

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

VIVIA HARRISON,

Appellant,

vs.

RAMPARTS INC., LUXOR HOTEL &
CASINO, A DOMESTIC
CORPORATION,

Respondent.

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Court, the Honorable David M. Jones
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RESPONSE TO THE COURT'S NOVEMBER 14, 2019
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

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I. INTRODUCTION

On November 14, 2019, this Court issued an order to show cause regarding the Court’s appellate jurisdiction. The Court’s order essentially asks Plaintiff to demonstrate how this Court has jurisdiction over this appeal. The focused question in the Court’s order asks how Plaintiff’s appeal from an order denying reconsideration confers appellate jurisdiction. The Court’s order, however, presumes that a final judgment was previously entered, such that the post-trial proceedings were all done following the entry of a final, appealable judgment. After investigating the resolution of all claims made by or against all parties, to determine finality, Plaintiff discovered that an order dismissing Desert Medical was never entered. Plaintiff recently procured an order dismissing Desert Medical and filed an amended notice of appeal from the final, appealable order.¹ Thus, this Court should determine that it has appellate jurisdiction over this appeal and reinstate briefing.

¹ The amended notice of appeal was separately docketed as Case No. 80167. Plaintiff has filed a motion in that case concurrently with this response to combine the two proceedings and waive the filing fee for the new appeal according to NRAP 4(a)(7).

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. NO FINAL, APPEALABLE JUDGMENT WAS ENTERED PRIOR TO THE RECENT DISMISSAL OF DESERT MEDICAL.

In her second amended complaint, filed on August 19, 2016, Plaintiff alleged causes of action for (1) negligence; and (2) negligent hiring, training, maintenance, and supervision against Defendant Luxor Hotel & Casino (“Luxor”); (3) negligence; and (4) negligent hiring, training, maintenance and supervision against Defendant Desert Medical Equipment (“Desert Medical”); and (5) negligence; and (6) strict products liability against Defendant Pride Mobility Products Corp. (“Pride Mobility”). *See Exhibit 1.* Plaintiff stipulated with Luxor to remove the second cause of action for negligent hiring, training, maintenance, and supervision. *See Exhibit 2.*

Pride Mobility filed a third-party complaint against Third-Party Defendant Stan Sawamoto (“Sawamoto”). *See Exhibit 3.* Pride Mobility stipulated to the dismissal of its claims against Sawamoto prior to trial. *See Exhibit 4.* At a hearing in August 2018, Pride Mobility had its motion for summary judgment granted, and the order granting summary judgment was filed on January 29, 2019. *See Exhibit 5.*

In December 2018, a nine-day trial took place. Prior to the jury’s verdict, Plaintiff and Desert Medical entered into a high-low settlement agreement.

Pursuant to the settlement agreement, no matter what the jury's verdict was, Desert Medical 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 the payment was not part of a net judgment. The settlement amount was not confidential.

On December 20, 2018, the jury returned a verdict in favor of Luxor and Desert Medical. *See Exhibit 6.* In light of the defense verdict, Desert Medical was required to pay Plaintiff \$150,000 according to the high-low agreement. Plaintiff's counsel sent a notice of attorney lien to all parties on December 20, 2018 and January 8, 2019.

On January 17, 2019, Luxor filed a motion for attorney fees and costs, which was granted in the March 18, 2019 order granting Luxor's motion for attorney's fees and costs. *See Exhibit 7.* In the March 18, 2019 order, the District Court ordered that the judgment against Plaintiff must be offset from other settlement funds received by Plaintiff prior to any satisfaction of liens, including the lien for attorney fees and costs incurred by Plaintiff's counsel during the course of litigation. *Id.*

On March 28, 2019, Plaintiff filed a motion for reconsideration, asking the District Court to reconsider the attorney lien offset. *See Exhibit 8.* On May 10, 2019, the District Court issued a minute order denying Plaintiff's motion for

reconsideration. A written order denying reconsideration was entered on May 21, 2019. *See Exhibit 9.*

Desert Medical filed a motion for interpleader and to deposit the funds with the District Court, which was granted on July 24, 2019.

Following the order denying reconsideration, Plaintiff filed her original notice of appeal on June 4, 2019, which was docketed in this Court as Case No. 78964. Plaintiff intended to appeal from the award of attorney's fees and costs, but only named the motion for reconsideration in her notice of appeal. However, this Court has previously held that a notice of appeal that does not identify the correct judgment or order does not warrant dismissal where "the intention to appeal from a specific judgment may be reasonably inferred from the text of the notice and where the defect has not materially misled the respondent."

Collins v. Union Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 97 Nev. 88, 90, 624 P.2d 496, 497 (1981).

Plaintiff's intent to appeal from the award of fees and costs can be reasonably inferred based on naming the denied reconsideration motion. *See Ross v. Giacomo*, 97 Nev. 550, 555, 635 P.2d 298, 301 (1981) (providing that an appeal from the denial of a post-judgment tolling motion may be viewed as an appeal from the final judgment), *abrogated on other grounds by Winston Prods. Co. v. DeBoer*, 122 Nev. 517, 134 P.3d 726 (2006).

However, a final order disposing of all claims had not yet been entered, making Plaintiff's original notice of appeal premature. Plaintiff and Desert Medical entered into a stipulation and order for dismissal, which was filed on November 26, 2019. *See Exhibit 10.* This final order cures the jurisdictional defect in Plaintiff's original notice of appeal, and she filed an amended notice of appeal to include (1) the order granting Defendant Ramparts, Inc. dba Luxor Hotel & Casino's motion for attorney's fees and costs, which was filed on March 18, 2019 (**Exhibit 7**); (2) the order denying Plaintiff's motion to reconsider the Court's order granting Luxor an attorney lien offset, which was filed on May 21, 2019 (**Exhibit 9**); and (3) the stipulation and order to dismiss Defendant Desert Medical Equipment, only, which was filed on November 26, 2019 (**Exhibit 10**).

Notably, this Court has previously confirmed the use of a stipulation to resolve outstanding claims by written order, even after the entry of a judgment on the jury's verdict. *See Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. v. Thitchener*, 124 Nev. 725, 732 n.4, 192 P.3d 243, 248 n.4 (2008) ("Since the Thitcheners' NIED and negligence per se claims were formally resolved by a written stipulation and order of dismissal entered after the district court amended its judgment upon the jury verdicts, that order constitutes the final appealable judgment in this case.") (citations omitted). Therefore, the Court should determine that the final, appealable order was the stipulation that dismissed Plaintiff's claims against Desert

Medical. And, the Court should further determine that Plaintiff timely filed her amended notice of appeal (**Exhibit 11**).

B. PLAINTIFF'S APPEAL FROM THE FINAL, APPEALABLE ORDER ALLOWS THIS COURT TO REVIEW ALL CHALLENGED INTERLOCUTORY ORDERS.

Once this Court determines that it has appellate jurisdiction over this appeal, the next question that arises is whether the Court can review all the challenged interlocutory orders. Since the stipulation and order dismissing Plaintiff's claims against Desert Medical is the final, appealable order, the Court will review any challenged, interlocutory orders within this appeal, including all the orders named in Plaintiff's amended notice of appeal. *See Consolidated Generator-Nevada, Inc. v. Cummins Engine Co., Inc.*, 114 Nev. 1304, 1312, 971 P.2d 1251, 1256 (1998) (“Although these orders are not independently appealable, since CGN is appealing from a final judgment the interlocutory orders entered prior to the final judgment may properly be heard by this court.”). Therefore, Plaintiff urges this Court to also determine that it has the authority to review all the challenged, interlocutory orders outlined in Plaintiff's amended notice of appeal.

III. CONCLUSION

In summary, the Court should determine that there was no final, appealable judgment until the recent entry of the stipulation and order dismissing Plaintiff's claims against Desert Medical. In any event, according to *Collins*, the Court can

infer that Plaintiff's appeal from the order denying her motion for reconsideration actually challenges the underlying appealable fees order. Finally, upon determining that Plaintiff's appeal from the stipulation and order confers appellate jurisdiction, this Court should also determine that all the challenged, interlocutory orders are properly reviewable in this appeal.

