoid the underlying question! Any suggestion that Plaintiff can proceed with a case for misdeeds not discussed by the expert even if pled in the complaint fails to conform to NRS 645.252 or the concept that the common law has been abrogated.

Plaintiff advances the proposition on Page 12 of its brief that there is nothing in the statute that mandates use of expert testimony in order to prove a case against this Defendant disputing the interpretation of NRS 645.257 as it references NRS 645.252. Let's work Plaintiff's argument through to conclusion. How is Plaintiff going to demonstrate without an expert opinion violation of the standard of care in order to comply with NRS 645.252. Is he is going to do it by lay witnesses who have never practiced in the field of real estate? How is this Court going to reconcile NRS 645.257, Subsection 3? Plaintiff goes on to contend that this Defendant cites no case law indicating it mandates expert testimony. Clearly the common law has been abrogated. Davis v Boeing, 128 Nev., 301, 378 P.3d 501 (2012). The only law left to create liability for a real estate agent is NRS 645.252 and NRS 645.257. The law of other states have no bearing on the issue absent similar statutes and case law given the statutory versions of NRS 645 coupled with our Supreme Court decision that the common law has been abrogated. Plaintiff goes on to cite cases advancing the proposition that he does not need an expert to show other misdeeds but those states do not have similar statutes to NRS 645.252. Under that argument, how does the Court reconcile the mandate of NRS 645.257, Subsection 3? Is the Court going to make its own determination as to the standard of care for a licensee that was practicing in 2013 when

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this deal closed? Is it doing so without any evidence? How is the Court going to be guided on this issue? Is the Court going to say there is a violation based upon the evidence and its common sense? If that the case, what is the measure of damages? Under NRS 645.257 the statute declares that the measure of damages for a violation of that statute is actual damages. What if that statute is contrary to the common law that identified that a claim against real estate licensee for these claimed misdeeds alleged by this Plaintiff is not actual damages? What is the Court going to do then? Is the Court going to apply NRS 645.257 in part but not in full? The common law remedy for a claim of this nature against a realtor is not actual damages. Abatement of the purchase price is not a common law remedy for this type of action against a licensee. Assuming that to be correct, is the Court going to apply parts of NRS 645.257 but not other parts? In other words, if this Court permits Plaintiff to go forward with this case without the necessity of expert testimony as it relates to misdeeds of the licensee, then can Plaintiff go forward with the common law remedy despite the decisions of our Supreme Court or can Plaintiff go forward under a claim that the judge (as a gatekeeper) can decide if there has been a violation of the standard of care that was then in place in 2013 without evidence?

Plaintiff advances the proposition that Sherrie Cartinella is an expert even if she never instructed an applicant who sought to secure a license in the 2013 year. This is an interesting observation made by Plaintiff who claims in their Motion in Limine #1 that Pamela Molini shouldn't be an expert because she doesn't have credentials merely because she has experience in the industry. What precipitated this Defendant's motion isn't an issue of qualification, it is an issue that the expert report from Sherrie Cartinella fails to identify she is applying a standard of care that would have been in place in the 2013 year. (See NRS 645.257, Subsection 3 where that concept of a "deficiency" alone clearly fails to comply with the mandate of NRS 645.257). If Sherrie Cartinella can not act as an expert, we agree that Defendant's rebuttal experts would not be needed to act

as an expert. Notwithstanding, the issue is not one of credentials of acting as an expert. The issue regarding Sherrie Chartinella's report is whether it complies with NRS 645.252. Where does she state in the report that there has been a failure to exercise reasonable care and diligence? Instead, she is focusing on what is detrimental to the buyer. The issue of that which is detrimental to the buyer is not a violation of NRS 645.252. The issue is the failure to maintain a standard of care. The fact that Ms. Cartinella stated in her deposition that she had no other opinions other than that which have been identified in her report is indicative of the fact that she has no other opinion relating to the standard of care of this licensee that is now on trial. Her only opinion was focusing on that which was detrimental to the buyer as opposed to focusing on actions of this licensee and the standard of care then in place!

Accordingly, this Defendant submits the following:

- The common law has been abrogated and the only remedy available to the Plaintiff is the violation of NRS 645.252 and NRS 645.257 as it incorporates NRS 645.252.
- Sherrie Cartinella's report focuses on the buyer. It does not focus on the
  actions of this licensee. It does not identify there has been a violation of the
  standard of care that was in place in the 2013 year.
- Any other claims of misdeeds of this licensee are not covered by Sherrie
  Cartinella's report are not the subject of a claim against this licensee as
  mandated by NRS 645.252 and NRS 645.257.
- 4. The arguments of Plaintiff's counsel set forth in its opposition are designed to misdirect the thinking of the Court in connection with the deficiencies that exist in his case as it relates to this licensee and the statutory prerequisites.
- 5. Damages in this case against this licensee are limited to the issue relating to the alleged wrongdoing as identified by Plaintiff's expert which is the septic system.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

The undersigned affirms that the foregoing pleading does not contain a social security number.

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Defendants.

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#### **DEFAULT**

It appearing that J.E. Johns & Associates, Defendant herein, is in default for its failure to plead or otherwise defend the Second Amended Complaint dated May 18, 2016 as required by law, the Plaintiffs having filed their Notice of Intent to Take Default on February 14, 2018,

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#### AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030

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# PLAINTIFFS' REPLY FILED IN SUPPORT OF THEIR MOTION IN LIMINE NO. 2 TO EXCLUDE THE OFFER OF EVIDENCE OR ARGUMENT RELATED TO SETTLEMENTS REACHED WITH OTHER DEFENDANTS

Plaintiffs John Lindberg, Michal Lindberg, and Judith L. Lindberg, ("Plaintiffs") hereby file this Reply in Support of their Motion in Limine No. 2 to Exclude the Offer of Evidence or Argument Related to Settlements Reached with Other Defendants ("Reply"). In their Opposition filed in

response to Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine No. 2, Defendants James E. Johns and A.J. Johnson re-argue motions in limine that these Defendants filed in this case (Defendants' Motions in Limine Nos. 2 and 3), wasting four pages of their Opposition claiming that expert testimony is required in all instances where violations of NRS 645.252 are alleged or that Plaintiffs' expert report is somehow inadequate. (Opposition at 1:20 – 4:17). These arguments are baseless and do not touch on the assertions set forth in Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine No. 2. For the reasons set forth in this Reply and in Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine No. 2, the Court should not allow these Defendants to introduce any evidence of settlements reached in this matter with other defendants because there is no right to an off-set for such settlements, Defendants failed to assert a right of contribution in this matter against the settling defendants, and Defendants have not set forth any legal basis to support an off-set in their favor.

