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# EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

# CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST, a Nevada Trust,

Plaintiff,

MORTGAGE NEW FREEDOM CORPORATION. a Foreign Corporation;

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a National NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, Association; LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company; COOPER CASTLE LAW FIRM, LLP, a Nevada Limited Liability Partnership; **STEPHANIE** TABLANTE, an individual; DOES I through X;

and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC.

Counterclaimant,

v.

WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST, a Nevada Trust,

Counter-Defendant.

Case No.: A-13-691323-C

Dept.: XI

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE** LLC'S NOTICE OF APPEAL

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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,

Cross-Claimant,

v.

STEPHANIE TABLANTE,

Cross-Defendant.

## TO: ALL PARTIES OF RECORD AND THEIR COUNSEL:

Notice is hereby given that Defendant Nationstar Mortgage LLC appeals to the Supreme Court of Nevada from this Court's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, for which a notice of entry of which was entered on July 17, 2019, and all interlocutory orders incorporated therein.

DATED July <u>22nd</u>, 2019.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of AKERMAN LLP, and that on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2019, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC'S NOTICE OF APPEAL, in the following manner:

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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC'S CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,

Cross-Claimant,

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STEPHANIE TABLANTE,

Cross-Defendant.

Defendant Nationstar Mortgage LLC submits its Case Appeal Statement pursuant to NRAP 3(f)(3).

- 1. The appellant filing this case appeal statement is Nationstar Mortgage LLC (Appellant).
- The order appealed is the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. A Notice of 2. Entry of Order was entered on July 17, 2019.
- Counsel for Appellant are Ariel E. Stern, Esq., Melanie D. Morgan, Esq., and Donna 3. M. Wittig, Esq. of AKERMAN LLP, 1635 Village Center Circle, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89134.
- 4. Counsel for Respondent West Sunset 2050 Trust (**Respondent**) is Luis A. Ayon, Esq. of AYON LAW, PLLC, 8716 Spanish Ridge Ave., Suite 115, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148.
- 5. Counsel for Appellant is licensed to practice law in Nevada. Counsel for Respondent is licensed to practice law in Nevada.
  - Appellant is represented by retained counsel in the district court. 6.
  - 7. Appellant is represented by retained counsel on appeal.
  - 8. Appellant was not granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis by the district court.
  - 9. The date proceedings commenced in the district court was November 6, 2013.

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- 10. In this action, Appellant alleges that its Deed of Trust on the property located at 7255 West Sunset Road #2050, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113, Assessor Parcel No. 176-03-510-102 (the **Property**) was not extinguished by the HOA sale. Respondent alleges that it owns the property free and clear of all liens as a result of the HOA foreclosure sale. On July 16, 2019, the District Court entered Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, granting judgment in Respondents' favor following a bench trial.
- 11. This case has previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court: West Sunset 2050 Trust v. Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Case No. 70754. The Nevada Supreme Court reversed and remanded after finding "Nationstar's rights were not prejudiced by the HOA's failure to serve the Notice of Default upon Bank of America, the district court erred in holding that defective notice Nationstar's deed of trust to survive the HOA foreclosure sale," and remanded for further proceedings. Order of Reversal and remand filed June 28, 2018.
  - 12. This appeal does not involve child custody or visitation.
  - 13. This appeal does not involve the possibility of settlement.

DATED July 22nd, 2019.

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/s/Donna M. Wittig

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/s/Jill Sallade

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# CASE SUMMARY CASE NO. A-13-691323-C

West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)

vs.

New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

Location: **Department 11**Judicial Officer: **Gonzalez, Elizabeth** 

Filed on: 11/06/2013

Case Number History:

Cross-Reference Case A691323

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Supreme Court No.: 70754

**CASE INFORMATION** 

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**Statistical Closures** 

07/16/2019 Judgment Reached (bench trial)

Case Type: **Title to Property**Subtype: **Quiet Title** 

Case Status:

07/16/2019 Closed

DATE CASE ASSIGNMENT

**Current Case Assignment** 

 Case Number
 A-13-691323-C

 Court
 Department 11

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 07/02/2018

Judicial Officer Gonzalez, Elizabeth

**PARTY INFORMATION** 

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Ayon, J

Ayon, Luis A Retained 702-600-3200(W)

Defendant Bank of America Stern, Ariel E.

Bank of America, N.A. Stern, Ariel E.

