IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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VIVIA HARRISON Appellants v. RAMPARTS INC., dba LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO No. 78964 Electronically Filed
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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

WARNING

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

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

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

1. Judicial District 8th	Department <u>29</u>
County of Clark	Judge <u>David Jones</u>
District Ct. Case No. A-16-732342-C	
2. Attorney filing this docketing statement:	
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Client(s) Vivia Harrison	
If this is a joint statement by multiple appellants, add the the names of their clients on an additional sheet accompa- filing of this statement.	names and addresses of other counsel and nied by a certification that they concur in the
3. Attorney(s) representing respondents(s):	
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Attorney	Telephone
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Client(s)	

4. Nature of disposition below (check	all that apply):			
☐ Judgment after bench trial	☐ Dismissal:			
☑ Judgment after jury verdict	☐ Lack of jurisdiction			
☐ Summary judgment	☐ Failure to state a claim			
☐ Default judgment	☐ Failure to prosecute			
☐ Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief	☐ Other (specify):			
☐ Grant/Denial of injunction	☐ Divorce Decree:			
☐ Grant/Denial of declaratory relief	☐ Original ☐ Modification			
☐ Review of agency determination	☐ Other disposition (specify):			
5. Does this appeal raise issues concer	rning any of the following?			
☐ Child Custody				
☐ Venue				
☐ Termination of parental rights				
	his court. List the case name and docket number ently or previously pending before this court which			

7. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts. List the case name, number and court of all pending and prior proceedings in other courts which are related to this appeal (e.g., bankruptcy, consolidated or bifurcated proceedings) and their dates of disposition: None.

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

This is an action for personal injuries sustained on December 10, 2014. In December 2018 a nine day trial took place. Prior to the Jury's verdict Plaintiff and Defendant Desert Medical Equipment entered into a high-low settlement agreement. Pursuant to the contract Desert Medical was obligated to pay a minimum of \$150,000 regardless of the verdict. On December 20, 2018 the Jury returned a verdict in favor of the Defendants. On December 20, 2018 Plaintiff's counsel sent a Notice of Attorney Lien to all interested parties. On January 17, 2019 Defendant Luxor filed a Motion For Attorney's Fees and Costs that Plaintiff opposed. Defendant filed a reply that argued under John J. Muije v. North Las Vegas Cab Co., 106 Nev. 664, 799 P.2d559 (1990), any attorney's fees and costs awarded to Luxor should be subject to an equitable offset from the settlement reached with Luxor. On February 27, 2019, the Court granted the Defendant's motion without Plaintiff having an opportunity to brief the issue. This ruling effectively allowed Luxor to take priority over Plaintiff's counsel attorney lien on a settlement with another party. On March 28, 2019, Plaintiff's counsel filed a Motion for Reconsideration that was denied.

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

Whether the Defendant's are entitled to an equitable offset under John J. Muije v. North Las Vegas Cab Co., 106 Nev. 664, 799 P.2d559 (1990), and whether any offset would take priority over Plaintiff's own attorney's fees and costs from the seperate settlement. In Muije the Plaintiff rejected offers of judgment from the Defendant and then got less at trial. The Nevada Supreme Court held in that case the court held that an equitable offset took priority over a perfected attorney lien because the attorney lien attached solely to the net judgment after the offset was taken. In this case, prior to the jury's verdict, Ms. Harrison entered in to a settlement agreement with Desert Medical Equipment. This was not part of any judgment, but a contract to resolve Plaintiff's claims against that Defendant.

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

None.

11. Constitutional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?
⊠ N/A
☐ Yes
□ No
If not, explain:
12. Other issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?
Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))
\square An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions
☐ A substantial issue of first impression
☐ An issue of public policy
\square An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decisions
\square A ballot question
If so, explain:

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

This matter is to be assigned to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17 (2) and (8).