#### **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

At the outset, it must be noted that these Defendants *do not argue* in their Opposition that they are entitled to an off-set of the amount of the settlement that the sellers of the real property that is the subject of this case reached with the Plaintiffs prior to trial in this case. By remaining silent on this issue in their Opposition, the Defendants have thus conceded that they cannot off-set this settlement, which is the correct result in this case because the sellers of this real property faced statutory liability under NRS 113.150 (and associated treble damages under that statute), not statutory liability arising under NRS 645.252. Nothing in these two statutes would support an off-set in the Defendants' favor because the damages arising from these two statutes cannot form one single injury for which contribution or joint and several liability might be available to the Defendants. Accordingly, because the Defendants do not dispute the assertions contained in the Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine No. 2 regarding the settlement with the sellers, any evidence of this settlement should not be introduced at the trial of this matter. This settlement has no relevance to the remaining dispute and would be prejudicial if offered as evidence at trial.

Defendants do argue in their Opposition that the settlement reached with the Plaintiffs' realtor

and broker should be used as an off-set in Defendants' favor, going so far as to claim that "seeking a credit for receipt of proceeds in connection with the settlement against the [Plaintiffs realtor and broker" is black and white. . " and required by statute. (Opposition at 4:23-24). Yet, in their Opposition, the Defendants do not cite any case law or statute that would require such an off-set in the Defendants' favor. NRS 645.251, et seq., upon which liability against the Defendants is premised, does not provide for such an off-set. These statutes do not create a right of contribution in Defendants' favor and do not establish joint and several liability among realtors who are claimed to have violated these statutes. The Defendants acknowledge in their Opposition that they do not possess a right of contribution under the common law in this case. (Opposition at 5:5-12). Yet, without such a right of contribution, and without providing the Court with direction on why they are entitled to an off-set, Defendants' claim that it is "black and white" that they are entitled to an off-set is discouraging and unsupported by any evidence or argument existing in this case.

The other cases the Defendants cited in their Opposition do not establish that the Plaintiffs suffered one single injury because of the actions of the Defendants and the Plaintiffs' realtor and broker or that the Plaintiffs would be obtaining a double recovery if an off-set was not provided. In *Davis v*. *Boeing*, 128 Nev. 301, 278 P.3d 501 (2012), the Nevada Supreme Court determined what the Nevada legislature meant by the phrase "actual damages" set forth in NRS 645.257, which are the damages the Plaintiffs are entitled to recover from the Defendants in this case. When considering this issue, the Nevada Supreme Court found that the plaintiff in *Davis* was entitled to recover diminution in value damages of the real property in questions as "actual damages" and consequential damages arising from

Though acknowledging that the Defendants possess no right of contribution against the settling defendants in this matter because the claims alleged in this matter are not based in tort, the Defendants nevertheless cite a case in their Opposition, claiming that it is persuasive, when the cited case deals specifically and solely with contribution rights amongst tortfeasors and how those rights are affected by a determination of a good faith settlement under NRS 17.245 arising from a motorcycle accident. The case cited by the Defendants is found at *Prado-Guajardo v. Perez*, D. Nev. Case No. 2:16-cv-00546-GMN-VCF, September 8, 2017, which is an unpublished order of a magistrate judge in Las Vegas that Plaintiffs attach hereto as **Exhibit 1**. This order admittedly has no bearing in this matter, as confirmed by the Defendants in their Opposition, because this is not a tort action for which contribution is available to Defendants.

the realtor's several failures established in that case.<sup>2</sup> In a footnote in the *Davis* matter, the Nevada Supreme Court also found that the plaintiff in that case could claim as damages the costs incurred to carry the piece of property that they were defrauded from selling by their realtor (in violation of NRS 645.251, et seq.), but the Court also found that this amount must be off-set by the rental income that the plaintiff received from the same piece of property in that matter to avoid a double recovery. Thus, paying the carrying costs was an appropriate measure of "actual damages," but the plaintiff must take the good with the bad in that situation, and they could not recover carrying costs unless the rental income received on the piece of property was also considered. *Id* at 319, n. 7. Here, the Plaintiffs do not have rental income that might be used to off-set carrying costs of retaining the property in question because the Plaintiffs live in the property that is the subject of this dispute. The Plaintiffs are not seeking to recover carrying costs in this matter and there should be no off-set for rental income received because the property is not being rented. *Davis* does not help the Defendants here.

Elyousef v. O'Reilly & Ferrario, LLC, 126 Nev. 441, 245 P.3d 547 (2010),<sup>3</sup> also fails to provide the Defendants with any relief in this case. In *Elyousef*, a client and his attorney entered into a business relationship that resulted in the client losing his interest in his entire business. The client then sued the attorney for negligence and other claims for relief and was awarded \$150,000.00 in damages and over \$200,000.00 in attorney's fees. Ultimately, the client and his attorney settled the matter in exchange for the payment of \$50,000.00 to the client, plus a return to the client of his interest in the business. The client then attempted to sue the law firm with which his attorney was affiliated at the commencement of the business relationship, asserting the same claims and essentially the same damages against the law firm. The court in that matter granted summary judgment for the law firm, finding that the claims and damages asserted constituted a "single injury" from which the client could

Interestingly, the Davis case does not provide that such damages must be established by expert testimony.

Defendants improperly identified this case as *Elyousef v. O'Riley and Ferrario LLC* in their Opposition.

not obtain a "double recovery" from both the lawyer and the law firm. *Id.* at 442-443.

Here, Plaintiffs are not seeking to sue two parties (i.e., the lawyer and his law firm) that are responsible for the same injury in different lawsuits. Instead, Plaintiffs have sued the realtor (akin to the attorney) and the broker (akin to the law firm) in one lawsuit, claiming that these two entities are both responsible for the Plaintiffs' actual damages. This is one single injury against these two Defendants that arises under NRS 645.251, et seq. The claims against the other realtor defendants, while also arising under NRS 645.251, et seq., do not form one single injury because the actions of these Defendants are different than the actions of the other realtor defendants who have settled the claims raised against them. There simply is not a "single injury" existing between these several defendants. As such, there is no right to an off-set, and *Elyousef* does not require such an off-set.