Dated this 24th day of December, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing **RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE** was filed electronically with the Nevada Supreme Court on the 24th day of December, 2019. Electronic Service of the foregoing document shall be made in accordance with the Master Service List as follows:

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INDEX OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit	Document Description
1	Second Amended Complaint (filed 08/19/16)
2	Stipulation and Order to Amend Complaint to Remove Cause of Action (filed 05/01/17)
3	Defendant Desert Medical Equipment's First Amended Third-Party Complaint Against Stan Sawamoto (filed 01/16/18)
4	Notice of Entry with Stipulation and Order to Dismiss Third-Party Defendant, Stan Sawamoto, with Prejudice (filed 12/11/18)
5	Notice of Entry with Order Granting Defendant, Pride Mobility Products Corp.'s Renewed motion for Summary Judgment (filed 01/29/19)
6	Verdict (filed 12/20/18)
7	Notice of Entry with Order Granting Defendant Ramparts, Inc. dba Luxor Hotel & Casino's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs (filed 03/18/19)
8	Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Granting Luxor an Attorney Lien Offset (filed 03/29/19)
9	Notice of Entry with Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Granting Luxor an Attorney Lien Offset (filed 05/21/19)
10	Notice of Entry with Stipulation and Order to Dismiss Defendant Desert Medical Equipment, Only (filed 12/06/19)
11	Amended Notice of Appeal (filed 12/03/19)

Exhibit 1

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Dept. No.: I

11 Plaintiff,
12 vs.

Ramparts, Inc., dba Luxor Hotel & Casino, a Nevada Domestic Corporation; **Desert Medical Equipment**, a Nevada Domestic Corporation, **Pride Mobility Products Corp.**, a Nevada Domestic Corporation; Does I through XXX, inclusive and Roe Business Entities I through XXX, inclusive

Second Amended Complaint

Defendants.

Plaintiff, Vivia Harrison ("Ms. Harrison"), being represented by her attorney of record, Matthew G. Pfau, Esq. of PICKARD PARRY, PFAU, hereby complains against Defendants Ramparts, Inc., d/b/a Luxor Hotel & Casino ("Luxor"), Desert Medical Equipment ("Desert") and Pride Mobility Corp. ("Pride Mobility") as follows:

Parties, Jurisdiction, and General Allegations

1. Ms. Harrison is a resident of Winston County, State of Alabama, and at all relevant times herein was a resident of Winston County, State of Alabama when the

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1 incident occurred.

2 2. Ms. Harrison is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendant
3 Luxor is a domestic corporation doing business in the State of Nevada.

4 3. Ms. Harrison is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendant
5 Desert is a domestic corporation doing business in the State of Nevada.

6 4. Ms. Harrison is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendant
7 Pride Mobility is a domestic corporation doing business in the State of Nevada.

8 5. That the names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associates, co-
9 partnership, or otherwise of Defendants, Jane Doe and Does I through X, are
10 unknown to Ms. Harrison who therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious
11 names; once the true names are discovered, Ms. Harrison will ask leave to amend
12 this Complaint to substitute the true names of said Defendants. Ms. Harrison is
13 informed and believes and thereupon alleges that the Defendants so designated
14 herein are responsible in some manner for their agency, master/servant or joint
15 venture relationship with Defendants, or otherwise contributed to, as a proximate
16 cause, the damages to Ms. Harrison as herein alleged.

17 6. Ms. Harrison, is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that at all
18 relevant times Defendant Luxor, and ROE Defendants mentioned herein owned,
19 managed, controlled, or in some other way were in charge of and responsible for a
20 certain premises known as the Luxor Grand located at 3799 South Las Vegas
21 Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109 ("Subject Premises") and the safety of the
22 patrons and hotel guests of the aforementioned premises.

23 7. At all relevant times, Defendant Luxor were agents, servants, and employees
24 acting within the course and scope of said employment and agency.

25 8. At all relevant times, Defendants Luxor were the owners, operators, managers,
26 controllers, inspectors, supervisors and controllers of the premises and of the
27 common areas of the Subject Premises.

28 9. Ms. Harrison was an invited guest of Luxor and was legally on the premises

1 when the events mentioned herein occurred.

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

6 11. As Mr. Harrison was entering the Backstage Deli, the Backstage Deli
7 employees, in an effort to accommodate the Subject Scooter's passageway,
8 proceeded to move the dining tables and chairs.

9 12. As Ms. Harrison unknowingly drove the Subject Scooter over the base of a table
10 ("Subject Table"), her scooter's front wheel gave way, and the scooter tipped over, to
11 the right.

12 13. No anti-tip or stabilization device was present on the front of the Subject
13 Scooter at the time of the incident.

14 14. Unaware of the present dangerous conditions, Ms. Harrison sustained
15 serious injuries, including a stroke and hip fracture.

First Cause of Action

(Negligence - Luxor)

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

21 16. Luxor was in custody and control of the Backstage Deli restaurant furnishings,
22 had a duty to maintain and inspect the tables, including the Subject Table on the
23 Subject Premises for the care, safety and protection of those persons present on the
24 Subject Premises, especially guests thereof, including Ms. Harrison.

25 17. Luxor was responsible for the safety of guests on the Subject Premises,
26 ensuring that dangerous conditions were not present on the Subject Premises, and
27 ensuring that guests thereof were warned of any and all dangerous conditions on
28 the Subject Premises, including Ms. Harrison.

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

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

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

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

Second Cause of Action

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

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

20 23. Luxor acted in a negligent matter, including, but not limited to, failure to:

21 a. Establish, implement, maintain, and enforce proper policies and
22 procedures for employees, including maintenance crew, security,
23 restaurant managers, and wait staff, under the control of Defendant
24 Luxor;

25 b. Establish, implement, maintain, and enforce proper policies and
26 procedures for maintenance, repair, inspection, and/or general upkeep of
27 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;
- i. 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.

Third Cause of Action (Negligence - Desert)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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;
 - l. 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;
 - o. Properly pre-screen potential employees by conducting background checks and other similar investigations into potential employee's resume, prior to employment retention;
 - p. 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

1 duties and/or responsibilities to employees, and/or agents, acting on their
2 behalf; and

3 t. Properly, adequately, and responsibly setup procedures and policies to
4 ensure that all scooters are fully operational, including the Subject Scooter
5 are reasonably up kept in proper and working order for guests, including
6 Ms. Harrison.

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

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

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Fifth Cause of Action

(Negligence- Pride Mobility)

16 38. Defendant Pride Mobility is in the business of manufacturing, designing and
17 distributing various motorized scooters, including the Subject Scooter for personal
18 use to the consuming public as well as to businesses, including the Luxor.

19 39. On December 10, 2014, Ms. Harrison began to use the Subject Scooter,
20 unknowingly to her, that the Subject Scooter was unstable, as it was missing front
21 anti-tip wheels, and otherwise unsafe for usage.

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

24 41. Ms. Harrison, is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Pride
25 Mobility Corporation negligently and carelessly manufactured, inspected, and
26 designed the Subject Scooter, knowing that the Subject Scooter presented a
27 dangerous condition and unsafe for its intended usage.

28 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);

3. Cost of Suit, and attorneys' fees as provided by law;
4. Prejudgment interest as provided by law; and
5. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED this 19th day of August 2016.

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Dept. No.: XXIX

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12 vs.

13 **Ramparts, Inc., dba Luxor Hotel &**
14 **Casino, a Nevada Domestic**
15 **Corporation; Desert Medical**
16 **Equipment, a Nevada Domestic**
17 **Corporation; Pride Mobility Products**
18 **Corp, a Nevada Domestic Corporation;**
Does I-X; Roe Corporations I-X,

Stipulation and Order to Amend
Complaint to Remove Cause of
Action

19 Defendant.

20 Defendants.

21 It is hereby STIPULATED and AGREED, between Plaintiff Vivia Harrison ("Plaintiff")
22 through her counsel of record, Matthew G. Pfau, Esq., of the law office of PARRY &
23 PFAU and Defendant Ramparts, Inc., dba Luxor Hotel & Casino, by and through its
24 counsel of record, Loren Young, Esq., of LINCOLN GUSTAFSON & CERCOS,
25 Defendant Desert Medical Equipment, by and through its counsel of record, Jared F.
26 Herling, Esq., of ALVERSON TAYLOR MORTENSEN SANDERS, and Defendant
27 Pride Mobility Products Corp., by and through its counsel of record, Brian K. Terry,
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1 Esq., of THORNDAL ARMSTRONG DELK BALKENBUSH & EISINGER, do
2 hereby submit their Stipulation and Order for Leave to Amend the Complaint to
3 remove the cause of action against Luxor for Negligent Hiring, Training, Maintenance
4 and Supervision. A true and accurate copy of the proposed Third Amended
5 Complaint, is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

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7 DATED this 10 day of April 2017.

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Order

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff be allowed leave to amend her Complaint to
Remove a Cause of Action.

DATED this 26 day of April 2017.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

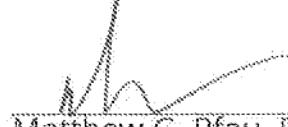


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16 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

17 VIVIA HARRISON, an individual

18 CASE NO.: A-16-732342-C
19 DEPT. NO.: 29

Plaintiff,

vs.