*Retained* 702-634-5000(W)

Cooper Castle Law Firm LLP Peck, Jason M, ESQ

Removed: 02/03/2014 *Retained*Dismissed 702-228-3176(W)

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Schmidt, Allison

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702-634-5000(W)

**New Freedom Mortgage Corporation** 

Tablante, Stephanie

Removed: 07/17/2019

Dismissed

Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Schmidt, Allison

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Counter West Sunset 2050 Trust Ayon, Luis A
Defendant Retained

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Cross Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Schmidt, Allison

Removed: 07/15/2019 Retained

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Cross Defendant Tablante,

**Tablante, Stephanie** Removed: 07/22/2019

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12/09/2013	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Affidavit of Service-Nationstar Mortgage LLC co CSC Services of Nevada	
12/09/2013	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Affidavit of Service-Bank of America NA	
12/09/2013	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Affidavit of Service- Cooper Castle Law Firm LLP	
12/10/2013	Motion to Dismiss  Filed By: Defendant Cooper Castle Law Firm LLP  Motion to Dismiss	
12/10/2013	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Defendant Cooper Castle Law Firm LLP Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure	
12/11/2013	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Affidavit of Service-New Freedom Mortgage Corporation	
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12/24/2013	Notice of Change of Address  Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Notice of Change of Address of Attorney
01/07/2014	Opposition to Motion to Dismiss  Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss; Countermotion for Leave to Amend Complaint
01/08/2014	Certificate of Service Filed by: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Certificate of Service
01/13/2014	Opposition  Filed By: Defendant Bank of America  Bank of America's Opposition to Plaintiff's Countermotion for Leave to Amend Complaint
01/14/2014	Reply Filed by: Defendant Cooper Castle Law Firm LLP The Cooper Castle Law Firm, LLP's Reply in Support of Motion to Dismiss and Opposition to Countermotion to Amend the Complaint
01/15/2014	Stipulation and Order Filed by: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Stipulation and Order
01/17/2014	Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order  Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order
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02/03/2014	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Defendant Bank of America  Notice of Entry of Order
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02/04/2014	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Defendant Cooper Castle Law Firm LLP  Notice of Entry of Order
02/28/2014	Ex Parte  Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Enlargement of Time to Serve Defendant Stephanie  Tablante Only

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03/20/2014	Order Granting Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Order Granting Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Enlargement of Time to Serve Defendant Stephanie Tablante Only
03/25/2014	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure (Chapter NRS 19)
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03/27/2014	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Notice of Entry of Order
04/18/2014	Substitution of Attorney Filed by: Defendant Bank of America Substition of Counsel
05/20/2014	Answer and Crossclaim Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Nationstar Mortgage, LLC'S Answer, Counterclaim Against West Sunset 2050 Trust and Cross-Claim Against Stephanie Tablante
06/12/2014	Amended Certificate of Service Party: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Amended Certificate of Service
06/18/2014	Answer to Counterclaim Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Answer to Counterclaim
07/02/2014	Notice of Early Case Conference  Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Notice of Early Case Conference
08/07/2014	Ex Parte Application Party: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust West Sunset 2050 Trust's Ex Parte Application for Service by Publication on Defendant Stephanie Tablante and for Enlargement of Time to Serve Defendant Stephanie Tablante
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09/09/2014	Order Granting Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Order Granting Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Enlargement of Time to Serve Defendant Stephanie Tablante Only
09/19/2014	Joint Case Conference Report  Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Joint Case Conference Report
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10/08/2014	Affidavit of Publication of Summons  Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Affidavit of Publication of Summons
04/01/2015	Deposition Subpoena Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Notice of Deposition Subpoenas
05/22/2015	Motion for Summary Judgment Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust West Sunset 2050 Trust's Motion for Summary Judgment
05/22/2015	Request for Judicial Notice Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust West Sunset 2050 Trust's Request for Judicial Notice in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment
06/10/2015	Countermotion For Summary Judgment Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment and Countermotion for Summary Judgment
06/17/2015	Certificate of Service  Filed by: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC  Affidavit of Service
06/18/2015	Reply Filed by: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust West Sunset 2050 Trust's Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition to Countermotion for Summary Judgment
07/29/2015	Default Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Default Against Stephanie Tablante