The Defendants also falsely rely upon the dissenting opinion referenced in *Lavi v. Eighth Judicial District Court*, 130 Nev.Adv.Op. 38, 325 P.3d 1265 (2014),<sup>4</sup> wherein two justices of the Nevada Supreme Court would have applied the "one action rule" under Nevada law to preclude a bank from foreclosing upon a deed of trust and then pursuing a deficiency judgment against the owner of property in a separate action. The majority of the Court in *Lavi* found that statutory prescriptions stated in NRS 40.495 permitted a bank to pursue both a foreclosure upon the property and a deficiency judgment against a guarantor of a deed of trust, if the "one action rule" was waived. The majority in *Lavi* upheld the dismissal of *Lavi*, despite the ability to pursue both a foreclosure and a deficiency judgment, because the bank had failed to pursue its deficiency claim in a timely manner, as also prescribed by statute. The majority did not assert that the bank's deficiency judgment was barred because it would represent a "double recovery," as Defendants falsely claim in their Opposition. Defendants also failed to note when citing *Lavi* that this case has been superseded by statute, as recognized in *Bank of Nevada v. Peterson*, 132 Nev.Adv.Op. 64, 380 P.3d 854 (2016). Regardless,

Defendants incorrectly identified this case as Levy v. 8th Judicial District Court in their Opposition.

the *Lavi* case has no bearing in this matter whatsoever because it has nothing to do with realtor liability set forth in NRS 645.252.

Finally, the Defendants' Opposition is devoid of any argument that the settlements in this case with the other realtor defendants are relevant and not prejudicial. Plaintiffs have presented why these settlements constitute irrelevant evidence under NRS 48.105 and why the evidence would be considered prejudicial under NRS 48.015, and the Defendants' failure to address these issues is an admission that the evidence of settlements should not be admitted at trial.

For the reasons stated herein and in Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine No. 2, the Court should not allow the introduction at trial of evidence or argument that Defendants' liability may be credited or off-set by any settlements reached with other defendants in this matter.

#### **AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030**

The undersigned attorney does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any persons

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United States District Court, D. Nevada.

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#### REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

#### CAM FERENBACH, Magistrate Judge.

Before the Court is Third-Party Defendant Shayna Diaz's Supplemental Brief (ECF No. 44) and Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff Martin Guzman Perez and Defendant El Rayo's (collectively, "Perez") Response (ECF No. 45) regarding Diaz's Motion for Determination of Good Faith Settlement (ECF No. 38). Plaintiff Deyssi Janneth Prado-Guajardo moved to join Diaz's Motion for Good Faith Settlement (ECF No. 39). Perez filed a Response to Diaz's Motion for Determination of Good Faith Settlement (ECF No. 40), and Diaz filed a Reply (ECF No. 42). The Court held a hearing about the Motion for Determination of Good Faith Settlement on May 2, 2017 and denied that motion without prejudice. See Mins. Proceedings (ECF No. 43).

At the conclusion of the May 2, 2017 hearing, the Court raised two main issues with the Motion for Determination of Good Faith Settlement: (1) whether a settlement between a plaintiff and a third-party defendant against whom the plaintiff did not assert a direct claim could support a finding of good faith; and (2) whether Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff Perez would still have the right to argue at trial (if the case proceeded to trial) pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.141 that Diaz's comparative fault due to negligent entrustment reduces the percentage of the liability attributable to Perez. See Mins. Proceedings (ECF No. 43). In other words, assuming the Court approves the good faith settlement and Perez's indemnity and contribution claim against Diaz based on negligent entrustment is discharged, should the issues of fault attributable to Diaz remain in the case as a defense for Perez even though recovery against Diaz would be precluded? Id. The Court granted the parties two weeks to file new motions addressing these issues. Id. The Court has reviewed and considered the moving and responsive papers. A hearing was held on September 8, 2017. For the reasons

reconsiders Diaz's Motion for Good Faith Settlement (ECF No. 38) and recommends that it should be conditionally GRANTED.

#### A. Relevant Facts

The parties are familiar with the facts of the case and the Court will repeat them only as necessary. This action arises from a non-contact accident between a 2012 Yamaha Cruiser XV250 motorcycle driven by Prado-Guajardo and Perez's 2010 Kenworth T800 DS-Tractor Truck on December 5, 2013. See ECF No. 32. Due to injuries Prado-Guajardo sustained from this accident, which she alleges Perez caused, Prado-Guajardo brought a personal injury suit against Perez on December 4, 2015 in Nevada District Court. See ECF No. 1 at 1. Perez removed the action to Federal District Court on March 11, 2016. Id. Prado-Guajardo filed an Amended Complaint in February 2017, naming El Rayo as an additional defendant. See ECF No. 32 at 1.

In August 2016, Perez filed a Third-Party Complaint for indemnity and contribution against Third-Party Defendant Shayna Diaz. See ECF No. 19. The Third-Party Complaint alleges that Diaz was the registered owner of the motorcycle that Prado-Guajardo operated and the insured under a motorcycle insurance policy on the day of the accident. The Third-Party Complaint alleges that Diaz negligently entrusted the motorcycle to Prado-Guajardo because Prado-Guajardo did not have a license to operate the motorcycle. Id. at 2. The motorcycle was insured by State Farm Automobile Insurance Company with policy limits of \$15,000. See ECF Nos. 38-2; 38-3. After being served with the Third-Party Complaint, Diaz filed an answer on October 26, 2017. See ECF No. 27. Diaz "made a Demand for Prior Pleadings and Discovery and began her investigation into the allegations." See ECF No. 38 at 3. Based on that investigation, Diaz "made an offer to Prado to tender her \$15,000 policy limits to settle the third-party claim asserted against her." Id. Prado-Guajardo accepted Diaz's offer, subject to the Court's determination that the settlement was made in good faith. Prado-Guajardo and Diaz are engaged to be married. See ECF No. 38-2.

On March 24, 2017, Diaz brought the instant Motion for Determination of Good Faith Settlement, which Prado-Guajardo moved to join. See ECF Nos. 38; 39. The Court held a hearing on Diaz's Motion on May 2, 2017. See ECF No. 43. The Court denied Diaz's Motion, but granted the parties two weeks to file moving and responsive papers on the issues identified by the Court at the hearing. On May 16, 2017, Diaz filed a Supplemental Brief In Support of Her Motion for Determination of Good Faith Settlement. See ECF No. 44. On June 8, 2017, Perez filed a Response to Third-Party Defendant Shayna Diaz' Supplemental Brief in Support of Her Motion for Determination of Good Faith Settlement. See ECF No. 45.