14.	Trial.	If this	action	proceeded	to trial,	, how	many	days did	l the	trial last?	9

Was it a bench or jury trial? _____ Jury Trial

15. Judicial Disqualification. Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? If so, which Justice? No.

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16	. Date of entry of	written judgment or order appealed from May 10, 2019
	If no written judg seeking appellate	ment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for
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17.	. Date written no	etice of entry of judgment or order was served May 21, 2019
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	□ NRCP 59	Date of filing
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	(b) Date of entr	y of written order resolving tolling motion
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19. Date notice of appear	al filed June 4, 2019
	ty has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal:
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21. Specify the statute o the judgment or order a (a)	r other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review ppealed from:
⊠ NRAP 3A(b)(1)	□ NRS 38.205
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(2)	☐ NRS 233B.150
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(3)	□ NRS 703.376
Other (specify)	
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(b) Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order: NRAP 3A(b)(1)- A final judgment entered in an action or proceeding commenced in the court in which the judgment is rendered

22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court: (a) Parties: Plaintiff Vivia Harrison Defendant, Rampart, Inc. Defendant, Desert Medical Equipment
(b) If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal, e.g., formally dismissed, not served, or other:
Plaintiff entered into a high-low settlement agreement with Desert Medical Equipment during the trial.
23. Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.
Vivia Harrison - Negligence
24. Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action or consolidated actions below?
□ No
25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following:(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:

(b) Specify the parties remaining below:
(c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b)?
☐ Yes
□No
(d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment?
☐ Yes
□ No
26. If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):

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

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

VERIFICATION

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

Vivia Harrison Name of appellant	Boyd B. Moss III, Esq. Name of counselfof record
7/2/19 Date	Signature of counsel of record
Nevada and Clark State and county where signed	
CERTIFIC	CATE OF SERVICE
I certify that on the day of _ completed docketing statement upon all c	July, , 2019, I served a copy of this ounsel of record:
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- 2. Honorable David Jones;
- Vivia Harrison
 c/o Boyd B. Moss III, Esq.
 Moss Berg Injury Lawyers
 4101 Meadows Lane, Suite 110
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89107
 Telephone: (702) 222-4555;
- Ramparts, Inc. d/b/a Luxor Hotel & Casino c/o Loren S. Young, Esq.
 Lincoln Gustafason & Cercos, LLP
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 Las Vegas, Nevada 89169
- 5. The above-mentioned counsel is licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada;
- 6. The appellant was represented by retained counsel in the District Court;
- 7. The appellant is represented by retained counsel on appeal;
- 8. The appellant was not granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis;
- 9. The complaint in this matter was filled on February 2, 2015;
- 10. This is an action for personal injuries arising from an injury sustained as Ms. Harrison was thrown from a motorized scooter on December 10, 2014

In December 2018, a nine-day trial took place. Prior to the jury's verdict, Plaintiff and Defendant Desert Medical Equipment entered into a high-low settlement agreement. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, no matter what the jury's verdict was, Desert Medical Equipment would be obligated to pay Plaintiff according to the terms of the high-low settlement agreement. A contract was entered into between the two parties and is not part of a net judgment. The settlement amount was not confidential.

On December 20, 2018, the jury returned a verdict in favor of Defendants. In light of the defense verdict, Desert Medical is required to pay Plaintiff \$150,000.00.

On December 20, 2018 and January 8, 2019, Plaintiff's counsel sent a Notice of Attorney

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Lien to all parties.

On January 17, 2019, Defendant Luxor filed a Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs, which was granted on February 27, 2019 and an Order was entered on March 18, 2019. In the Order, Luxor set forth the that judgement against Plaintiff must be offset from other settlement funds received by Plaintiff prior to any satisfaction of liens, including the lien for attorney's fees and costs incurred by Plaintiff's counsel during the course of litigation.

On March 28, 2019, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Reconsideration, asking the Court to reconsider the Order granting Luxor an attorney lien offset.

On May 10, 2019, The Court issued a Minute Order denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration.

- This is the first appeal in the above-mentioned matter;
- 12. This appeal does not involve child custody or visitation; and
- 13. This appeal does involve the possibility of settlement.

DATED this _____ day of June 2019.