20 RAMPARTS, INC, dba Luxor Hotel & Casino, a
21 Nevada Domestic Corporation; DESERT MEDICAL
22 EQUIPMENT, a Nevada Domestic Corporation; PRIDE
23 MOBILITY PRODUCTS CORPORATION., a Nevada
24 Domestic Corporation; DOES I through XXX, inclusive
25 and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIEST I through XXX,
26 inclusive,

Defendants.

DEFENDANT DESERT
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT'S
FIRST AMENDED THIRD-
PARTY COMPLAINT
AGAINST STAN SAWAMOTO

27 DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, a Nevada
28 Domestic Corporation

Third-Party Plaintiff,

vs.

STAN SAWAMOTO, an individual

Third-Party Defendant.

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1 COMES NOW Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff, DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, by
2 and through its attorneys of record, the law firm of ALVERSON, TAYLOR, MORTENSEN &
3 SANDERS, and for its Third-Party Complaint against STAN SAWAMOTO alleges as follows:
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5 **PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

6 1. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT is and was at
7 all relevant times a domestic corporation conducting business in the State of Nevada.

8 2. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT is informed
9 and believes and thereon alleges that Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO is and was at
10 all relevant times an individual residing in Haleyville, Alabama.

11 3. On or about December 10, 2014, Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO
12 was physically present in the State of Nevada and conducted business with Defendant/Third-
13 Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT by entering into a Terms and Conditions of
14 Rental contract with Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT for the
15 rental and temporary use of a mobility scooter (hereinafter, the "Subject Scooter").

16 4. Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON filed her Amended Complaint on April 29, 2016,
17 naming DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT and RAMPARTS, INC., D/B/A LUXOR HOTEL
18 & CASINO as Defendants.

19 5. Plaintiff alleges in her Amended Complaint that she suffered a fall on or about
20 December 10, 2014, while using Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL
21 EQUIPMENT's rental Subject Scooter while on RAMPARTS, INC., D/B/A LUXOR HOTEL &
22 CASINO's property.

23 6. Plaintiff alleges that on or around December 10, 2014, she was "operating her
24 Subject Scooter" over the base of a table at Luxor's Backstage Deli when "her scooter's front
25 wheel gave way, and the scooter tipped over, to the right" causing her to suffer a "stroke and hip
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1 fracture.”

2 7. Plaintiff did not rent the Subject Scooter nor receive possession of the Subject
3 Scooter directly from Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

4 8. The Subject Scooter was rented by Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO,
5 as a customer, on or around December 10, 2014, pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of Rental
6 agreement by and between Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO and Defendant/Third-
7 Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. Third-Party Defendant STAN
8 SAWAMOTO took physical possession of the Subject Scooter on or about December 10, 2014,
9 following his execution of the Terms and Conditions of Rental agreement.

10 9. On information and belief, Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO was
11 Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON’s husband, friend, acquaintance, relative, and/or traveling
12 companion on the date of Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON’s alleged fall.

13 10. Notably, the Terms and Conditions of Rental entered into by Third-Party
14 Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO and Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL
15 EQUIPMENT provided as follows:

16 The customer shall indemnify and hold harmless DESERT
17 MEDICAL/Luxor from and against any and all liability . . .
18 resulting from the actual or alleged presence, use, or operation of
19 the equipment, provided such injury, death or property damage is
20 not attributable to the negligence of DESERT MEDICAL/Luxor.
21 DESERT MEDICAL OWNS the equipment. The customer will
22 NOT give, transfer possession of the equipment to anyone else. . .

23 11. Upon information and belief, Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO
24 breached the Terms and Conditions of Rental by giving/transferring possession of the Subject
25 Scooter to Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON for her use, ultimately causing her alleged injuries.

26 12. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT was not
27 responsible for the subject accident, which was caused by the breach of contract by Third-Party
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Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO,

13. Upon information and belief, Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO moved furniture, including but not limited to possibly tables and/or chairs in the deli where Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON suffered her fall and immediately prior to the same.

14. As a result of STAN SAWAMOTO moving furniture (including but not limited to tables and/or chairs) Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON was directed into a path that caused her to hit the base of a table and fall.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(Breach of Contract)

15. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT repeats and realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 14, of its Third-Party Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

16. On or about December 10, 2014, Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO entered into a valid Terms and Conditions of Rental contract with Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, which provided for the temporary rental of the Subject Scooter to Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO. Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO took physical possession of the Subject Scooter on or about December 10, 2014, following his execution of the Terms and Conditions of Rental agreement.

17. On or about December 10, 2014, Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO breached the Terms and Conditions of Rental contract by giving/transferring possession of the Subject Scooter to Plaintiff, VIVIA HARRISON, ultimately causing the injuries alleged in her Amended Complaint.

18. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT fully performed all conditions, covenants, and promises required be performed in accordance with the

Terms and Conditions of Rental contract.

19. As a direct and proximate result of Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO's breach of contract, Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT has suffered damages in excess of \$10,000.00.

20. As a further result of Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO's conduct, Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT was forced to retain the services of an attorney, for which Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT has incurred and will continue to incur attorneys' fees and costs.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

21. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT repeats and realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 20, of its Third-Party Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

22. Nevada law recognizes that implied in every contract is a covenant of good faith and fair dealing, which is a promise that neither party will do anything which will injure the right of the other to receive the benefits of the agreement.

23. Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO owed Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT a duty of good faith and fair dealing, inherent in their contractual relationship arising out of the Terms and Conditions of Rental contract

24. Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing owed to Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT by giving/transferring possession of the Subject Scooter to Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON in direct contravention of the Terms and Conditions of Rental contract, and as a

direct or proximate result thereof, Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT has been damaged in excess of \$10,000.00.

25. As a further result of Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO's conduct, Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT was forced to retain the services of an attorney, for which Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT has incurred and will continue to incur attorneys' fees and costs.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(Contractual Indemnity)

26. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT repeats and realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 25, of its Third-Party Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

27. On or about December 10, 2014, Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO, as a "customer", entered into a Terms and Conditions of Rental contract with Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT which provided as follows:

The customer shall indemnify and hold harmless DESERT MEDICAL/Luxor from and against any and all liability . . . resulting from the actual or alleged presence, use, or operation of the equipment, provided such injury, death or property damage is not attributable to the negligence of DESERT MEDICAL/Luxor.

28. On or about December 10, 2014, Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO breached the Terms and Conditions of Rental contract by giving/transferring possession of the Subject Scooter to Plaintiff, VIVIA HARRISON, ultimately causing the injuries alleged in her Amended Complaint.

29. On or about December 10, 2014, Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO acted negligently by moving furniture which directed Plaintiff, VIVIA HARRISON, into the base of a table causing her to fall.

1 30. Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON's injuries are not attributable to the negligence of
2 Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT and Defendant/Third-Party
3 Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT is entitled to contractual indemnity from Third-
4 Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of Rental contract
5 for damages stemming from Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON's alleged injuries, should liability
6 ultimately accrue to Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.
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8 31. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT was forced
9 to retain the services of an attorney to pursue its claims against Third-Party Defendant STAN
10 SAWAMOTO, and therefore, Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL
11 EQUIPMENT is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

14 32. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT repeats and
15 realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 31, of its Third-Party Complaint as
16 though fully set forth herein.

18 33. As a result of the breach of contract of Third-Party Defendant STAN
19 SAWAMOTO, claims have been made against Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT
20 MEDICAL EQUIPMENT for alleged damages.

21 34. The damages alleged by Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON against Defendant/Third-
22 Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, if any, were caused in whole or in part by
23 the actions and/or omissions of Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO.

25 35. On or about December 10, 2014, Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO
26 acted negligently by moving furniture which directed Plaintiff, VIVIA HARRISON, into the
27 base of a table causing her to fall.

36. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT denies that it was negligent, careless, and/or reckless, and denies that it was engaged in any tortious conduct, and denies that it is liable under any theory alleged in Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON's Amended Complaint, or under any theory whatsoever for the damages allegedly sustained by Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON.

37. If Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT is determined to be liable, which it specifically denies, said liability would be passive or secondary to the primary or active liability of Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO.

38. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT was forced to retain the services of an attorney to pursue its claims against Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO, and therefore, Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(Contribution)

39. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT repeats and realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 38, of its Third-Party Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

40. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT is informed, believes, and alleges that the claims made by Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON against Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT is, in whole or in part, the result of the actions and/or omissions of Third-Party Defendant, STAN SAWAMOTO.

41. On or about December 10, 2014, Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO acted negligently by moving furniture which directed Plaintiff, VIVIA HARRISON, into the base of a table causing her to fall.

42. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT is entitled to contribution from Third-Party Defendant, STAN SAWAMOTO, for apportionment of all such losses or damages as a result of any settlement, compromise, judgment, or award, which may occur in this matter.

43. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT was forced to retain the services of an attorney to pursue its claims against Third-Party Defendant, STAN SAWAMOTO; therefore, Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
(Negligence)

44. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT repeats and realleges the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 43, of its Third-Party Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

45. Upon information and belief, Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO moved furniture, including but not limited to possibly tables and/or chairs in the deli where Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON suffered her fall and immediately prior to the same.