#### B. Relevant Law

Plaintiff Prado-Guajardo and Third-Party Defendant Diaz seek a determination from this Court that the proposed settlement between them was made in good faith. Under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245(1)(a) and (b):

When a release or a covenant not to sue or not to enforce judgment is given in good faith to one of two or more persons liable in tort for the same injury or the same wrongful death:

(a) It does not discharge any of the other tortfeasors from liability for the injury or wrongful death unless its terms so provide, but it reduces the claim against the others to the extent of any amount stipulated by the release or the covenant, or in the amount of the consideration paid for it, whichever is the greater; and

(b) It discharges the tortfeasor to whom it is given from all liability for contribution and for equitable indemnity to any other tortfeasor.

Under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245(2), equitable indemnity means "a right of indemnity that is created by the court rather than expressly provided for in a written agreement." The goal of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245 is "to encourage settlements by discharging all liability for contribution by a settling tortfeasor to others upon a finding that the settlement was entered in `good faith.'" *See Kerr v. Wanderer & Wanderer*, 211 F.R.D. 625, 631 (D. Nev. 2002) (quoting *In re MGM Grand Hotel Fire Litig.*, 570 F.Supp. 913, 926 (D. Nev. 1983)).

The statute also considers the interests of non-settling defendants. Indeed, even if a court determines that a settlement was entered into in good faith, under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245(1), the "non-settling defendant receives a credit in the amount contributed by the settling defendant in any subsequent verdict against that defendant." See In re MGM Grand Hotel Fire Litig., 570 F. Supp. at 927; see also Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245(1). The determination of good faith under Nevada law is "left to the discretion of the . . . court based upon all relevant facts available. . . . " See Velsicol Chem. Corp. v. Davidson, 811 P.2d 561, 563 (1991); see also Otak Nevada, L.L.C. v. Eight Jud. Dist. Ct., 312 P.3d 491, 497 (2013) ("[T]he . . . court is vested `with considerable discretion' in approving good-faith settlements. . . . ").

In *The Doctors Co. v. Vincent*, the Nevada Supreme Court stated that, as evidenced by the ruling *In re MGM Grand Hotel Fire Litigation*, the following factors may be considered in evaluating good-faith issues under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245: "[1] [t]he amount paid in settlement, [2] the allocation of the settlement proceeds among plaintiffs, [3] the insurance policy limits of settling defendants, [4] the financial condition of settling defendants, and [5] the existence of collusion, fraud or tortious conduct aimed to injure the interests of non-settling defendants." *See The Doctors Co. v. Vincent*, 98 P.3d 681, 686 (2004) (quoting *In re MGM Grand Hotel Fire Litig.*, 570 F. Supp. at 927). These factors are not exhaustive. *See Duk v. MGM Grand Hotel, Inc.*, 320 F.3d 1052, 1060-61 (9th Cir. 2003), as amended on denial of reh'g (Apr. 17, 2003); see also Velsicol Chem. Corp. 811 P.2d at 563. In the court's exercise of its discretion, among the relevant facts it may choose to consider, the court may indeed take into account the factors discussed by *MGM*, but "Nevada law includes no requirement that a court consider or limit its analysis to the *MGM* factors. . . ." *See Clark County School District v. Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America*, No. 2:13-cv-01100-JCM-PAL, 2016 WL 4443160, at \*4 (D. Nev. Aug. 18, 2016) (citation omitted).

#### C. Discussion

Applying the Nevada Supreme Court's list of non-exhaustive factors and the policy that underlies them for determining whether a settlement agreement was reached in good faith and considering the relevant points and authorities, including the parties' supplemental briefs and the representations of counsel at the hearing, the Court finds pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245 that the proposed \$15,000 settlement between Third-Party Defendant Diaz and Plaintiff Prado-Guajardo was made in good faith subject to the conditions described below.

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At the May 2, 2017 hearing, the Court explained that the proposed settlement on its face satisfies Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245's good-faith requirement. The Court predicated its finding on, *inter alia*, the *MGM* factors. The settlement amount is for \$15,000 which Diaz's insurance company would pay toward Prado-Guajardo's damages if any are awarded to her at the conclusion of this case. Diaz made an offer to Prado-Guajardo to tender her \$15,000 insurance policy limits to settle the third-party claim asserted against Diaz by Perez, which Diaz alleges is "the extent of coverage that [she] [was] able to afford." *See* ECF No. 38-2 at 2; *see also* ECF No. 38-3 at 1. Diaz also claims that she does "not have funds sufficient to pay any judgment rendered against [her] in excess of \$15,000." *Id.* Although discovery is still ongoing, at the May 2, 2017 hearing, Counsel for Diaz represented Diaz's occupation as a cashier at local auto parts store. *See* Mins. Proceedings (ECF No. 43). If the Court approves the settlement, Perez would receive a credit in the amount contributed by Diaz through her insurer in any subsequent verdict against Perez. *See In* re MGM Grand Hotel Fire Litig., 570 F. Supp. at 927; *see also* Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245(1). Perez's ultimate liability, if there is any, would be reduced by \$15,000.

Perez argues that the amount of the proposed settlement is disproportionately lower than Diaz's fair share of Prado-Guajardo's damages. See ECF No. 40 at 5. Perez points out that Prado-Guajardo is seeking more than \$2,724,819.29 in damages. Id. Perez argues that Diaz bears some liability for negligently entrusting the motorcycle to Prado-Guajardo, who had neither formal motorcycle training nor a motorcycle license. Id. at 7. Given the amount of damages Prado-Guajardo is claiming, Perez argues that the proposed settlement is disproportionately lower than Diaz's fair share of Prado-Guajardo's alleged damages. Id.

A settlement is in good faith so long as it is not "disproportionately lower than [the settling defendant's] fair share of damages." See Velsicol Chem. Corp., 811 P.2d at 564. So, a settlement for less than what the other defendants paid will generally be in good faith when the settling defendant's potential liability is minimal. See Otak Nevada, L.L.C., 312 P.3d at 497 (citing Bay Dev. Ltd. v. Superior Court, 791 P.2d 290, 299 (1990) (upholding a settlement of \$30,000 in a case seeking damages in excess of \$1 million because there was evidence that the settling defendant "bore only minor responsibility" for the plaintiffs' injuries)).