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1	TO:	ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:
2		YOU AND EACH OF YOU will please take notice that an Order was entered on the 21st day
3	of Ma	y, 2019; a true and correct copy is attached hereto.
4		DATED this 21st day of May, 2019.
5		LINCOLN, GUSTAFSON & CERCOS, LLP
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8		Nevada Bar No. 1567 THOMAS W. MARONEY, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 13913
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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

VIVIA HARRISON, an individual,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO.: A-16-732342-C
DEPT. NO.: XXIX

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE COURT'S ORDER GRANTING LUXOR AN ATTORNEY LIEN OFFSET

RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO, a Nevada Domestic Corporation; DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, a Nevada Domestic Corporation, DOES I through XXX, inclusive, and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES I through XXX, inclusive,

Defendants.

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Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON's Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Granting Luxor an Attorney Lien Offset, and Defendant RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Granting Luxor an Attorney Lien Offset coming on for hearing on May 10, 2019 (in chambers); the Court, having reviewed the papers

1	and pleadings on file herein, and good cause appearing therefore, the Court hereby finds and enters
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3	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON's Motion to Reconsider the
4	Court's Order Granting Luxor an Attorney Lien Offset is DENIED.
5	DATED this 16 day of May, 2019.
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8	Nancy LAILF #27 GW DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 29
9	HEO.)
10	Respectfully Submitted by:
11	LINCOLN, GUSTAFSON & CERCOS, LLP
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13	LOREN'S YOUNG, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 7567
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3	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
4	I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 21st day of May, 2019, I served a copy of the attached	ed
5	NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER via electronic service to all parties on the Odyssey E-Service	e
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Fees and Costs and Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements coming on for hearing on February 27, 2019; the Honorable David M. Jones presiding with appearances by Loren S. Young, Esq. appearing on behalf of Defendant, RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO; Boyd B. Moss, Esq.

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Plaintiff,

through XXX, inclusive.

Defendants.

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of Moss Berg Injury Lawyers and Matthew Pfau, Esq. of Parry & Pfau appearing on behalf of Plaintiff, VIVIA HARRISON; the Court, having reviewed the papers and pleadings on file herein, having heard the arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing therefore, the Court hereby finds and enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Trial in this matter started on December 10, 2018 and concluded on December 20, 2018 with the Jury returning a Defense Verdict against Plaintiff and in Luxor's favor. Thus, Luxor is the prevailing party pursuant to NRS §18.000 et seq.

Judgment was entered on the Jury Verdict on January 16, 2019. As the prevailing party, Luxor moved for recovery of costs pursuant to NRS §18.020 and NRS §18.005 by filing a memorandum of costs and disbursements on January 17, 2019. Plaintiff did not file a motion to re-tax the costs.

Luxor also filed a motion for recovery of attorney's fees and costs on January 17, 2019 pursuant to NRS §18.010, NRS §18.020, NRS §18.005, NRS 7.085, and NRCP 68. Plaintiff filed an Opposition to the Motion for attorney's fees and costs on February 4, 2019 opposing the award of fees and only disputing costs of the experts. Luxor filed a Reply brief on February 20, 2019.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

As the prevailing party, Luxor is entitled to award of costs pursuant to NRS §18.005 and NRS §18.020. Pursuant to NRS §18.110, a memorandum of costs must be filed within 5 days after the entry of order or judgment. NRS §18.110(4) provides, "Within 3 days after service of a copy of the memorandum, the adverse party may move the court, upon 2 days' notice, to retax and settle the costs, notice of which motion shall be filed and served on the prevailing party claiming costs. Upon the hearing of the motion the court or judge shall settle the costs." *See* Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18.110(4).

Under NRS 18.005(5), an expert witness who does not testify may recover costs equal to or under \$1,500, and consistent with *Khoury*, "[w]hen a district court awards expert fees in excess of \$1,500 per expert, it must state the basis for its decision." *Public Employees' Ret. Sys. v. Gitter*, 393 P.3d 673, 681, 133 Nev. Adv. Rep. 18 (April 27, 2017).

Any award of expert witness fees in excess of \$1,500 per expert under NRS 18.005(5) must be supported by an express, careful, and preferably written explanation of the court's analysis of factors

pertinent to determining the reasonableness of the requested fees and whether "the circumstances surrounding the expert's testimony were of such necessity as to require the larger fee." *Frazier v. Drake*, 357 P.3d 365, 377-378, 131 Nev. Adv. Rep. 64 (Nev. 2015).