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07/29/2015	Notice of Entry of Default  Party: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Notice of Entry of Default
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02/08/2016	Order Granting Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Order Granting Nationstar Mortgage, LLC's Countermotion For Summary Judgment and Denying Plaintiff's Motion For Summary Judgment
02/16/2016	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC  Notice of Entry of Order
03/04/2016	Motion to Reconsider Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and to Alter and Amend Order Granting Defendants Nationstar Mortgage LLC and Bank of America, N.A.'s Countermotion for Summary Judgment
03/22/2016	Opposition Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Opposition To Plaintiff's Motion For Reconsideration And To Alter And Amend Order Granting Nationstar Mortgage LLC And Bank Of America, N.A.'s Motion For Summary Judgment
03/28/2016	Reply Filed by: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Plaintiff's Reply in Support of Motion for Reconsideration and to Alter and Amend Order Granting Defendants Nationstar Mortgage LLC and Bank of America, N.A.'s Countermotion for Summary Judgment
05/31/2016	Order Denying Motion Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Order Denying Plantiff's Motion For Reconsidering And To Alter And Amend Order Granting Nationstar Mortgage LLC And Bank of America, N.A.'s Motion For Summary Judgment
06/03/2016	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Notice Of Entry Of Order Denying Plantiff's Motion For Reconsideration And To Alter And Amend Order Granting Nationstar Mortgage Llc And Bank Of America, N.A's Motion For Summary Judgment.
07/01/2016	Notice of Appeal  Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Notice of Appeal
07/01/2016	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust

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07/06/2016	Bond Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Cost Bond on Appeal
07/13/2016	Notice of Change of Address  Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Notice of Change of Address of Attorney
10/11/2016	Motion Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Motion for Final Judgment Pursuant to Rule 54(b) and to Stay Remaining Claims Pending Conclusions of Appeal on an Order Shortening Time
10/13/2016	Receipt of Copy Filed by: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Receipt of Copy
11/09/2016	Order Granting Motion Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Order Granting Motion for Final Judgment Pursuant to Rule 54(b) and to Stay Remaining Claims Pending Conclusion of Appeal
11/10/2016	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Notice of Entry of Order Granting Motion for Final Judgment Pursuant to Rule 54(b) and to Stay Remaining Claims Pending Conclusion of Appeal
12/20/2016	Request Filed by: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Request for Transcript of Proceedings
01/10/2017	Recorders Transcript of Hearing  Recorder's Transcript January 15, 2014
01/18/2017	Recorders Transcript of Hearing  Recorder's Transcript Re: West Sunset 2050 Trust's Motion For Summary Judgment;  Opposition To Motion For Summary Judgment And Countermotion For Summary Judgment  June 24, 2015
02/03/2017	Recorders Transcript of Hearing  Recorder's Transcript Re: Calendar Call July 13, 2015
02/13/2017	Recorders Transcript of Hearing  Recorder's Transcript Re: Plaintiff/Counter Defendant, West Sunset 2050 Trust's Motion for  Final Judgment Pursuant to Rule 54(b) and to Stay Remaining Claims Pending Conclusions of  Appeal on an Order Shortening Time October 26, 2016
05/09/2017	Substitution of Attorney Filed by: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Substitution of Attorneys
06/30/2017	Stipulation and Order for Dismissal Filed by: Defendant Bank of America

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	Stipulation anod Order for Disclaimer of Interest and Dismissal of Bank of America, N.A.
07/01/2017	Case Reassigned to Department 7 Civil Case Reassignment to Judge Linda Marie Bell
07/03/2017	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order for Disclaimer of Interest and Dismissal of Bank of America, N.A.
12/20/2017	Association of Counsel Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Association of Counsel
01/18/2018	Notice of Change of Address Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Notice Of Change Of Address
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05/01/2019	Objection Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Plaintiff, West Sunse 2050 Trust's Objections to Defendant Nationstar Mortgage LLC's First Amended Pretrial Disclosures