To the extent Diaz bears any liability, the Court finds that, based on the totality of circumstances in this case, Diaz's liability exposure would likely be minimal and considerably less than the liability exposure for Perez. See The Doctors Co., 98 P.3d at 690 ("Good-faith determinations are governed by a myriad of considerations . . ., including the liability permutations arising from the merits of the contribution and indemnity claims."). Perez's responsive papers do not address Diaz's argument that, in the absence of a good faith determination, any claim for equitable indemnity would, as a practical matter, be barred because of (1) the absence of a pre-existing legal relationship between Diaz and Perez and (2) Perez's active fault for the accident at issue. Diaz acknowledges that, in the absence of a good faith determination, a claim for contribution may not be similarly barred, but argues that such a claim is weak. Though a contribution claim based on a theory of negligent entrustment has more room for argument, a review of the facts of the case shows the merits of such a claim to lack vigor. Diaz's liability for the accident is likely to be minimal, at most, relative to Perez.

The unique facts of this case raise a concern regarding collusion which the Court removes by conditionally granting the Motion. Perez argues that the settlement is the result of collusion between Prado-Guajardo and Diaz because Prado-Guajardo never asserted a claim against Diaz, nor can she because the statute of limitations has run and it is too late for Prado to add Diaz as a defendant. See ECF No. 40 at 9–10. Perez argues that "the only purpose that Diaz could possibly have for entering into the purported settlement with [Prado-Guajardo] is to injure Defendants' right of contribution and equitable indemnity against Diaz." *Id.* Diaz responds that the purpose of every motion for good faith determination under Nev. Rev. Stat. 17.245 is at bottom "to cut off third party indemnity and contribution rights." See ECF No. 42 at 8. Diaz asserts that she "has an interest in buying her peace and precluding indemnity and contribution claims against her," but this interest is not evidence of collusion. *Id.* 

The Court agrees. In *Otak Nevada, L.L.C. v. Eight Jud. Dist. Ct.*, some of the defendants ("P & R") challenged another defendant's ("Otak Nevada, LLC's") settlement with the plaintiffs on the ground that the settlement was a tactical decision designed to cut off P & R's equitable indemnity and contractual rights. *See Otak Nevada, L.L.C.*, 312 P.3d at 497. The Nevada Supreme Court rejected this argument and held that "[a] settlement is not considered made in bad faith simply because its purpose is to eliminate third-party liability." *See id.* (citing *Dixon v. Nw. Publ'g Co.*, 166 Ill.App.3d 74.5, 520 N.E.2d 932, 937 (1988)); *see also The Doctors Co.*, 98 P.3d at 687 (providing that the district court may consider the strengths and weaknesses of any known contribution or equitable indemnity claims). The desire to avoid indemnity and contribution is a significant motive in encouraging settlement. Consequently, to say that a settlement prompted by a party's wish to avoid indemnity and contribution is necessarily in bad faith could hardly be correct. *See Vertecs Corp. v. Fiberchem, Inc.*, 669 P.2d 958, 961 (Alaska 1983). The Court also notes that Prado-Guajardo and Diaz are engaged to be married. *See* ECF No. 38-2. This is undoubtedly a strong indicator of collaboration or cooperation in this lawsuit, but not necessarily collusive conduct showing bad faith.

Based on the Nevada Supreme Court's list of non-exhaustive factors, the Court is inclined to find that Diaz's release pursuant to the proposed settlement between Diaz and Prado-Guajardo was made in good faith. The Court is not limited in its analysis to the MGM factors, however. See Velsical Chem. Corp., 811 P.2d at 563 (declining to adopt the "California rule," contrary to this court's conclusion in MGM); see also Clark County School District, 2016 WL 4443160, at \*4. The Court must use its "considerable discretion" to consider the "fairness and overall appropriateness of the proposed settlement" and determine whether a settlement was reached in good faith "based upon all relevant facts available. . . . " See id.; see also Dulk, 320 F.3d at 1060. At the May 2, 2017 hearing the Court voiced its concerns about the proposed settlement involving a plaintiff and a third-party defendant against whom the plaintiff did not assert a direct claim and if the Court found good faith, Perez's comparative fault defense based on Diaz's negligent entrustment would be precluded by Nevada law. See Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.141. The Court found that Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff Perez should be allowed to argue at trial pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.141 that Diaz's comparative fault due to negligent entrustment should reduce Perez's percentage of liability. The Court held that it would find the proposed settlement to be made in good faith only to the extent that the issues of fault attributable to Diaz remain in the case as an empty chair defense for Perez although recovery against Diaz would be precluded.

Diaz argues that a third-party defendant like her can settle directly with a plaintiff, even where the plaintiff has not made direct claims against that third-party defendant. See ECF No. 44 at 5. In Duk v. MGM Grand Hotel, Inc., Fernando Duk suffered a heart attack after being detained by the MGM Grand Hotel, Inc.'s ("MGM Grand's") security for drunk and belligerent behavior. See Duk, 320 F.3d at 1054-55. Duk sued MGM Grand. Id. MGM Grand subsequently filed a third-party complaint against American Medical Response (ambulance company), Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and Clark County Detention Center. Id. Although Duk did not bring direct claims against these third-party defendants, Duk subsequently reached settlements with each of them. Id. MGM challenged Duk's settlement with third-party defendants which the district court found was in good faith. Id. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals found no abuse of discretion with respect to the district court's good faith determination. Id. at 1060-61. In Perez's supplemental brief (ECF No. 45), Perez does not address the merits of Duk v. MGM Grand Hotel, Inc. or Diaz's argument that a third-party defendant can settle directly with a plaintiff even where no direct claims have been asserted.

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The Court was also concerned with the impact that a finding of good faith would have on Perez's ability to argue Diaz's comparative fault as a defense at trial with Diaz no longer a party to the case. See Mins. Proceedings (ECF No. 43). Diaz argues that under "relevant case law, there is no impediment to [Perez's] ability to put forth a full and complete defense, including that of Diaz's negligence." See ECF No. 44 at 5. Perez responds that if Diaz is dismissed from the case under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245, he will be stripped of his right to argue that Diaz was partially at fault for the accident. But see Banks v. Sunrise Hosp., 102 P.3d 52, 67 (Nev. 2004) ("NRS 17.245 does not prevent a defendant from pointing the blame at another defendant or from arguing that it was not responsible for the plaintiff's injury" and that the remaining defendant is "free to argue that [settling defendant's] negligence proximately caused [the plaintiff's] injury, rather than the [remaining defendant's]. . . . "); Thompson v. Autoliv Safety Tech., Inc., No. 2:09-cv-1375-JAD-PAL, 2013 WL 6086658, at \*3, fn.8 (D. Nev. Nov. 19, 2013) ("Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 17.245 does not bar non-settling defendants from empty chairing settling defendants. . . . "). In particular, Perez asserts that a finding of good faith here would prohibit him from including Diaz's name on the jury verdict form and from asking the jurors to apportion away from Perez Diaz's degree of fault for this accident. See ECF No. 45 at 4.