In evaluating requests for such awards, district courts should consider the importance of the expert's testimony to the party's case; the degree to which the expert's opinion aided the trier of fact in deciding the case; whether the expert's reports or testimony were repetitive of other expert witnesses; the extent and nature of the work performed by the expert; whether the expert had to conduct independent investigations or testing; the amount of time the expert spent in court, preparing a report, and preparing for trial; the expert's area of expertise; the expert's education and training; the fee actually charged to the party who retained the expert; the fees traditionally charged by the expert on related matters; comparable experts' fees charged in similar cases; and, if an expert is retained from outside the area where the trial is held, the fees and costs that would have been incurred to hire a comparable expert where the trial was held. *Id*.

From review of the Memorandum, Motion, and related briefs, the Court finds the uncontested costs incurred by Luxor were reasonable and necessary pursuant to NRS §18.005 and NRS §18.020. Costs must be allowed of course to the prevailing party against an adverse party again whom judgment is rendered when money damages of \$2,500 or greater is sought. Here, Plaintiff sought recovery of damages in excess of \$2,500. Thus, the Court finds that Luxor is entitled to an award of reasonable and necessary costs incurred that were uncontested totaling \$22,097.28.

From review of the Memorandum, Motion, and related briefs, and the factors identified in *Frazier v. Drake*, the Court finds the contested costs incurred by Luxor for the three experts were reasonable and necessary pursuant to NRS §18.005 and NRS §18.020, however, the Court hereby exercises its' discretion and reduces the recoverable expert costs to the following amounts to be awarded to Luxor as follows: Dr. Clifford Segil = \$5,000.00; Michelle Robbins = \$7,500.00; Aubrey Corwin = \$5,000.00. Thus, the Court finds that Luxor is entitled to an award of reasonable and necessary expert costs incurred that were contested totaling \$17,500.00, for a total award of costs to Luxor equaling \$39,597.28.

fees under NRCP 68 in *Beattie v. Thomas*, 99 Nev. 579, 588 (1983). The four *Beattie* factors include: (1) whether the plaintiff's claim was brought in good faith; (2) whether the defendant's offer of judgment was reasonable and in good faith in both its timing and amount; (3) whether the plaintiff's decision to reject the offer and proceed to trial was grossly unreasonable or in bad faith; and (4) whether the fees sought by the offeror are reasonable and justified in amount. As the prevailing party, Luxor seeks recovery of attorney's fees incurred pursuant to NRCP 68, NRS §18.010(2)(b), and NRS 7.085. Nevada's statute provides that a prevailing party may also be awarded attorney's fees if a claim is brought or maintained without reasonable ground. <u>Id</u>.

The Nevada Supreme Court outlined a four factor test for awarding discretionary attorneys'

To apply the *Beattie* factors to the case at bar, the Court finds: (1) Plaintiff's complaint included many statements of fact and allegations contrary to their own witnesses testimony; (2) Luxor's offer of judgment was made after some discovery was conducted and renewed after additional discovery was performed, and prior to trial; however, deposition of Luxor's witnesses were not conducted until much later in discovery; (3) Plaintiff was aware of the substantial defects in the case and still rejected Luxor's offer of judgment; and (4) Luxor's requested attorneys' fees, in the amount of \$202,398.00, reflect the actual and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by Luxor from the date of service on the offer of judgment to the date of entry of the final judgment. Thus, under the *Beattie* factors, this Court finds an award of a portion of the post-offer attorneys' fees is appropriate.

On March 23, 2017, Luxor served an offer of judgment to Plaintiff for \$1,000.00 pursuant to NRCP 68. Pursuant to the rule, if an offeree rejects an offer and fails to obtain a more favorable judgment, the Court may order the offeree to pay reasonable attorney's fees incurred from the date of the service of the offer. As Plaintiff did not prove a claim or damages against Luxor, leading to a defense verdict, this Court finds the offer served by Luxor was reasonable and Plaintiff did not obtain a more favorable judgment than the offer. Thus, the Court finds that Luxor is entitled to a partial award of attorney's fees incurred during the month of December only.