46. As a result of STAN SAWAMOTO moving furniture (including but not limited to tables and/or chairs) Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON was directed into a path that caused her to hit the base of a table and fall.

47. Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT denies that it was negligent, careless, and/or reckless, and denies that it was engaged in any tortious conduct, and denies that it is liable under any theory alleged in Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON's Amended Complaint, or under any theory whatsoever for the damages allegedly sustained by Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON.

1 48. If Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT is
2 determined to be liable, which it specifically denies, said liability would be passive or secondary
3 to the primary or active liability of Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO.

4 49. As a direct and proximate result of Third-Party Defendant STAN SAWAMOTO's
5 negligence, Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT was forced to
6 retain the services of an attorney to pursue its claims against Third-Party Defendant STAN
7 SAWAMOTO, and therefore, Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL
8 EQUIPMENT is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
prays for judgment against Third-Party Defendant, STAN SAWAMOTO as follows:

1. For general and special damages in an amount in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00);
 2. For indemnity in favor of Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT in excess of \$10,000.00;
 3. For contribution in favor of Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT in excess of \$10,000.00;
 4. For prejudgment interest;
 5. For reasonable legal expenses, attorney's fees, and costs in favor of Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT incurred in the prosecution of this matter; and
 6. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

DATED this 16 day of January, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 16th day of January, 2018, the forgoing

**DEFENDANT DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT'S FIRST AMENDED THIRD-PARTY
COMPLAINT AGAINST STAN SAWAMOTO** was served on the following by Electronic Service to All parties on the Odyssey Service List. I further certify that I mailed via United States Mail, first class, postage fully prepaid thereto, a true and correct copy of said document to those parties not on the Odyssey Service List, addressed as follows:

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AFFIRMATION
Pursuant to N.R.S. 239B.030

The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding **DEFENDANT DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT'S FIRST AMENDED THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT AGAINST STAN SAWAMOTO** filed in District Court Case No. A-16-732342-C.

X Does not contain the social security number of any person.

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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF
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**NOTICE OF ENTRY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER TO DISMISS THIRD-PARTY
DEFENDANT STAN SAWAMOTO, WITH PREJUDICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the **11th** day of **December, 2018**, the Court entered a Stipulation and Order in the above-entitled action. A copy of said Stipulation and Order is attached hereto.

DATED this 11 day of December, 2018.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 11 day of December, 2018, the foregoing
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B. For the administration of a public program or for an application for a federal or state grant.

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Defendants.

25 DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, a Nevada
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27 Third-Party Plaintiff,

28 vs.

STAN SAWAMOTO, an individual

Third-Party Defendant.

29 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the parties hereto, by
30 and through their counsel of record, that Third-Party Defendant, STAN SAWAMOTO be
31 dismissed from this matter *with prejudice*, the parties each to bear their own fees and costs.

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*Harrison v. Ramparts Inc. et al
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Stipulation and Order to Dismiss
Third-Party Defendant Stan
Sawamoto, With Prejudice*

THE FOREGOING IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED.

Dated this 5th day of December 2018
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***Harrison v. Ramparts Inc. et al
CASE NO.: A-16-732342-C
Stipulation and Order to Dismiss
Third-Party Defendant Stan
Sawamoto, With Prejudice***

ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Third-Party Defendant Stan Sawamoto be dismissed, with prejudice, and with the parties herein each to bear their own attorney's fees and costs.

Dated this 1 day of Dec., 2018

~~DISTRICT COURT JUDGE~~

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 11 day of December, 2018, the foregoing **STIPULATION AND ORDER TO DISMISS THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANT STAN SAWAMOTO, WITH PREJUDICE** was served on the following by Electronic Service to all parties on the Odyssey Service List.

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2 **AFFIRMATION**
3 Pursuant to N.R.S. 239B.030

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5 The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding **STIPULATION AND ORDER**
6 **TO DISMISS THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANT STAN SAWAMOTO, WITH PREJUDICE**
7 filed in District Court Case No. A-16-732342-C;

8 X Does not contain the social security number of any person.

9 **-OR-**

10 — Contains the social security number of a person as required by:

11 A. A specific state or federal law, to wit:

12 [Insert specific law]

13 **-or-**

14 B. For the administration of a public program or for an application for
15 a federal or state grant.

16 DATED this 5th day of December, 2018.

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VIVIA HARRISON, an individual,

CASE NO.: A-16-732342-C

Plaintiff.

DEPT. NO.: XXIX

RAMPARTS, INC., dba LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO, a Nevada Domestic Corporation; DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, a Nevada Domestic Corporation; PRIDE MOBILITY PRODUCTS CORP., a Nevada Domestic Corporation; DOES I through XXX, inclusive and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES I through XXX, inclusive.

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

**DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, a Nevada
Domestic Corporation**

Third-Party Plaintiff,

vs.

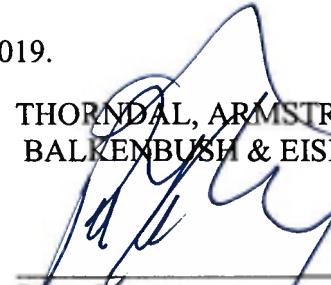
STAN SAWAMOTO, an individual

Third-Party Defendant.

1 TO: ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD.

2 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the court entered the order granting defendant, Pride
3 Mobility Products Corp.'s, renewed motion for summary judgment on the 23rd day of January,
4 2019, in the above-captioned matter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

5 DATED this 20 day of January, 2019.
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Pursuant to NRCP Rule 5(b), on the 29th day of January, 2019, service of **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER** was made upon each of the parties via electronic service through the Eighth Judicial District Court's Odyssey E-File and Serve system.

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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

14 VIVIA HARRISON, an individual,
15 Plaintiff,
16 vs.
17 RAMPARTS, INC., dba LUXOR HOTEL &
18 CASINO, a Nevada Domestic Corporation;
19 DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, a Nevada
20 Domestic Corporation; PRIDE MOBILITY
21 PRODUCTS CORP., a Nevada Domestic
22 Corporation; DOES I through XXX, inclusive
23 and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES I through
24 XXX, inclusive,
25 Defendants.

23 DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, a Nevada
24 Domestic Corporation
25 Third-Party Plaintiff,
vs.
26 STAN SAWAMOTO, an individual
27 Third-Party Defendant.

CASE NO.: A-16-732342-C

DEPT. NO.: XXIX

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT,
PRIDE MOBILITY PRODUCTS CORP.'S,
RENEWED MOTION FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT

Date of Hearing: 08/29/18

Time of Hearing: 9:00 a.m.

1 On August 29, 2018, defendant, Pride Mobility's renewed motion for summary judgment
2 came on for hearing. In attendance on behalf of plaintiff were Matthew Pfau and Boyd B. Moss.
3 On behalf of defendant, Pride Mobility Products Corp., was Brian K. Terry. On behalf of
4 Ramparts, Inc. d/b/a Luxor Hotel & Casino was Thomas Maroney. On behalf of defendant/third
5 party-plaintiff, Desert Medical Equipment was Courtney Christopher. Appearing on behalf of
6 third-party defendant, Stan Sawamoto, was Stacey Upson. The court, after being advised of the
7 various arguments of counsel and entertaining lengthy argument, and after having reviewed the
8 briefs and attachments thereto, issues the following findings of facts and conclusions of law.
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10 I.

11 FINDINGS OF FACT

12 1. Defendant, Pride Mobility, initially filed a motion for summary judgment seeking
13 dismissal of the claims against it on grounds that there was no product for it to inspect. A
14 hearing on the matter was held on June 26, 2017, and this court denied the motion without
15 prejudice, and allowed plaintiff to proceed forward on a design defect claim.
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17 2. Discovery ensued, with experts designated on behalf of all parties. After
18 deposition of plaintiff's design expert, Pride determined to re-file its motion for summary
19 judgment asserting plaintiff's expert failed to opine that any alleged defect in the design
20 proximately caused the injuries sustained by plaintiff. Moreover, plaintiff's expert failed to
21 opine that any alternative design would have prevented the accident involving plaintiff.
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23 3. In the pleadings provided to the court in support and in opposition to the motion,
24 copies of the various expert reports were provided in total. Those reports included the report
25 prepared by Timothy M. Hicks, P.E., of Professional Analysis and Consulting on behalf of
26 plaintiff. Also attached was the report of Kenneth A. Solomon, Ph.D., P.E., of the Institute of
27 Risk & Safety Analysis on behalf of Pride Mobility, as well as the report of Michael Zablocky,
28 also in support of Pride Mobility. Lastly, the complete report of William A. Ammer, of Ammer

1 Consulting was provided, which was prepared on behalf of Desert Medical Equipment. In
2 preparation for the oral argument and hearing, the court reviewed all expert reports.