Under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.141(2)(b)(2), the jury may only apportion fault as between parties to the case. A jury may not apportion fault to non-parties, and evidence and argumentation directed to showing a non-party's comparative fault is therefore not admissible. See Banks, 102 P.3d at 67 ("We conclude that NRS 41.141(3) has no bearing on the issues of whether [Defendant] could argue a nonparty's fault . . . and whether such an argument per force leads to the conclusion that the jury [may] reduce[] [an] award based upon the nonparty's relative culpability. First, NRS 41.141 only prevents admission of evidence in support of a "comparative fault" or apportionment analysis of the case as to nonparties, and a jury may only "compare" the negligence as between parties and nonparties."); see also Phillips v. C.R. Bard, Inc., No. 3:12-cv-00344-RCJ, 2015 WL 260873, at \*4 (D. Nev. Jan. 21, 2015). Under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.141, Perez may not argue that Diaz was partially at fault or adduce evidence tending only to show comparative fault. See Phillips, 2015 WL 260873, at \*4.

However, "[n]othing in NRS 41.141 prohibits a party defendant from attempting to establish that either no negligence occurred or that the *entire* responsibility for a plaintiff's injuries rests with nonparties. . . . " See id. (emphasis added); see also Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.141(2)(b)(2) ("If the jury determines the plaintiff is entitled to recover, it shall return . . . [a] special verdict indicating the percentage of negligence attributable to each party remaining in the action."). That is, Perez may argue that Diaz was entirely at fault and that Perez was not at fault at all, and Perez may adduce otherwise admissible evidence in support of that argument. See ECF No. 40 at 7 ("[T]here is evidence from which the jury could find that . . . Diaz has significant liability for the subject no-contact incident. If Diaz had not negligently entrusted her motorcycle to [Prado-Guajardo] on the day of this no-contact incident, this incident would not have happened in the first place.").

As noted by Justice Michael L. Douglas of the Nevada Supreme Court, in many cases "[a]ny unsuccessful effort made by a [non-settling] defendant to show that a settled defendant is 100 percent at fault is essentially an argument of comparative negligence." See Piroozi v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct., 363 P.3d 1168, 1175, fn.7 (2015) (Douglas, J., Cherry, J., and Gibbons, J., dissenting); see also Restatement (Third) of Torts: Apportionment Liab. § 26 (2000) ("No party should be liable for harm it did not cause, and an injury caused by two or more persons should be apportioned according to their respective shares of comparative responsibility."). Even if the settling defendants' names are excluded from the jury verdict forms and the jury is directed not to attribute fault to nonparties, that such efforts lead to some jury speculation and affect judgments is not only possible, but likely. As a practical matter, however, in this case there is no basis for an argument that Diaz was entirely at fault. Perez was cited for failing to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic as he turned his semi-truck onto the street. See ECF No. 38-1 at 1. To avoid a potential collision, Prado-Guajardo veered her motorcycle out of the way of the semi-truck and fell off. Id. Although Prado-Guajardo was cited for driving without a license, she was not cited for her maneuvering of the motorcycle to avoid a collision with Perez. Id. Because the fault attributable to Diaz is likely minimal, any argument that Diaz was entirely at fault (as opposed to partially at fault) or that Perez was not at fault at all would not be persuasive, and indeed, may even adversely affect the jury.

If the proposed settlement is found not to have been made in good faith, Perez will be able to argue at trial that Diaz was partially at fault and adduce evidence in support of a "comparative fault" or apportionment analysis of the case. If good faith is found, the strict application of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.141(3) would rob Perez of his ability to argue at trial that (1) Third-Party Defendant Diaz was partially at fault — as opposed to entirely at fault — for the motorcycle accident due to negligent entrustment, and (2) Diaz's name should be inserted on the applicable jury verdict forms and that the jury should apportion fault. This result is particularly harsh in light of the unique circumstances of this case. Further complicating matters is that if a non-settling defendant could argue a theory of comparative negligence as to settled defendants, then he or she would only be liable for his or her proportional fault in relation to them. See Piroozi, 363 P.3d at 1174. Because any judgment issued against this non-settling defendant in theory would amount to his or her exact liability, he or she would then receive a windfall when Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245(1)(a) reduced that judgment by all settlement amounts. Id.

With that said, in applying the *In re MGM Grand Hotel Fire Litig.* factors and the policy underlying them, the Court finds that Diaz's release pursuant to the proposed settlement was made in good faith under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245. As a result, Perez's claims against Diaz for contribution and equitable indemnity should be dismissed. State Farm Automobile Insurance Company will pay \$15,000 toward Prado's damages. Perez's ultimate liability, if there is any, will be reduced pursuant only to the extent that the fault allocated to Diaz by the jury, if any, exceeds \$15,000. This avoids any potential windfall to Perez. In considering "the *fairness* and overall appropriateness of the proposed settlement" and in the exercise of its "considerable discretion," the Court finds that the settlement is in good faith and that Perez should be permitted to argue as a defense at trial, assuming this case proceeds to trial, that Diaz's comparative fault for the accident due to negligent entrustment should reduce the percentage of liability attributable to Perez. Permitting the issue of fault attributable to Diaz to remain in the case as a defense gives Prado-Guajardo and Diaz the benefit of their settlement without depriving Perez of defenses he has properly asserted in this case. *See Velsicol Chem. Corp.*, 811 P.2d at 563 (emphasis added); *see also Otak Nevada*, *L.L.C.*, 312 P.3d at 497.

Accordingly, and for good cause shown,

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that Third-Party Defendant Shayna Diaz and Plaintiff Deyssi Janneth Prado-Guajardo's Motion for Determination of Good Faith Settlement (ECF No. 38) be GRANTED. If the Honorable Gloria M. Navarro adopts the Report and Recommendation: (1) Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff Martin Guzman Perez and Defendant El Rayo should be allowed to argue that Diaz was partially at fault and adduce evidence tending to show comparative fault even though Diaz would no longer be a part of this case and further recovery against Diaz is precluded, and (2) Perez's ultimate liability, if there is any, should be reduced pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. § 17.245(1)(a) only to the extent that the fault allocated to Diaz by the jury, if any, exceeds \$15,000.