In considering an award of attorney's fees, the Court examines: (1) the qualities of the advocate; (2) the character of the work to be done; (3) the work actually performed; and (4) the result.

Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat'l Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31 (1969). "Hourly time schedules are helpful in establishing the value of counsel services." Id.

After analyzing a request attorney's fees, this Court finds Luxor's Counsel, Loren S. Young, Esq. and Thomas W. Maroney, Esq. are qualified, competent, and experienced attorneys and are respected and qualified attorneys. The character of the work involved legal issues, medical complaints and damages, as well as oral arguments that required a competent and skilled trial attorney. The work actually performed by Luxor's Counsel was significant in time and effort, preparing the motion work, trial preparation, and attendance at the two week trial. The result obtain by way of a defense verdict was a success in Luxor's favor. Thus, this Court finds that Luxor's motion fully addressed and satisfied the factors enumerated in *Brunzell*, namely, the advocate's professional qualities, the nature of the litigation, the work performed, and the result. *Brunzell*, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969).

The Court finds that Luxor is entitled to recover attorney's fees pursuant to the *Brunzell* factors, however, the Court exercises its discretion to reduce the amount of fees based on the forgoing facts and findings. The Court reviewed Luxor's attorneys' invoices and affidavits and finds that Luxor's attorneys' fees are reasonable and utilizes its discretion to award a portion of Luxor's attorney's fees for the month of December 2018 that would include trial preparation and trial. Accordingly, Luxor shall be awarded attorneys' fees in the total amount of \$69,688.00.

ORDER AND JUDGMENT

Based on the forgoing, and for good cause shown, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Defendant Luxor's Memorandum of Allocated Costs and Disbursements and Motion and Application for Costs is hereby **GRANTED** in the amount of Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Seven Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$39,597.28).

Based on the forgoing, and for good cause shown, **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendant, Luxor's Motion and Application for Attorney's Fees is hereby **GRANTED** pursuant to NRCP 68 from the date of the offer of judgment totaling Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$69,688.00).

Based on the forgoing, IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that total final judgment is entered against Plaintiff, VIVIA HARRISON, in favor of Defendant, RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a 2 LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO, totaling One Hundred and Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty 3 Five Dollars and Twenty-Eight cents (\$109,285.28). 4 5 Based on the forgoing, IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this total final judgment must first be offset from other settlement funds received by Plaintiff and Plaintiff's attorney as part of 6 7 the trial judgment before any distribution and this total final judgment in favor of Luxor takes priority over any other lien, including an attorney's lien. John J. Muije, Ltd. v. North Las Vegas Cab Co., 106 8 Nev. 664, 666, 799 P.2d 559, 560 (1990). 9 DATED this /5day of 10 11 12 13 14 15 Respectfully Submitted by: 16 LINCOLN, GUSTAFSON & CERCOS, LLP 17 18 LOREN'S. YOUNG, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 7567 19 3960 Howard Hughes Pkwy, Suite 200 Las Vegas, NV 89169 20 Attorneys for Defendant, RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO 21 22 Approved as to form and content by: 23 **PARRY & PFAU** MOSS BERG INJURY LAWYERS 24 Refused to Sign Refused to Sign 25 MATTHEW G. PFAU, ESO. BOYD B. MOSS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 11439 Nevada Bar No. 8856 26 880 Seven Hills Drive, Suite 210 4101 Meadows Lane, Suite 110 Henderson, NV 89052 Las Vegas, NV 89107 27 Attorneys for Plaintiff, VIVIA HARRISON Attorneys for Plaintiff, VIVIA HARRISON