3 4. On August 29, 2018, the renewed motion for summary judgment by Pride
4 Mobility came on for hearing. Lengthy oral argument was entertained by Brian K. Terry, on
5 behalf of Pride Mobility, as well as by Matthew Pfau on behalf of plaintiff.

6 5. During oral argument, the court specifically inquired of Matthew Pfau on behalf
7 of plaintiff regarding the alternative design referenced by plaintiff's expert and the anti-tip
8 wheels which could have been installed on the front of the scooter.

10 6. The court specifically inquired and indicated that even though an alternative
11 design theory was argued, nowhere in the expert report of Mr. Hicks did he indicate the
12 alternative design, if implemented, would have prevented the incident from happening. It is the
13 court's determination this is a predicate finding in order to support the validity of the alternative
14 design and to overcome defendant's renewed motion for summary judgment. There was no such
15 finding nor opinion contained anywhere in Mr. Hicks' report.

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17 II.

18 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

19 1. Expert testimony regarding causation must be made to a reasonable degree of
20 scientific probability in order to assist a trier of fact. *Williams v. Eighth Judicial District Court*
21 *of Nevada*, 127 Nev. 518, 529, 262 P.2d. 360, 367 (2011).

23 2. In a product liability case, plaintiff must establish the product was defective, that
24 the defect existed at the time the product left the manufacturer and the defect caused plaintiff's
25 injuries. *Ford Motor Company v. Trejo*, 402 P.3d. 649, 653 Nev. (2017). See also, *Shoshone*
26 *Coca Cola Company*, 82 Nev. 439, 443, 420 P.2d. 855 (1996).

27 3. In order for plaintiff to prevail that an alternative design was available, expert
28 testimony is required to establish the availability and reasonableness of the alternative design and

that if said alternative design had been implemented, it would have prevented the incident in question.

4. Plaintiff's expert failed to opine that if the anti-tip wheels had been added to the front of the scooter, the incident would not have happened. This opinion must be present in order to prevail on an alternative design theory.

Based on the above findings of facts and conclusions of law, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that defendant, Pride Mobility Products Corporations' renewed motion for summary judgment is granted.

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DATED this 23 day of Jan, 2018.

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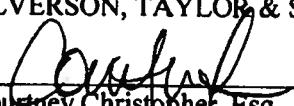
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through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

VERDICT

We, the jury in the above-entitled action, find as follows:

1. The percentage of negligence on the part of the Defendant, RAMPARTS, INC.
d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO, which was the proximate cause of Plaintiff's injury,
was: _____ %

2. The percentage of negligence on the part of the Defendant, DESERT MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT, which was the proximate cause of Plaintiff's injury, was: _____ %

3. The percentage of negligence on the part of the Plaintiff, VIVIA HARRISON, if
any, which was the proximate cause of Plaintiff's injury, was: _____ %

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TOTAL: _____ 100 %

1 Having found for the Plaintiff, VIVIA HARRISON, and against the Defendants,
2 RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO and DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT,
3 we find:

4 Past Pain, Suffering, and Disability: \$ _____
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8 Total Damages: \$ _____
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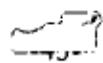
We, the jury in the above-entitled action, find for the defendant DESERT MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT and against the plaintiff.

DATED this 20th day of December, 2018.



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2 **VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT**
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We, the jury in the above-entitled action, find for the defendant, RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a
LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO, and against the plaintiff.

DATED this 2014 day of DECEMBER, 2018.

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16 VIVIA HARRISON, an individual,

17 Plaintiff,

18 v.

19 RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL &
20 CASINO, a Nevada Domestic Corporation;
21 DESERT MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, a
22 Nevada Domestic Corporation, DOES I through
23 XXX, inclusive, and ROE BUSINESS
24 ENTITIES I through XXX, inclusive,

25 Defendants.

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

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

26 DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, a Nevada
27 Domestic Corporation,

28 Third-Party Plaintiff,

29 v.
30 STAN SAWAMOTO, an individual,

31 Third Party Defendant.

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 18th day
3 of March, 2019; a true and correct copy is attached hereto.

4 DATED this 18th day of March, 2019.

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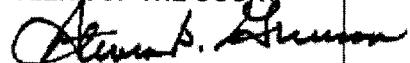
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18 Plaintiff,

19 v.

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

26 Defendants.

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

12 **ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT
13 RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL &
14 CASINO'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S
15 FEES AND COSTS**

16 Defendant RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO's Motion for Attorney's
17 Fees and Costs and Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements coming on for hearing on February 27,
18 2019; the Honorable David M. Jones presiding with appearances by Loren S. Young, Esq. appearing
19 on behalf of Defendant, RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO; Boyd B. Moss, Esq.

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

5 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

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

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

16 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

17 As the prevailing party, Luxor is entitled to award of costs pursuant to NRS §18.005 and NRS
18 §18.020. Pursuant to NRS §18.110, a memorandum of costs must be filed within 5 days after the entry
19 of order or judgment. NRS §18.110(4) provides, "Within 3 days after service of a copy of the
20 memorandum, the adverse party may move the court, upon 2 days' notice, to retax and settle the costs,
21 notice of which motion shall be filed and served on the prevailing party claiming costs. Upon the
22 hearing of the motion the court or judge shall settle the costs." *See Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18.110(4).*

23 Under NRS 18.005(5), an expert witness who does not testify may recover costs equal to or
24 under \$1,500, and consistent with *Khoury*, "[w]hen a district court awards expert fees in excess of
25 \$1,500 per expert, it must state the basis for its decision." *Public Employees' Ret. Sys. v. Gitter*, 393
26 P.3d 673, 681, 133 Nev. Adv. Rep. 18 (April 27, 2017).

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

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

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

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

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

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1 The Nevada Supreme Court outlined a four factor test for awarding discretionary attorneys' 2 fees under NRCP 68 in *Beattie v. Thomas*, 99 Nev. 579, 588 (1983). The four *Beattie* factors include: 3 (1) whether the plaintiff's claim was brought in good faith; (2) whether the defendant's offer of 4 judgment was reasonable and in good faith in both its timing and amount; (3) whether the plaintiff's 5 decision to reject the offer and proceed to trial was grossly unreasonable or in bad faith; and (4) 6 whether the fees sought by the offeror are reasonable and justified in amount. As the prevailing party, 7 Luxor seeks recovery of attorney's fees incurred pursuant to NRCP 68, NRS §18.010(2)(b), and NRS 8 7.085. Nevada's statute provides that a prevailing party may also be awarded attorney's fees if a claim 9 is brought or maintained without reasonable ground. *Id.*

10 To apply the *Beattie* factors to the case at bar, the Court finds: (1) Plaintiff's complaint included 11 many statements of fact and allegations contrary to their own witnesses testimony; (2) Luxor's offer 12 of judgment was made after some discovery was conducted and renewed after additional discovery 13 was performed, and prior to trial; however, deposition of Luxor's witnesses were not conducted until 14 much later in discovery; (3) Plaintiff was aware of the substantial defects in the case and still rejected 15 Luxor's offer of judgment; and (4) Luxor's requested attorneys' fees, in the amount of \$202,398.00, 16 reflect the actual and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by Luxor from the date of service on the offer 17 of judgment to the date of entry of the final judgment. Thus, under the *Beattie* factors, this Court finds 18 an award of a portion of the post-offer attorneys' fees is appropriate.

19 On March 23, 2017, Luxor served an offer of judgment to Plaintiff for \$1,000.00 pursuant to 20 NRCP 68. Pursuant to the rule, if an offeree rejects an offer and fails to obtain a more favorable 21 judgment, the Court may order the offeree to pay reasonable attorney's fees incurred from the date of 22 the service of the offer. As Plaintiff did not prove a claim or damages against Luxor, leading to a 23 defense verdict, this Court finds the offer served by Luxor was reasonable and Plaintiff did not obtain 24 a more favorable judgment than the offer. Thus, the Court finds that Luxor is entitled to a partial 25 award of attorney's fees incurred during the month of December only.

26 In considering an award of attorney's fees, the Court examines: (1) the qualities of the 27 advocate; (2) the character of the work to be done; (3) the work actually performed; and (4) the result. 28

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 LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO, totaling One Hundred and Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Five Dollars and Twenty-Eight cents (**\$109,285.28**).

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 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 Nev. 664, 666, 799 P.2d 559, 560 (1990). *J*

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 18th day of March, 2019, I served a copy of the attached **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER** via electronic service to all parties on the Odyssey E-Service Master List.