IT IS SO RECOMMENDED.

#### **FootNotes**

- 1. At the May 2, 2017 hearing on Motion for Determination of Good Faith Settlement, the Court granted the parties two weeks to file new *motions* with points and authorities to address the issues raised at the hearing. See Mins. Proceedings, at 24:29 (ECF No. 43). The parties instead filed supplemental briefs, as opposed to new *motions*. When parties file "motions," the Clerk provides notices to chambers. No such notices are provided when filings are characterized as "supplemental briefs."
- 2. Equitable indemnity "allows a defendant to seek recovery from other potential tortfeasors" only when a defendant "who has committed no independent wrong, is held liable for the loss of a plaintiff caused by another party." See Pack v. LaTourette, 277 P.3d 1246, 1248-49 (Nev. 2012) (quotation omitted). Equitable indemnity "is not usually available between joint tortfeasors." See Black & Decker (U.S.), Inc. v. Essex Grp., Inc., 775 P.2d 698, 699 (Nev. 1989). However, an exception to this rule exists where there is a "preexisting legal relation" between the joint tortfeasors, or the primary tortfeasor has "some duty . . . to protect the secondary tortfeasor." See Pack, 277 P.3d at 1249 (quotation omitted). Even under this exception, if a party is "actively negligent," it "has no right to indemnity from other tortfeasors." Pack, 277 P.3d at 1249. A claim of active fault on the part of the party seeking indemnity in connection with monies paid in settlement is an affirmative defense to the separate indemnity action. See The Doctors Co., 98 P.3d at 689; see also Reid v. Royal Insurance Co., 80 Nev. 137, 143-46, 390 P.2d 45, 48-49 (1964) (noting that a person may not seek implied indemnity when found in pari delicto with the person against whom indemnity recovery is sought).
- 3. To show negligent entrustment, Perez must prove that Diaz knowingly entrusted the motorcycle to "an inexperienced or incompetent person" causing Prado-Guajardo's damages. See Zugel by Zugel v. Miller, 688 P.2d 310, 312 (1984); see also Connell v. Carl's Air Conditioning, 634 P.2d 673 (1981) (holding that negligent entrustment in Nevada "does not extend to one who neither entrusts nor places a vehicle with another (citation omitted) or one who has no right to control the vehicle." (citing Drake v. Morris Plan Company of California, 53 Cal.App.3d 208, 125 Cal.Rptr. 667 (Ct. App. 1975) (no liability on part of one who financed sale of automobile to allegedly incompetent driver)); Terrell v. Cent. Washington, Asphalt, Inc., 168 F.Supp.3d 1302, 1310 (D. Nev. 2016). The parties dispute whether Diaz entrusted the motorcycle to Prado-Guajardo, whether the entrustment was negligent, and whether there is a causal connection between the negligence and the resulting damages. With regard to the latter, Perez was cited for failing to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic as her turned his semi-truck onto the street. See ECF No. 38-1 at 1 ("[Perez] failed to yield the right of way to oncoming [Prado-Guajardo] and a non-collision had occurred. To avoid a potential collision into [Perez], [Prado-Guajardo] veered to the left and fell to the left."). Prado-Guajardo was not cited for her maneuvering of the motorcycle to avoid a collision with Perez. But see ECF No. 38-1 at 1 ("[Perez] indicated on scene [that]... he ensured the roadway was cleared and [Prado-Guajardo] was at a safe distance, prior to entering the roadway."). Prado-Guajardo was cited for operating the motorcycle without a license.
- 4. Compare Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.141(4) ("Where recovery is allowed against more than one defendant in such an action, . . . each defendant is severally liable to the plaintiff only for that portion of the judgment which represents the percentage of negligence attributable to that defendant."), with Restatement (Third) of Torts: Apportionment of Liability § B19 (2000) ("If one or more defendants may be held severally liable for an indivisible injury, and at least one defendant and one other party, settling tortfeasor, or identified person may be found by the factfinder to have engaged in tortious conduct that was a legal cause of the plaintiff's injury, each such party, settling tortfeasor, and other identified person is submitted to the factfinder for an assignment of a percentage of comparative responsibility"), and id. § 11, cmt. (a) (2000) ("[B]ecause liability is limited to defendants' several share of damages, other nonparties may be submitted to the factfinder for an assignment of a percentage of comparative responsibility . . . [,] not to adjudicate their liability, but to enable defendants' comparative share of responsibility to be determined.").

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

Case No.

CV15-00281

Dept. No.

**ORDER** 

Currently before the Court are PLAINTIFFS JOHN LINDBERG, MICHAL LINDBERG, and JUDITH LINDBERG's (hereinafter collectively "Plaintiffs") MOTION IN LIMINE 1 TO EXCLUDE OR LIMIT EXPERT TESTIMONY, MOTION IN LIMINE 2 TO EXCLUDE THE OFFER OF EVIDENCE OR ARGUMENT RELATED TO SETTLEMENTS REACHED WITH OTHER DEFENDANTS, MOTION IN LIMINE 3 TO EXCLUDE THE OFFER OF EVIDENCE OR ARGUMENT THAT JAMES E. JOHNS' DEATH CAUSES THIS COURT TO LACK JURISDICTION, all filed February 9, 2018.

DEFENDANTS J.E. JONES AND ASSOCIATES and A.J. JOHNSON (hereinafter collectively "Defendants") filed OPPOSITIONS to Motions 1 and 2 on February 22, 2018.

All three were submitted by Defendants to the court February 27, 2018.<sup>1</sup>

Plaintiffs filed REPLIES to Motion in Limine 1 and 2 on March 5, 2018, and filed a Request for Submission on these Motion the same day. Defendants filed a Supplement to their Opposition to Motion in Limine 1 on March 5.

This matter relates to a Complaint filed February 10, 2015, and amended on February 12, 2015, asserting numerous causes of action arising out of the sale of certain residential property. In doing so, Plaintiffs allege that they purchased the property upon reliance of the information which was provided to them which was later found to be incorrect. Specifically, Plaintiffs allege that the instant Defendants acted as the broker and agent for the sellers and incorrectly provided the square footage of "total living space" and indicated that the property included "inlaw quarters or guest home." As such, Plaintiff asserts two causes of action against the instant Defendants in its First Amended Complaint: (4) Action Pursuant to NRS 645.252 and NRS 645.257; and (5) Action Pursuant to NRS 645.252, NAC 645.600, and NRS 645.257.