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ACOMP 1 Matthew G. Pfau, Esq. Nevada Bar No.: 11439 CLERK OF THE COURT PICKARD PARRY PFAU 3 10120 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 140 Henderson, Nevada 89052 702 910 4300 TEL 702 910 4303 FAX matt@pickardparry.com 5 6 Attorneys for Plaintiff, Vivia Harrison 7 DISTRICT COURT 8 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 9 * * * 10 Vivia Harrison, an individual Case No.: A-16-732342-C Dept. No.: I 11 Plaintiff, 12 VS. 13 Ramparts, Inc., dba Luxor Hotel & **Second Amended Complaint** 14 Casino, Nevada Domestic а Corporation; Desert Medical 15 Equipment, Nevada Domestic а 16 Corporation, Pride Mobility Products **Corp.**, a Nevada Domestic Corporation; 17 Does I through XXX, inclusive and Roe 18 Business Entities I through XXX, inclusive 19 Defendants. 20 Plaintiff, Vivia Harrison ("Ms. Harrison"), being represented by her attorney of 21 record, Matthew G. Pfau, Esq. of PICKARD PARRY, PFAU, hereby complains against 22 Defendants Ramparts, Inc., d/b/a Luxor Hotel & Casino ("Luxor), Desert Medical 23 Equipment ("Desert") and Pride Mobility Corp. ("Pride Mobility") as follows: 24 25 Parties, Jurisdiction, and General Allegations 26 1. Ms. Harrison is a resident of Winston County, State of Alabama, and at all 27 relevant times herein was a resident of Winston County, State of Alabama when the

- 2. Ms. Harrison is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendant Luxor is a domestic corporation doing business in the State of Nevada.
- 3. Ms. Harrison is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendant Desert is a domestic corporation doing business in the State of Nevada.
- 4. Ms. Harrison is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendant Pride Mobility is a domestic corporation doing business in the State of Nevada.
- 5. That the names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associates, copartnership, or otherwise of Defendants, Jane Doe and Does I through X, are unknown to Ms. Harrison who therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names; once the true names are discovered, Ms. Harrison will ask leave to amend this Complaint to substitute the true names of said Defendants. Ms. Harrison is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that the Defendants so designated herein are responsible in some manner for their agency, master/servant or joint venture relationship with Defendants, or otherwise contributed to, as a proximate cause, the damages to Ms. Harrison as herein alleged.
- 6. Ms. Harrison, is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that at all relevant times Defendant Luxor, and ROE Defendants mentioned herein owned, managed, controlled, or in some other way were in charge of and responsible for a certain premises known as the Luxor Grand located at 3799 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109 ("Subject Premises") and the safety of the patrons and hotel guests of the aforementioned premises.
- 7. At all relevant times, Defendant Luxor were agents, servants, and employees acting within the course and scope of said employment and agency.
- 8. At all relevant times, Defendants Luxor were the owners, operators, managers, controllers, inspectors, supervisors and controllers of the premises and of the common areas of the Subject Premises.
 - 9. Ms. Harrison was an invited guest of Luxor and was legally on the premises

when the events mentioned herein occurred.

10.Ms. Harrison, on or around December 10, 2014, was operating a motorized scooter rental ("Subject Scooter") in the restaurant area of Luxor; such scooter rentals were in the custody and control of the Luxor and placed in the casino area by said Defendant Desert for rent by guests of the Luxor, including Ms. Harrison.

- 11.As Mr. Harrison was entering the Backstage Deli, the Backstage Deli employees, in an effort to accommodate the Subject Scooter's passageway, proceeded to move the dining tables and chairs.
- 12. As Ms. Harrison unknowing drove the Subject Scooter over the base of a table ("Subject Table"), her scooter's front wheel gave way, and the scooter tipped over, to the right.
- 13. No anti-tip or stabilization device was present on the front of the Subject Scooter at the time of the incident.
- 14. Unaware of the present dangerous conditions, Ms. Harrison sustained serious injuries, including a stroke and hip fracture.

First Cause of Action (Negligence - Luxor)

- 15.Ms. Harrison repeats, realleges and incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 16. Luxor was in custody and control of the Backstage Deli restaurant furnishings, had a duty to maintain and inspect the tables, including the Subject Table on the Subject Premises for the care, safety and protection of those persons present on the Subject Premises, especially guests thereof, including Ms. Harrison.
- 17.Luxor was responsible for the safety of guests on the Subject Premises, ensuring that dangerous conditions were not present on the Subject Premises, and ensuring that guests thereof were warned of any and all dangerous conditions on the Subject Premises, including Ms. Harrison.