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05/03/2019	Pre-Trial Disclosure Party: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Nationstar Mortgage LLC's Second Amended Pretrial Disclosures
05/06/2019	Objection Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Plaintiff West Sunset 2050 Trust's Objections to Defendant Nationstar Mortgage LLC's Second Amended Pretrial Disclosures
05/14/2019	Motion in Limine  Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC  Nationstar Mortgage LLC's Moiton in Limine to Introduce into Evidence at Trial Documents  Disclosed After the C lose of Discovery on Order Shortening Time
05/22/2019	Joint Pre-Trial Memorandum  Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC  Joint Pretrial Memorandum
05/23/2019	Opposition to Motion in Limine  Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion in Limine
05/31/2019	Trial Brief Filed By: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust  Plaintiff's Trial Brief
06/25/2019	Notice of Appearance Party: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Notice of Appearance
07/15/2019	Notice of Voluntary Dismissal Without Prejudice Filed by: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Nationstar Mortgage LLC's Notice of Voluntary Dismissal of Claims Against Stephanie Tablante Without Prejudice
07/16/2019	Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment  Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law
07/17/2019	Notice Filed By: Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Nationstar Mortgage LLC's Notice of Filing of Proposed Supplemental Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment
07/17/2019	Voluntary Dismissal Filed by: Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Notice of Voluntary Dismissal of Defendant New Freedom Mortgage Corporation without Prejudice
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02/03/2014	DISPOSITIONS Order of Dismissal (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie) Debtors: West Sunset 2050 Trust (Plaintiff) Creditors: Cooper Castle Law Firm LLP (Defendant) Judgment: 02/03/2014, Docketed: 02/11/2014
02/08/2016	Summary Judgment (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie) Debtors: West Sunset 2050 Trust (Counter Defendant), Stephanie Tablante (Cross Defendant) Creditors: Nationstar Mortgage LLC (Cross Claimant, Counter Claimant) Judgment: 02/08/2016, Docketed: 02/17/2016
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01/15/2014	HEARINGS Motion to Dismiss (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie)  Defendant, The Cooper Castle Law Firm's, LLP, Motion to Dismiss  Motion Granted;
01/15/2014	Opposition and Countermotion (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie)  Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss; Countermotion for Leave to Amend Complaint Denied Without Prejudice;
01/15/2014	All Pending Motions (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie)  Matter Heard; Journal Entry Details:  DEFENDANT, THE COOPER CASTLE LAW FIRM'S, LLP, MOTION TO DISMISS  PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS; COUNTERMOTION FOR LEAVE  TO AMEND COMPLAINT Court disclosed its Law Clerk used to work in Cooper Castle when he was a law school student. Colloquy between the Court and counsel regarding the obligations of the bank. Court NOTED, Plaintiff's intended to make all parties be aware of the current litigation. Mr. Peck indicated there are various impacts to Cooper Castle because of the current pending litigations. Upon Court's inquiry, Ms. Schmidt stated she does not object to dismissing Cooper Castle without prejudice if Cooper Castle is bound by the Preliminary Injunction. COURT ORDERED, Defendant, The Cooper Castle Law Firm's, LLP, Motion to Dismiss is GRANTED. Mr. Peck to prepare a proposed Order. Colloquy between the Court and counsel as to the allegations regarding Bank of America. COURT ORDERED, Plaintiff's Countermotion for Leave to Amend Complaint is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Mr. Jorgensen to prepare a proposed Order.;
06/24/2015	Motion for Summary Judgment (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie)  West Sunset 2050 Trust's Motion for Summary Judgment  Denied;
06/24/2015	Opposition and Countermotion (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie)  Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment and Countermotion for Summary Judgment  Granted;
06/24/2015	All Pending Motions (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie)  Decision Made; Journal Entry Details:  WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENTOPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND COUNTERMOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT Ms. Schmidt stated the plaintiffs are trying to make this a HOA case and it is not. Discovery has closed; they have to prove every element of affirmative offense. Mr. Ayon stated there is no priority in this case. The Court noted that if there is appropriate notice, there is due process; there is a question regarding service to Bank of America and Nationstar. COURT ORDERED, CONTINUED for decision. 6/29/15 IN-CHAMBERS DECISION: WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENTOPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND COUNTERMOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT;
07/13/2015	Calendar Call (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie)  Trial Date Set; Journal Entry Details:  Court noted it had something under advisement that it had not yet ruled on. Ms. M. Schmidt advised there was no Pretrial Memorandum submitted yet because she was waiting on the Court's decision. Court indicated it had a 5-7 day medical malpractice case beginning next week. Colloquy regarding trial availability. Ms. A. Schmidt advised Mr. Stern would be in Bulgaria for the month of August. Ms. M. Schmidt advised they wouldn't need more than two days. Ms. A. Schmidt stated they were looking at July 29th. Court indicated if the motion was granted, that would solve the trial setting issue. COURT ORDERED, Bench Trial VACATED and RESET. Court advised that, if Mr. Stern was not available on July 29th, opposing counsel should be informed; if the motion was granted, the 7/29/15 date would be vacated. Court further advised if the medical malpractice case would be 10 days it would contact the parties to let them know 7/29/15 - 9:30 AM - RENCH TRIAL:

to let them know. 7/29/15 - 9:30 AM - BENCH TRIAL;

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07/20/2015 | CANCELED Bench Trial (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie)