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Exhibit 8

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DISTRICT COURT
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Notice of Motion

Plaintiffs will bring this Motion for hearing on the _____ day of _____ 2019 in
Department 29 of the Eighth Judicial District Court at the hour of _____ .m. or as
soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

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Statement of Facts

3 Ms. Harrison's personal injury lawsuit arises from injuries sustained as she was
4 thrown from a motorized scooter. The motorized scooter tipped over when she was
5 navigating out of a restaurant owned by Ramparts Inc., dba Luxor Hotel & Casino
6 ("Luxor"). Ms. Harrison filed suit against Luxor, Desert Medical Equipment ("DME")
7 and Pride Mobility on February 24, 2016.

8 Luxor served an Offer of Judgment for \$1,000 to plaintiff on March 23, 2017. The
9 Offer was served before Luxor's 30(b)6 representatives had been deposed, before
10 Ms. Harrison had conducted an inspection of the Luxor's Deli and before Ms.
11 Harrison had been deposed by the defendants.

12 On December 20, 2018, a jury returned a verdict in favor of Luxor. Luxor sought
13 reimbursement for the fees it incurred from March 23, 2017 through present. In
14 Luxor's Motion for Fees and Costs filed on January 17, 2019, they did not brief the
15 attorney lien offset issue that they raised in their Reply.¹

16 A hearing was held on February 27, 2019, where this Court denied Luxor's request
17 for fees from the time of the Offer of Judgment stating that it was unreasonable.²
18 This Court cited the amount of Vivia's medical bills and the fact that the Offer was
19 made before substantial discovery had completed as reasons for its decision.³ The
20 Court granted Luxor's fees for trial prep and for trial in the month of December.⁴ No
21 oral argument was heard regarding the attorney lien offset issue that Luxor raised in
22 their Reply.⁵

23 On March 5, 2019, Luxor filed a proposed Order that was not agreed upon by the
24 Ms. Harrison. Luxor and Ms. Harrison's counsel had discussed the proposed

¹ See Exhibit 1, Luxor's Motion for Fees and Costs.

²⁶ See Exhibit 2, Harrison v. Rampart 2/27/19 Hearing Transcript.

3 Id.

4 *Id.*

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language via email but before a phone conversation could be held, Luxor filed their proposed Order to the Court.⁶ The primary disputes with Luxor's proposed Order were 1) that it did not properly reflect the Court's reasoning behind its ruling that the Offer was unreasonable and 2) that the Order language giving Luxor an offset from other settlement funds does not properly apply Nevada law and does not reflect Luxor's Order regarding attorney lien offsets.⁷ Ms. Harrison objected to the attorney offset issue because it was not briefed by Ms. Harrison's counsel and because it was not addressed by the Court in its ruling.

On March 11, 2019, Plaintiff filed an alternate proposed Order that reflects this Court's reasoning in its ruling and that did not include the additional language regarding the attorney offset. On March 18, 2019, this Court signed the Luxor's proposed Order without entertaining a rebuttal argument from Ms. Harrison so that the Court could consider all aspects of the attorney lien offset issue as it related to this case.

II.

Law and Argument

This Court has authority to reconsider its own decision where a party asserts that a mistake has been made.⁸ Such a motion must be brought within 10 days of service of notice of the order or judgment,⁹ and where a post-judgment motion for consideration it is in writing, timely filed, states its grounds with particularity, and requests a substantive alteration of a judgment, it also tolls the 30-day time limit to file a notice of appeal.¹⁰

⁶ See Exhibit 3, Luxor Emails Regarding Proposed Harrison Order.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ See N.R.C.P. 60(b)(1); N.R.C.P. 59(e).

⁹ EDCR 2.24.

¹⁰ *AA Primo Builders, LLC v. Washington*, 126 Nev. 578, 585, 245 P.3d 1190, 1195 (2010); NRAP 4(a)(4)(C).

1 **A. The Court's Order Does Not Properly Reflect the Nevada Supreme Court's
2 Position on Attorney's Liens**

3 Ms. Harrison contends that the Court should have permitted a proper briefing of
4 the lien offset issue addressed in Luxors Reply and in Luxor's proposed Order signed
5 by the Court. Accordingly, Ms. Harrison's attorney's have briefed herein the issue of
6 an attorney's liens priority over other liens according to the Nevada Supreme Court.
7 Further, Ms. Harrison's attorney's, contend that the cases cited by the Luxor to
8 support the contradiction of the Suprement Court's ruling are not on point and are
9 not applicable in this case.

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11 **1. Case Law Cited by the Defendant Does Not Support a Ruling that Makes
12 Private Out of Court Settlements Subject to Offset.**

13 Luxor sites *Muije, Ltd. v. North Las Vegas Cab Co.* as their primary authority in
14 support of their claim for attorney lien offset.¹¹ However, *Muije* is unrelated because
15 it deals with a jury verdict in favor of the Plaintiff against a single defendant which
16 did not cover the Offer of Judgment.¹² The *Muije* facts are distinctly different than
17 the facts at issue as this case involves monies received from a private settlement with
18 another defendant who is not a party to the award for fees and costs.

19 In *Muije*, the Nevada Supreme Court held that an equitable offset took priority
20 over a perfected attorney lien because the attorney lien attached solely to the net
21 judgment after the offset was taken.¹³ In so concluding, this court then observed
22 that, "[o]nce a net judgment is determined, then the attorney lien is superior to any
23 later lien asserted against that judgment."¹⁴ The Nevada Supreme Court found that
24 "equity" requires settlement of the net verdict between the two parties before

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26 ¹¹ *John J. Muije, Ltd. v. North Las Vegas Cab Co.*, 106 Nev. 664 (1990).

27 ¹² *Id.*

28 ¹³ *Id.* at 667, 799 P.2d at 561.

28 ¹⁴ *Id.*

1 attorneys' liens may attach.¹⁵

2 The Nevada Supreme Court based its holding in *Muije* on the basis that the court's
3 award to the defendant of attorney's fees and costs was part of the trial judgment
4 and therefore held that plaintiff's counsel lien was only attached to the net judgment
5 after the defendant's attorney's fees and costs were satisfied.¹⁶ However, the issue
6 in this case is not solely whether an attorney lien attached to a plaintiff's recovery
7 from a judgment has priority over the defendant's award of attorney's fees and costs
8 in this case as it was in *Muije*.

9 In this case, prior to the jury's verdict, Ms. Harrison entered into a private
10 agreement with DME. DME is not seeking an award for fees and costs in this case.
11 Pursuant to this private agreement, no matter what the jury's verdict was, DME
12 would be obligated to pay Ms. Harrison according to the terms of a high low
13 agreement. This was a contract entered into between Ms. Harrison and DME and is
14 not a part of the net judgment. Luxor was not privy to this contract and therefore
15 has no claim to any part of this recovery.

16 Since there were no moneys awarded from the Luxor and therefore there is no
17 "net judgment" against Luxor that can take priority over an attorney's lien, *Muije* does
18 not apply. Further, since there were multiple defendants and attorney's fees or costs
19 were only awarded to Luxor, *Muije* cannot be applied. The agreement with DME –
20 created before the verdict – was also not a part of the net judgment and not
21 connected to Luxor in any way, further disconnecting this case from *Muije*'s decision.
22 Given these facts, Ms. Harrison's attorney's lien would have priority by perfecting the
23 lien (as discussed below) and by contract.

24 Luxor further cites *Salaman v. Bolt* in their Reply to support their argument for
25 offset.¹⁷ Luxor cites *Salaman* to argue that an offset arising from an unrelated matter

26 ¹⁵ *Id.*

27 ¹⁶ *Id.*

28 ¹⁷ See Exhibit 4, Defendant's Reply in Support of Motion for Fees and Costs.

1 should get priority and that an attorney's lien attaches to the net judgment after all
2 offsets from that action have been paid. However, they fail to address the facts of
3 *Salaman* and how the California Supreme Court arrived at its decision.

4 In *Salaman*, the dispute arose between a lessee and lessor.¹⁸ The lessee sued the
5 lessor.¹⁹ The lessor hired counsel to defend him.²⁰ The lessor got a judgment in his
6 favor and was awarded \$8k in attorney's fees.²¹ The lessor's attorney had an attorney
7 lien on the lessor's recovery in the amount of \$32K.²² Then, in a completely unrelated
8 matter that the Court does not even go into, the lessee gets a judgment against the
9 lessor.²³ In summary now, the lessee owes the lessor money and the lessor owes the
10 lessee money. This issue before the California Supreme Court in *Salaman* is whether
11 the attorney's lien has priority over the \$8K before there is an offset between the two
12 unrelated judgments.