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18.Luxor negligently maintained and inspected the Subject Premises, including the Subject Scooter on the Subject Premises, so that it was permitted to remain in an unreasonably dangerous conditions, presenting a danger to unsuspecting guests, including Ms. Harrison.

19. Luxor and/or their agents, employees and servants had actual or constructive notice of the dangerous conditions, and therefore had full knowledge of, or should have had full knowledge of, the dangerous conditions and failed to remedy the dangerous conditions or otherwise take action to make it safe.

20. Luxor and/or their agents, employees and servants, breached the duty of care owed to Ms. Harrison by negligently maintaining and inspecting the Subject Premises and further failing to warn Ms. Harrison of the unreasonably dangerous conditions.

21.As a direct and proximate result of Luxor's negligence, Ms. Harrison has and will continue to incur pain and suffering and emotional distress, in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.

Second Cause of Action

(Negligent Hiring, Training, Maintenance and Supervision – Luxor)

- 22.Ms. Harrison repeats, realleges and incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
 - 23. Luxor acted in a negligent matter, including, but not limited to, failure to:
 - a. Establish, implement, maintain, and enforce proper policies and procedures for employees, including maintenance crew, security, restaurant managers, and wait staff, under the control of Defendant Luxor;
 - Establish, implement, maintain, and enforce proper policies and procedures for maintenance, repair, inspection, and/or general upkeep of the Subject Premises, including the restaurant's furnishing;
 - c. Establish, implement, maintain, and enforce proper policies and

procedures	for	warning	guests,	including	Ms.	Harrison	of	potentially
dangerous conditions;								

- d. Properly hire adequate, experienced, and competent employees who are able to warn guests, including Ms. Harrison of potentially dangerous conditions;
- e. Properly pre-screen potential employees by conducting background checks and other similar investigations into potential employee's resume, prior to employment retention;
- f. Properly and adequately supervise and/or manage employees once they were hired;
- g. Properly and adequately train employees and/or instruct them as to their job duties and/or responsibilities;
- h. Properly and adequately oversee, control, issue regulations regarding the conduct of employees;
- Properly and adequately delineate maintenance, inspection, and repair job duties and/or responsibilities to employees, and/or agents, acting on their behalf; and
- j. Properly, adequately, and responsibly setup procedures and policies to ensure that all floor areas and restaurant furnishings, including the Subject Table, are reasonably up kept in proper and working order for guests, including Ms. Harrison.

24.As a direct and proximate result of Luxor's negligent hiring, training, maintenance, and supervision, Ms. Harrison has and will continue to incur pain and suffering and emotional distress, in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.

25.Ms. Harrison has been required to engage the services of Pickard Parry Pfau to prosecute this matter, and Ms. Harrison is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs therefor.

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Third Cause of Action (Negligence - Desert)

26. Defendant Desert is in the business of scooter sales and rentals of various scooters, including the Subject Scooter.

27. Prior to Ms. Harrison's injury, Ms. Harrison, rented the Subject Scooter, from Desert.

28.On or about December 10, 2014, Ms. Harrison began to use the Subject Scooter, unknowingly to her, that the Subject Scooter was unstable, as it was missing the anti-tip wheels, and otherwise unsafe for usage.

29.On or about December 10, 2014, the Subject Scooter tipped over, and as a result, Ms. Harrison was injured.

30.Ms. Harrison, is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Desert negligently and carelessly, inspected, the Subject Scooter, as per the manufacturer, the Subject Scooter should have been equipped with ant-tip wheels, therefore Desert, knew that the Subject Scooter presented a dangerous condition and unsafe for its intended usage.

31.Ms. Harrison, is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Desert negligently and carelessly, failed to give proper operating instructions to Ms. Harrison, prior to her usage,

32.Ms. Harrison, is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Desert negligently and carelessly, removed the anti-tip wheels from the Subject Scooter, therefore presenting a dangerous condition, rendering the Subject Scooter unsafe for its intended usage.

33. As a direct and proximate result of Desert's negligence, Ms. Harrison has and will continue to incur pain and suffering and emotional distress, in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.