Vacated - per Judge

**MINUTES** 

Granted in Part; W. Sunset 2050 Trust's Motion for Summary Judgment...Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment and Countermotion for Summary Judgment Journal Entry Details:

COURT ORDERED, Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment is DENIED; Nation Star's Countermotion for Summary Judgment is GRANTED as it appears from the record that Nation Star, the legitimate holder of the First Deed of Trust did not receive notice of the HOA delinquency. The rogue filing of a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure to New Freedom did not divest Nation Star of its interest in the property. Accordingly the Plaintiff purchased the property subject to the first Deed of Trust. Nation Star to prepare a detailed Finding of Fact and Decision of Order. CLERK'S NOTE: Copies of this minute order placed in the attorney folders of: Luis Ayon (MAIER GUTIERREZ AYON) Allison Schmidt (ACKERMAN LLP);

07/29/2015 | CANCELED Bench Trial (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie)

Vacated - per Secretary

04/04/2016 Motion to Reconsider (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie)

Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and to Alter and Amend Order Granting Defendants Nationstar Mortgage LLC and Bank of America, N.A.'s Countermotion for Summary Judgment Under Advisement:

Journal Entry Details:

COURT ORDERED, matter is taken UNDER ADVISEMENT.;

Motion to Reconsider

Motion Denied:

Journal Entry Details:

COURT ORDERED, Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider is DENIED. Nationstar to prepare the order. CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this Minute Order was placed in the Clerk's Office Attorney Folder of: Luis A. Ayon, Esq./Margaret E. Schmidt, Esq., Ariel E. Stern, Esq./Allison Schmidt, Esq., Jason M. Peck, Esq. clm 4-25-16;

10/26/2016 Motion (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Adair, Valerie)

Plaintiff/Counter Defendant, West Sunset 2050 Trust's Motion for Final Judgment Pursuant to Rule 54(b) and to Stay Remaining Claims Pending Conclusions of Appeal on an Order Shortening Time

Granted;

Journal Entry Details:

Court GRANTED Motion as UNOPPOSED.;

05/15/2017 Status Check (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Bell, Linda Marie) 05/15/2017, 09/19/2017

Status Check: Stay
Matter Continued;

Matter Continued; Status Check: Stay

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Journal Entry Details:

Mr. Habdas stated confusion as to the caption of today's hearing as it is set for a status check: stay but the case is on appeal. Colloquy regarding the status of the case as Court advised the appellate record is briefed and waiting for a conference. Upon the Court's inquiry, Mr. Habdas advised a certification was granted last October leaving the HOA and trustee claims. COURT ORDERED, status check SET. If a decision is reached, parties may come together at a sooner date. 3/20/17 9:00 AM STATUS CHECK: STATUS OF CASE;

Matter Continued;

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Matter Continued; Status Check: Stay

On in error - sdp Journal Entry Details:

COURT CONTINUED MATTER.;

03/20/2018

Status Check (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth) 03/20/2018, 06/19/2018, 10/15/2018

Status Check: Status of Case

Matter Continued; Matter Continued;

Trial Date Set; trial setting order to issue.

Journal Entry Details:

Ms. Wittig not present at call of case. Mr. Ayon advised he and Ms. Wittig discussed a briefing schedule and agreed to submit motions for summary judgment 60 days from today; they do not need additional discovery. Mr. Maurice stated he was not included in those discussions but will defer to the Akerman firm on the stipulations to a briefing schedule. Court inquired as to why the parties are not on its trial schedule. Mr. Ayon responded they just came back from a remand. Court stated it will not allow 60 more days. Matter TRALED for Ms. Wittig's appearance. Matter recalled. Ms. Wittig present. Court inquired as to why they need 60 more days. Mr. Ayon advised he has a lot of appellate briefs due in November; secondly, there were a lot of documents produced at the time of the hearing on the motion for summary judgment which were not produced at the time of the disclosures, so he is planning a motion to strike those documents; he does not want additional discovery but the discovery that should have been done previously. Following further discussion, all counsel agreed they need 120 more days of discovery. COURT ORDERED as follows: Discovery cut-off SET for February 22, 2019; Motions DUE April 5, 2019; Bench Trial SET on the stack that begins on May 28, 2019. New Trial Setting Order will ISSUE.;

Matter Continued;

Matter Continued:

Trial Date Set; trial setting order to issue.

Journal Entry Details:

Tenesa Scaturro, Esq. present for Nationstar Mortgage LLC. Ms. Scaturro advised the matter is on appeal with the Supreme Court. COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED for 120 days. CONTINUED TO: 10/16/18 9:00 AM;

Matter Continued;

Matter Continued;

Trial Date Set; trial setting order to issue.