Plaintiffs have settled with all defendants save for the sellers' realty agents and broker, Defendants A.J. Johnson, James E. Johns, and J.E. Johns and Associates.

Plaintiffs file three exclusionary Motions. Motions in limine are meant as a device or vehicle by which a party may seek to preclude the introduction of evidence prior to trial to avoid undue prejudice. It is recognized and agreed by the parties that the primary purpose of a motion in limine is to assure all parties a fair and impartial trial by prohibiting inadmissible evidence, prejudicial statements, and improper questions by counsel. The court has authority to issue a preliminary ruling

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On February 28, 2017, the day after Defendants' submission, Defendants filed an Opposition to Motion in Limine 3. Given that Defendants submitted Motion in Limine 3 before they filed their Opposition, it is not considered here.

on the admissibility of evidence outside the presence of the jury. NRS 47.080. Such rulings are provisional in nature, and the court may always change his mind if the evidence unfolds in an unanticipated manner. *Ohler v. U.S.*, 529 U.S. 753, 758 n 3 (2000). Motions in limine are not meant to take the place of dispositive motions. See *Blanks v. Shaw*, 89 Cal. Rptr. 3d 710,741 (2009).

#### A. Motion In Limine 1 To Exclude Or Limit Expert Testimony

Plaintiffs argue that since Defendants did not offer any original opinions on the initial expert witness disclosure deadline, the Court should exclude any testimony from any of the Defendants' experts that is not meant solely to contradict or rebut their own expert witness' testimony. Plaintiffs further argue that the Court should exclude or limit the testimony of Defendants' expert witness Forrest Barbee because Barbee was disclosed as a rebuttal witness but does not confine himself to rebuttal opinions in his report, his testimony is cumulative to the opinions of Defendants' first expert witness, and because he did not sign the report he seeks to rely on at trial. Plaintiffs finally argue that expert witness Wardell's report is conclusory and not addressed to rebut Cartinella's opinions, and that Wardell did not sign his report either.<sup>2</sup>

Defendants argue that there is no way to determine what the Plaintiffs' expert is going to testify about or how they are going to cross examine her until trial. Defendants further argue that all of their witnesses address different perspectives of the issues, and are therefore not cumulative. Defendants finally argue that the unsigned reports were ratified during the witnesses' depositions and should not be excluded.

Plaintiffs reply that as Barbee's original opinion testimony relates to Defendants' affirmative defenses, for which Defendants bear the burden of proof, they were required to submit an original

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Plaintiffs also object to witness Pamela Molini as not complying with NRCP 16.l(a)(2)(B). In Defendants' Supplement to Opposition to Motion in Limine 1, filed March 5, 2018, the Defendants withdraw Molini as an expert.

expert report and not a rebuttal report. Plaintiffs also point out that Defendants fail to oppose the contention that Wardell's report offers conclusions but not support for those conclusions.

Plaintiffs' arguments have merit. As Defendants' witnesses were disclosed and styled as rebuttal witnesses, allowing them to testify on matters beyond the scope of Plaintiffs' expert testimony is inappropriate. Defendants are broadly correct that witness testimony cannot be anticipated perfectly before trial. However, motions in limine are provisional, and the court may always change its mind if the evidence unfolds in an unanticipated manner. *Ohler v. U.S.*, 529 U.S. 753, 758 n 3. Defendants' apparent worry that their experts will not be allowed to testify within the framework of Cartinella's opinions is misplaced.

Plaintiff's Motion to limit Defendants' expert testimony to only rebuttal testimony is therefore granted.

## B. Motion In Limine 2 To Exclude The Offer Of Evidence Or Argument Related To Settlements Reached With Other Defendants

All claims against the remaining Defendants are statutory in nature. Plaintiffs argue that Defendants' affirmative defenses regarding credit for settlements already entered are inappropriate, as Nevada's contribution statute, NRS 17.225, specifies tort claims for injuries to persons or property. Plaintiffs argue that evidence of a settlement is inadmissible to disprove liability, and is further irrelevant to the statutory claims in this case. Plaintiffs finally argue that evidence of a settlement would unfairly prejudice them before a jury.

Defendants acknowledge that the only basis for liability against the Defendants is statutory. Defendants argue that they are entitled to a credit in the amount of \$7500<sup>3</sup> to prevent a double recovery by the Plaintiffs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The amount of the Plaintiffs' settlement with their own realtor and broker in this case.

Plaintiffs reply that Defendants only address liability under NRS 645.252 in their opposition, and not Plaintiffs' claims under NRS 113.150. Plaintiffs further point out that NRS 645.251 et seq. do not provide for such an offset in the text of the statutes or create a right of contribution or joint and several liability. Plaintiffs also note that the caselaw cited by Defendants is not on point. Finally, they note that Defendants fail to address their contentions that the information is prejudicial and irrelevant.

Plaintiffs' arguments have merit. Their claims are purely statutory, and the statutes involved do not contain provisions for joint liability or contribution. Further, the Defendants have not cited any binding authority that would entitle them to offset the \$7500. Finally, testimony of prior settlements in a case is disfavored because it confuses a jury as to liability of the remaining defendants, and Defendants here have not offered any argument at all as to why the evidence is relevant or why it would not prejudice Plaintiffs to include the testimony.

The Motion in Limine to exclude evidence and argument on prior settlements in the case is therefore granted.

C. Motion In Limine 3 To Exclude The Offer Of Evidence Or Argument That James E. Johns'

Death Causes This Court To Lack Jurisdiction

Plaintiff files this Motion to prevent Defendants from arguing that Johns' death deprives the Court of jurisdiction or causes Plaintiff's claims to be abated or unenforceable. Further, they wish to prevent any information about the state of A.J. Johnson's finances resulting from Johns' death from being admitted at trial as irrelevant or would overly prejudice the Plaintiffs.

No Opposition to this Motion was timely filed. D.C.R. 13(3) provides, the failure of an opposing party "to serve and file his written opposition may be construed as an admission that the motion is meritorious and a consent to granting the same." The Motion here is unopposed and the

court may construe the lack of a written opposition as an admission the Motion is meritorious and consent to granting said Motion. Accordingly, and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motions in Limine # 1, 2, and 3 are GRANTED. Dated this 19th day of March, 2018. 

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