13 The Court defined "Equitable Offset" as a means by which a debtor may satisfy in
14 whole or in part a judgment or claim held against him out of a judgment or claim
15 which he has subsequently acquired against his judgment creditor.²⁴ The court
16 found that an equitable offset applied to the facts and circumstances in *Salaman*,
17 and that the equitable offset had priority over the attorney lien.²⁵

18 The facts and the issue before the court in *Salaman* are entirely different than this
19 case. The Court in *Salaman* based its entire decision on the fact that these two parties
20 owed each other money pursuant to two judgments and this idea about an
21 "equitable offset."²⁶ Here "equitable offset" does not apply. There is no lessee/lessor
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23 ¹⁸ *Salaman v. Bolt*, 74 Cal. App. 3d 907 (1977).

24 ¹⁹ *Id.*

25 ²⁰ *Id.*

26 ²¹ *Id.*

27 ²² *Id.*

28 ²³ *Id.*

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²⁶ *Id.*

1 relationship between the parties. Unlike *Salaman*, this is not a situation where
2 Defendant owes Harrison money and Harrison owes Defendant money that would
3 require an offset between judgments. The California Supreme Court in *Salaman* gave
4 priority to an offset on completely different facts, and on a completely different basis
5 than what exists in the present case. Therefore, *Salaman* does not support Luxor's
6 argument for an offset.

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8 **2. Attorney's Liens Enjoy a Priority Over Other Liens When Properly
9 Noticed**

10 The Nevada Supreme Court determined that attorney liens have precedence over
11 other liens, and attorney liens are not subject to distribution on a pro rata basis in
12 the event of a dispute among lienholders.²⁷ In *Cetenko v. United California Bank*, cited
13 with approval by the Nevada Supreme Court in *Muije*, the California Supreme Court
14 explained the policy rationale for holding an attorney lien superior to that of a
15 judgment creditor when the funds from the judgment are insufficient to satisfy all
16 liens:

17 "[P]ersons with meritorious claims might well be deprived of legal representation
18 because of their inability to pay legal fees or to assure that such fees will be paid out
19 of the sum recovered in the latest lawsuit. Such a result would be detrimental not
20 only to prospective litigants, but to their creditors as well."²⁸

21 In *Golightly & Vannah, PLLC v. TJ Allen, LLC*, the Nevada Supreme Court provided
22 more clarification about how attorneys can secure payment in their cases using the
23 statutory attorney lien created by Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") 18.015.²⁹ In
24 *Golightly & Vannah*, the Nevada Supreme Court clarified that the plaintiff's attorney
25 must serve written notice, in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested,

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27 ²⁷ *Michel v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.*, 117 Nev. 145, 150-151, 17 P.3d 1003, 1007 (2001).

28 ²⁸ *Cetenko v. United California Bank*, 30 Cal.3d 528, 179 Cal.Rptr. 902, 638 P.2d 1299, 1301 (1982).

29 ²⁹ *Golightly & Vannah, PLLC v. TJ Allen, LLC*, 132 Nev. Adv. Rep. 41 (2016).

1 upon the plaintiff's client and the defendant claiming the lien and stating the amount
2 of the lien.³⁰

3 Ms. Harrison's attorneys sent notice to all parties on two separate occasions. The
4 first notice was sent on September 20, 2016.³¹ The second notice was sent on
5 January 8, 2019 for the purposes of updating the costs of the case up to that date.³²
6 Given that these notices conformed with the *Golightly* decision, Ms. Harrison's
7 attorneys liens were perfected on September 20, 2016 and then renewed again on
8 January 8, 2019. Since the attorney's liens were perfected, they have priority over
9 other liens.

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11 **3. Public Policy Supports Ms. Harrison's Position that Private Settlements
12 Should Not be Subject to Offset.**

13 In addition to the arguments above, the Court should consider the implications
14 of a ruling permitting private settlements to be subject to later awards for fees and
15 costs. If a party settles out of court a year before a verdict with one of two defendants
16 and the second defendant prevails at trial, any settlement proceeds received a year
17 before would be subject to the second defendant's potential award for fees and
18 costs.

19 If this were the scenario that all plaintiffs faced when deciding whether to settle
20 with a single defendant before trial, there would be a chilling effect on any settlement
21 negotiations held in private with separate defendants. If an agreement cannot be
22 reached with all parties in a case with multiple defendants, a ruling like this would
23 possibly incentivise plaintiffs to forgo settlement with any one of the parties for fear
24 that the settlement would be subject to an award for attorney fees and costs. A ruling
25 like this could therefore chill the impact of the ADR's Mediation program and all work

26 ³⁰ *Id.*

27 ³¹ See Exhibit 5, Notice of Attorney's Lien sent 9/20/16.

28 ³² See Exhibit 6, Notice of Attorney's Lien sent 1/8/19.

1 that the settlement judges engage in regularly to aid in settlement.
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3 **B. The Lien Offset Issue Raised in Luxor's Reply is Not Properly Before the
4 Court Because There Was no Opportunity for Ms. Harrison to Brief the
5 Cited Cases and for the Court to Hear the Issue on its Merits**

6 According to Rule 2.23(c), the judge may consider a Reply to a Motion on its merits
7 at any time with or without oral argument. In this case, Luxor cited cases and
8 arguments in their Reply that Ms. Harrison had no opportunity to brief. Therefore,
9 the new issues brought up in the Reply could not have been heard on its merits since
10 only one party presented their view of the case history and evidence. Ms. Harrison
11 hereby makes a briefing of the issues raised in Luxor's Reply for the Court's full
12 consideration in this Motion for Reconsideration.

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14 **III.**

15 **Conclusion**

16 Vivia Harrison's private out of court settlement should not be subject to offset
17 based on Luxor's award for fees and costs based on the arguments made herein.
18 The attorney's lien was properly noticed and *Mujie* and *Salaman* do not apply to this
19 factual scenario. This Court should accordingly reconsider the form and content of
20 the signed order for Luxor's fees and costs.

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

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Defendants.

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, a Nevada
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Third-Party Plaintiff,

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STAN SAWAMOTO, an individual,

Third Party Defendant.

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

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Defendants.

25 Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON's Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Granting Luxor an
26 Attorney Lien Offset, and Defendant RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO's
27 Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Granting Luxor an Attorney Lien
28 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
2 the following:

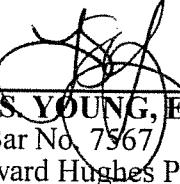
3 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON's Motion to Reconsider the
4 Court's Order Granting Luxor an Attorney Lien Offset is DENIED.

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Case No.: A-16-732342-C
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**NOTICE OF ENTRY OF STIPULATION
AND ORDER TO DISMISS DEFENDANT
DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, ONLY**

Please take notice that a Stipulation and Order to Dismiss Defendant Desert Medical Equipment, Only was entered in the above-captioned matter on November 26, 2019, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2019.

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16 **CASE NO. A-16-732342-C**
DEPT. NO. 29

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25 through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I
26 and X, inclusive,

27 Defendants.

28 **STIPULATION AND ORDER TO DISMISS DEFENDANT DESERT MEDICAL**
EQUIPMENT, ONLY

29 Plaintiff, Vivia Harrison ("Plaintiff"), by and through her counsel of record, Moss Berg
30 Injury Lawyers and Parry & Pfau, and Defendant Desert Medical Equipment ("Desert Medical"),
31 by and through its counsel of record, Alverson Taylor & Sanders, hereby stipulate as follows:
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1. Plaintiff alleged claims for negligence, and negligent hiring, training, maintenance, and supervision against Desert Medical in her second amended complaint, filed on August 19, 2016.
 2. In December 2018, Plaintiff and Desert Medical reached a settlement during trial but before the verdict was reached.
 3. Settlement documents have been executed, and the settlement funds have been deposited with the Court pursuant to the Court's July 23, 2019 order granting Desert Medical Equipment's motion for interpleader and to deposit funds with the Court.
 4. All of Plaintiff's claims against Desert Medical only are hereby dismissed and Desert Medical is hereby dismissed, with prejudice.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

CASE NO. A-16-732342-C

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing stipulation, and good cause appearing, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Plaintiff, Vivia Harrison's, claims of negligence, and negligent hiring, training, maintenance, and supervision against Defendant Desert Medical Equipment are hereby dismissed, with prejudice.
 2. Defendant Desert Medical Equipment is dismissed, with prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 21 day of November, 2019.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

SUBMITTED BY:

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AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

1 Plaintiff, Vivia Harrison, by and through her attorneys of record, Marquis Aurbach
2 Coffing; Moss Berg Injury Lawyers; and Parry & Pfau, hereby files this amended appeal to the
3 Supreme Court of Nevada from: (1) the order granting Defendant Ramparts, Inc. dba Luxor
4 Hotel & Casino's motion for attorney's fees and costs, which was filed on March 18, 2019 and
5 attached as **Exhibit 1**; (2) the order denying Plaintiff's motion to reconsider the Court's order
6 granting Luxor an attorney lien offset, which was filed on May 21, 2019 and attached as
7 **Exhibit 2**; and (3) the stipulation and order to dismiss Defendant Desert Medical Equipment,
8 only, which was filed on November 26, 2019 and is attached as **Exhibit 3**.