Journal Entry Details:

Donna Wittig, Esq., present. Court noted the case was submitted to the Supreme Court after oral argument on February 26, 2018 and we are still waiting; therefore, COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED 90 days. CONTINUED TO: 06/19/18 9:00 AM;

08/29/2018

Minute Order (10:27 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

Minute Order Resetting Status Check

Minute Order - No Hearing Held;

Journal Entry Details:

COURT ORDERED, status check currently set on Tuesday, October 16, RESET on Monday, October 15, 2018. 10-15-18 9:00 AM STATUS CHECK: STATUS OF CASE CLERK'S NOTE: Parties notified by distributing a copy of this minute order via the E-Service list. / dr 8-29-18;

02/28/2019

Minute Order (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

Minute Order Advancing Calendar Call

Minute Order - No Hearing Held;

Journal Entry Details:

Due to the Court's unavailability on May 21, 2019, Calendar Call is ADVANCED to Tuesday, May 14, 2019. 5-14-19 9:30 AM CALENDAR CALL 5-28-19 1:30 PM BENCH TRIAL CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was distributed to the parties via electronic mail. / dr 2-28-19;

02/28/2019

Status Check (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)
Matter Heard:

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### Journal Entry Details:

Plaintiff's counsel not present. Upon Court's inquiry, Ms. Wittig advised that to her knowledge there is no discovery that has not been done and everything is on track. Court noted this is the oldest case on the stack and directed Ms. Wittig to tell Plaintiff's counsel his absence today is noted but the Court plans to proceed to trial. 5-21-19 9:30 AM CALENDAR CALL 5-28-19 1:30 PM BENCH TRIAL;

### 05/14/2019



Calendar Call (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

Trial Date Set;

Journal Entry Details:

Colloguy regarding potential witness issue and OST signed for motion submitted yesterday. COURT ORDERED, bench trial set to COMMENCE on Thursday, June 6, 2019. Non-jury trial hand-outs distributed. If trial is not done within a day it will be continued to another day for completion. Mr. Ayon noted the 5th and 14th of June will not work for him but any other day will. 5-28-19 9:00 AM NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO INTRODUCE INTO EVIDENCE AT TRIAL DOCUMENTS DISCLOSED AFTER THE CLOSE OF DISCOVERY 6-6-19 10:00 AM BENCH TRIAL;

### 05/28/2019



Motion in Limine (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

Nationstar Mortgage LLC's Motion in Limine to Introduce into Evidence at Trial Documents Disclosed After the Close of Discovery

Denied;

Journal Entry Details:

Following arguments by counsel, COURT ORDERED, given the fact that information has been within the control of the servicer for the entire history of the litigation, the Court will DENY the request to admit this late disclosed information, as opposed to late discovered where substantial justification is the standard. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Stern stated they would prefer to keep the current trial date due to witness issues. COURT SO ORDERED, noting that it may start earlier than 10 am depending on how light the motion calendar is. 6-6-19 10:00 AM BENCH TRIAL;

### 06/06/2019



Bench Trial (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

### MINUTES

Trial Continues; conference call set for 6/10/19

Journal Entry Details:

DAY 1 COURT ORDERED, Proposed Joint Exhibits 1 through 16, 19, and 20 ADMITTED pursuant to the parties' stipulation. Opening statements WAIVED. Testimony and exhibits presented. (See worksheet.) COURT ORDERED, matter SET for a telephonic conference on June 10, 2019 to schedule resumption of trial. Counsel advised they have 3 witnesses left plus closing arguments, RECESS, 6-10-19 1:00 PM TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE RE: RESUMPTION OF TRIAL;

### 06/10/2019



Telephonic Conference (1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

Telephonic Conference re: Resumption of Trial

Matter Heard; continued calendar call set for 6/25/19.