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Fourth Cause of Action

(Negligent Hiring, Training, Maintenance and Supervision – Desert)

34.Ms. Harrison repeats, realleges and incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

35. Desert acted in a negligent matter, including, but not limited to, failure to:

- k. Establish, implement, maintain, and enforce proper policies and procedures for employees, including maintenance crew, and sales staff, under the control of Defendant Desert;
- I. Establish, implement, maintain, and enforce proper policies and procedures for maintenance, repair, inspection, and/or general upkeep of the Subject Scooter's safety features, including the anti-tip wheels;
- m. Establish, implement, maintain, and enforce proper policies and procedures for warning guests, including Ms. Harrison of potentially dangerous conditions;
- n. Properly hire adequate, experienced, and competent employees who are able to warn guests, including Ms. Harrison of potentially dangerous conditions;
- Properly pre-screen potential employees by conducting background checks and other similar investigations into potential employee's resume, prior to employment retention;
- Properly and adequately supervise and/or manage employees once they were hired;
- q. Properly and adequately train employees and/or instruct them as to their job duties and/or responsibilities;
- r. Properly and adequately oversee, control, issue regulations regarding the conduct of employees;
- s. Properly and adequately delineate maintenance, inspection, and repair job

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- t. Properly, adequately, and responsibly setup procedures and policies to ensure that all scooters are fully operational, including the Subject Scooter are reasonably up kept in proper and working order for guests, including Ms. Harrison.
- 36.As a direct and proximate result of Desert's negligent hiring, training, maintenance, and supervision, Ms. Harrison has and will continue to incur pain and suffering and emotional distress, in an amount in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 37.Ms. Harrison has been required to engage the services of Pickard Parry Pfau to prosecute this matter, and Ms. Harrison is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs therefor.

Fifth Cause of Action

(Negligence- Pride Mobility)

- 38. Defendant Pride Mobility is in the business of manufacturing, designing and distributing various motorized scooters, including the Subject Scooter for personal use to the consuming public as well as to businesses, including the Luxor.
- 39.On December 10, 2014, Ms. Harrison began to use the Subject Scooter, unknowingly to her, that the Subject Scooter was unstable, as it was missing front anti-tip wheels, and otherwise unsafe for usage.
- 40.On or about December 10, 2014, the Subject Scooter tipped over, and as a result, Ms. Harrison was injured.
- 41.Ms. Harrison, is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Pride Mobility Corporation negligently and carelessly manufactured, inspected, and designed the Subject Scooter, knowing that the Subject Scooter presented a dangerous condition and unsafe for its intended usage.
- 42. As a direct and proximate result of Pride Mobility's negligence, Ms. Harrison

1	has and will continue to incur pain and suffering and emotional distress, in an
2	amount in excess of \$10,000.
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4	Sixth Cause of Action
5	(Strict Products Liability- Pride Mobility)
6	43.Ms. Harrison repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference the preceding
7	paragraphs as fully set forth herein.
8	44.Pride Mobility is the manufacturer, designer, and distributor of the Subject
9	Scooter.
10	45.Ms. Harrison was a foreseeable user of the Subject Scooter, using the Subject
11	Scooter in a foreseeable manner, within the scope of its intended use.
12	46.At all times herein, the Subject Scooter and its component parts were defective
13	as to manufacture, and warnings, causing the Subject Scooter to be in an
14	unreasonably dangerous and defective condition that made it unsafe for its
15	intended use.
16	47. The defect existed at the time the Subject Scooter left the manufacturer.
17	48. As a direct and proximate result of the defective and dangerous condition of the
18	Subject Scooter, Ms. Harrison was physically injured, suffered pain and suffering,
19	emotional damages, and other losses.
20	49.Ms. Harrison is entitled to punitive damages.
21	50.Ms. Harrison has been required to engage the services of Pickard Parry Pfau to
22	prosecute this matter, and Ms. Harrison is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and
23	costs therefore.
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25	Prayer for Relief
26	Wherefore, Ms. Harrison prays for judgment of this Court as follows:
27	1. General damages in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00);
28	2. Special Damages in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00);