9 Dated this 3rd day of December, 2019.

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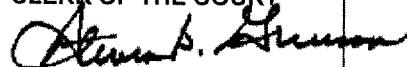
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28 **ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT
RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL &
CASINO'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S
FEES AND COSTS**

29 Defendant RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO's Motion for Attorney's
30 Fees and Costs and Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements coming on for hearing on February 27,
31 2019; the Honorable David M. Jones presiding with appearances by Loren S. Young, Esq. appearing
32 on behalf of Defendant, RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO; Boyd B. Moss, Esq.

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2 VIVIA HARRISON; the Court, having reviewed the papers and pleadings on file herein, having heard
3 the arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing therefore, the Court hereby finds and enters the
4 following:

5 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

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

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

16 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

17 As the prevailing party, Luxor is entitled to award of costs pursuant to NRS §18.005 and NRS
18 §18.020. Pursuant to NRS §18.110, a memorandum of costs must be filed within 5 days after the entry
19 of order or judgment. NRS §18.110(4) provides, "Within 3 days after service of a copy of the
20 memorandum, the adverse party may move the court, upon 2 days' notice, to retax and settle the costs,
21 notice of which motion shall be filed and served on the prevailing party claiming costs. Upon the
22 hearing of the motion the court or judge shall settle the costs." *See Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18.110(4).*

23 Under NRS 18.005(5), an expert witness who does not testify may recover costs equal to or
24 under \$1,500, and consistent with *Khoury*, "[w]hen a district court awards expert fees in excess of
25 \$1,500 per expert, it must state the basis for its decision." *Public Employees' Ret. Sys. v. Gitter*, 393
26 P.3d 673, 681, 133 Nev. Adv. Rep. 18 (April 27, 2017).

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

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

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

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

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

1 The Nevada Supreme Court outlined a four factor test for awarding discretionary attorneys' 2 fees under NRCP 68 in *Beattie v. Thomas*, 99 Nev. 579, 588 (1983). The four *Beattie* factors include: 3 (1) whether the plaintiff's claim was brought in good faith; (2) whether the defendant's offer of 4 judgment was reasonable and in good faith in both its timing and amount; (3) whether the plaintiff's 5 decision to reject the offer and proceed to trial was grossly unreasonable or in bad faith; and (4) 6 whether the fees sought by the offeror are reasonable and justified in amount. As the prevailing party, 7 Luxor seeks recovery of attorney's fees incurred pursuant to NRCP 68, NRS §18.010(2)(b), and NRS 8 7.085. Nevada's statute provides that a prevailing party may also be awarded attorney's fees if a claim 9 is brought or maintained without reasonable ground. *Id.*

10 To apply the *Beattie* factors to the case at bar, the Court finds: (1) Plaintiff's complaint included 11 many statements of fact and allegations contrary to their own witnesses testimony; (2) Luxor's offer 12 of judgment was made after some discovery was conducted and renewed after additional discovery 13 was performed, and prior to trial; however, deposition of Luxor's witnesses were not conducted until 14 much later in discovery; (3) Plaintiff was aware of the substantial defects in the case and still rejected 15 Luxor's offer of judgment; and (4) Luxor's requested attorneys' fees, in the amount of \$202,398.00, 16 reflect the actual and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by Luxor from the date of service on the offer 17 of judgment to the date of entry of the final judgment. Thus, under the *Beattie* factors, this Court finds 18 an award of a portion of the post-offer attorneys' fees is appropriate.

19 On March 23, 2017, Luxor served an offer of judgment to Plaintiff for \$1,000.00 pursuant to 20 NRCP 68. Pursuant to the rule, if an offeree rejects an offer and fails to obtain a more favorable 21 judgment, the Court may order the offeree to pay reasonable attorney's fees incurred from the date of 22 the service of the offer. As Plaintiff did not prove a claim or damages against Luxor, leading to a 23 defense verdict, this Court finds the offer served by Luxor was reasonable and Plaintiff did not obtain 24 a more favorable judgment than the offer. Thus, the Court finds that Luxor is entitled to a partial 25 award of attorney's fees incurred during the month of December only.

26 In considering an award of attorney's fees, the Court examines: (1) the qualities of the 27 advocate; (2) the character of the work to be done; (3) the work actually performed; and (4) the result. 28

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

3 After analyzing a request attorney's fees, this Court finds Luxor's Counsel, Loren S. Young,
4 Esq. and Thomas W. Maroney, Esq. are qualified, competent, and experienced attorneys and are
5 respected and qualified attorneys. The character of the work involved legal issues, medical complaints
6 and damages, as well as oral arguments that required a competent and skilled trial attorney. The work
7 actually performed by Luxor's Counsel was significant in time and effort, preparing the motion work,
8 trial preparation, and attendance at the two week trial. The result obtain by way of a defense verdict
9 was a success in Luxor's favor. Thus, this Court finds that Luxor's motion fully addressed and
10 satisfied the factors enumerated in *Brunzell*, namely, the advocate's professional qualities, the nature
11 of the litigation, the work performed, and the result. *Brunzell*, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33
12 (1969).

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

19 **ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

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

24 Based on the forgoing, and for good cause shown, **IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED**
25 that Defendant, Luxor's Motion and Application for Attorney's Fees is hereby **GRANTED** pursuant
26 to NRCP 68 from the date of the offer of judgment totaling Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and
27 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 LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO, totaling One Hundred and Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Five Dollars and Twenty-Eight cents (**\$109,285.28**).

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 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 Nev. 664, 666, 799 P.2d 559, 560 (1990). *J*

Nev. 604, 606, 799 P.2d 559, 560 (1990).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 18th day of March, 2019, I served a copy of the attached **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER** via electronic service to all parties on the Odyssey E-Service Master List.

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

VIVIA HARRISON, an individual,
Plaintiff,

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

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.

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

V.

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.

25 Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON's Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Granting Luxor an
26 Attorney Lien Offset, and Defendant RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO's
27 Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider the Court's Order Granting Luxor an Attorney Lien
28 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
2 the following:

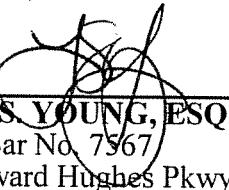
3 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff VIVIA HARRISON's Motion to Reconsider the
4 Court's Order Granting Luxor an Attorney Lien Offset is DENIED.

5 DATED this 16 day of May, 2019.
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8 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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**Vivia Harrison v. Ramparts, Inc. dba Luxor Hotel & Casino, et al.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 21st day of May, 2019, I served a copy of the attached **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER** via electronic service to all parties on the Odyssey E-Service Master List.

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VIVIA HARRISON, an individual;

**CASE NO. A-16-732342-C
DEPT. NO. 29**

Plaintiff,

V.

RAMPARTS, INC. d/b/a LUXOR HOTEL & CASINO, a Nevada Domestic Corporation; DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, a Nevada Domestic Corporation, PRIDE MOBILITY PRODUCTS CORPORATION, a Nevada Domestic Corporation; DOES I through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I and X, inclusive.

Defendants.

STIPULATION AND ORDER TO DISMISS DEFENDANT DESERT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, ONLY

Plaintiff, Vivia Harrison (“Plaintiff”), by and through her counsel of record, Moss Berg Injury Lawyers and Parry & Pfau, and Defendant Desert Medical Equipment (“Desert Medical”), by and through its counsel of record, Alverson Taylor & Sanders, hereby stipulate as follows:

1. Plaintiff alleged claims for negligence, and negligent hiring, training, maintenance, and supervision against Desert Medical in her second amended complaint, filed on August 19, 2016.
 2. In December 2018, Plaintiff and Desert Medical reached a settlement during trial but before the verdict was reached.
 3. Settlement documents have been executed, and the settlement funds have been deposited with the Court pursuant to the Court's July 23, 2019 order granting Desert Medical Equipment's motion for interpleader and to deposit funds with the Court.
 4. All of Plaintiff's claims against Desert Medical only are hereby dismissed and Desert Medical is hereby dismissed, with prejudice.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

CASE NO. A-16-732342-C

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing stipulation, and good cause appearing, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Plaintiff, Vivia Harrison's, claims of negligence, and negligent hiring, training, maintenance, and supervision against Defendant Desert Medical Equipment are hereby dismissed, with prejudice.
 2. Defendant Desert Medical Equipment is dismissed, with prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 21 day of November, 2019.

~~DISTRICT COURT JUDGE~~

SUBMITTED BY:

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