Journal Entry Details:

Court inquired about resuming trial on June 14, 2019. Ms. Morgan advised her witness from Nationstar has court appearances until June 22nd, but she can call her witness to see if any of those have changed. Mr. Ayon advised he will be in Omaha on the 13th for his son's game. COURT ORDERED, matter SET for continued calendar call on June 25, 2019. Counsel to bring the schedule of any of their witnesses who may disrupt the trial schedule. 6-25-19 9:30 AM CONTINUED CALENDAR CALL;

## 06/25/2019



Calendar Call (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)

Continued Calendar Call

### MINUTES

Trial Date Set:

Journal Entry Details:

COURT ORDERED, matter SET for trial; hearing for argument SET. 7/3/19 9:30 AM BENCH TRIAL 7/12/19 9:30 AM ARGUMENT;

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	SCHEDULED HEARINGS
	Dench Trial (07/03/2019 at 9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth) 07/03/2019, 07/12/2019
07/03/2019	Bench Trial (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth) 07/03/2019, 07/12/2019
	Decision Made;
	Journal Entry Details:
	DAY 3 Closing arguments. Court noted there are two Defendants who have not appeared, Stephanie Tablante and New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, and inquired whether the Plaintiff will be issuing defaults or voluntarily dismissing them. Mr. Ayon stated he will voluntarily dismiss them. Mr. Stern stated he will voluntarily dismiss his Cross Defendant, Stephanie Tablante. COURT ORDERED, voluntary dismissals as to those parties GRANTED; counsel to submit orders. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, matter taken UNDER ADVISEMENT. Status check SET on the Court's decision in two weeks. 7-26-19 CHAMBERS STATUS CHECK: COURT'S DECISION;
07/26/2019	CANCELED Status Check (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Gonzalez, Elizabeth)
	Vacated
	Status Check: Court's Decision

DATE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Defendant Bank of America Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 7/25/2019	244.00 244.00 <b>0.00</b>
Defendant Cooper Castle Law Firm LLP Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 7/25/2019	223.00 223.00 <b>0.00</b>
Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 7/25/2019	447.00 447.00 <b>0.00</b>
Counter Defendant West Sunset 2050 Trust Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 7/25/2019	494.00 494.00 <b>0.00</b>
Counter Claimant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Appeal Bond Balance as of 7/25/2019	500.00
<b>Counter Defendant</b> West Sunset 2050 Trust Appeal Bond Balance as of 7/25/2019	500.00

# **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

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Clark County, Nevada

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_\_(Assigned by Clerk's Office)

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I. Party Information	Trasignet	by Clerk's Office)	<del>-                                      </del>	
Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone): WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST, a Nevada Trust Attorney (name/address/phone): Luis A. Ayon, Esq., Margaret E. Schmidt, Esq., Maier Gutierrez Ayon, 2500 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite 106, Las Vegas, NV 89102 (702) 629-7900		Defendant(s) (name/address/phone): NEW FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, a Foreign Corporation; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a National Association; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company, COOPER CASTLE LAW FIRM, LLP, a Nevada Limited Liability Partnership STEPHANIE TABLANTE, an individual, DOES I through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive  Attorney (name/address/phone):		
II. Nature of Controversy (Please check applicable bold applicable subcategory, if appropriate)		category and	Arbitration Requested	
	Civi	il Cases		
Real Property	Torts			
☐ Landlord/Tenant ☐ Unlawful Detainer ☐ Title to Property ☐ Foreclosure ☐ Liens	Negligence  Negligence – Auto  Negligence – Medical/Dental  Negligence – Premises Liability (Slip/Fall)  Negligence – Other		☐ Product Liability ☐ Product Liability/Motor Vehicle ☐ Other Torts/Product Liability ☐ Intentional Misconduct ☐ Torts/Defamation (Libel/Slander) ☐ Interfere with Contract Rights	
□ Quiet Title     □ Specific Performance     □ Condemnation/Eminent Domain     □ Other Real Property     □ Partition     □ Planning/Zoning	- Oth	ici	Employment Torts (Wrongful termination)  Other Torts  Anti-trust  Fraud/Misrepresentation  Insurance  Legal Tort  Unfair Competition	
Probate	Other Civil Filing Types			
Estimated Estate Value:  Summary Administration General Administration Special Administration Set Aside Estates Trust/Conservatorships Individual Trustee Corporate Trustee Other Probate	Construction Defect  Chapter 40 General Breach of Contract Building & Construction Insurance Carrier Commercial Instrument Other Contracts/Acct/Judgment Collection of Actions Employment Contract Guarantee Sale Contract Uniform Commercial Code Civil Petition for Judicial Review Foreclosure Mediation Other Administrative Law Department of Motor Vehicles Worker's Compensation Appeal		Appeal from Lower Court (also check applicable civil case box)  Transfer from Justice Court Justice Court Civil Appeal  Civil Writ Other Special Proceeding  Compromise of Minor's Claim Conversion of Property Damage to Property Employment Security Enforcement of Judgment Foreign Judgment – Civil Other Personal Property Recovery of Property Stockholder Suit Other Civil Matters	
III. Business Court Requested (Please check applicable category; for Clark or Washoe Counties only.)				
☐ NRS Chapters 78-88 ☐ Commodities (NRS 90) ☐ Securities (NRS 90)	☐ Investments (NRS	104 Art. 8) ractices (NRS 598)	Enhanced Case Mgmt/Business  Other Business Court Matters	
November 6, 2013				
Date		Signature of i	nitiating party or representative	

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WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST, a Nevada

**FREEDOM** 

CORPORATION, a Foreign Corporation;

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a National

LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company; COOPER CASTLE LAW FIRM, LLP, a

Liability

**DISTRICT COURT** 

**CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 

Case No.:

A-13-691323-C

Dept.:

**MORTGAGE** 

Partnership;

an individual;

XI

through CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,

Counterclaimant,

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE,

Limited

STEPHANIE TABLANTE,

Defendants.

WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST, a Nevada Trust,

Counter-Defendant

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,

Cross-claimant,

v.

STEPHANIE TABLANTE

Cross-defendants.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter having come on for non-jury trial before the Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez

beginning on June 6, 2019, and continuing day to day, until its completion on July 12, 2019; Luis Ayon, Esq. appeared on behalf of Plaintiff, West Sunset 2050 Trust; Ariel Stern, Esq. and Melanie Morgan, Esq. of Akerman LLP appeared on behalf of Defendant, Nationstar Mortgage, LLC.; the Court having read and considered the pleadings filed by the parties; having reviewed the evidence admitted during the trial; having heard and carefully considered the testimony of the witnesses called to testify; having considered the oral and written arguments of counsel, and with the intent of rendering a decision on all remaining claims before the Court, pursuant to NRCP 52(a) and 58; the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The property at issue in this case is commonly known as 7255 W. Sunset Road, Unit 2050, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 and bears APN 176-03-510-102 (the "Property").
- 2. The Property is located within a common-interest community governed by Tuscano Homeowners Association ("HOA") which is governed by certain covenants, conditions and restrictions ("CC&Rs") recorded April 5, 2005.
- 3. The CC&Rs include the requirement that members of the HOA pay periodic assessments to benefit the common-interest community.
  - 4. At all relevant times, the HOA charged monthly assessments of \$164.
- 5. On or about November 29, 2005, Stephanie Tablante financed the purchase of the property at 7255 West Sunset Road #2050, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113, APN 176-03-510-102 through a \$176,760 loan from New Freedom Mortgage Company ("the Loan"). A Deed of Trust securing the Loan for such purchase was recorded on December 7, 2005 as Instrument No.

At the closing arguments, the remaining claims against New Freedom Mortgage and Stephanie Tablante were voluntarily dismissed.

20051207-0002367 and identified New Freedom Mortgage Corporation ("New Freedom") as the lender, and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee-beneficiary.

- 6. On March 1, 2011, Tablante transferred the Property to New Freedom in "full satisfaction of all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust" by executing a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure, which was recorded as Instrument No. 201103030003444.<sup>2</sup>
- 7. Notwithstanding the fact that all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust had been satisfied and the Deed of Trust consequently extinguished by virtue of the merger doctrine, on or about July 29, 2011, MERS purportedly assigned the Deed of Trust to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP ("BANA").
- 8. New Freedom, the record owner of the Property, failed to pay the HOA assessments, and as a result, on April 4, 2012, the HOA recorded a Lien for Delinquent Assessments ("Lien").
- 9. The Lien stated the amount of the assessments due and other sums due; described the Property against which the lien was imposed, named the record owner of the Property, and was mailed to New Freedom.
- 10. More than thirty (30) days later, on May 29, 2012, Red Rock, on behalf of the HOA,<sup>3</sup> recorded a Notice of Default and Election to Sell Pursuant to the Lien for Delinquent Assessments ("NOD") stating New Freedom Mortgage owed \$4,018.40.
- 11. The NOD stated the amount of assessments and other sums due; it described the deficiency in payment; described the Property against which the Lien was imposed; named the

Issues related to the validity of this Deed in Lieu have been raised; however, no credible explanation for the Court to disregard this recorded document was presented.

The on site manager for the HOA testified that after 60 days, Red Rock, who had access to the computer database, took over for collection purposes and the amount disappeared from his record; he waited for the money to come in; and started a fresh account record. This is not evidence that the superpriority portion of the lien was satisfied.

recorded owner of the Property; stated the name and address of the person authorized by the HOA to enforce the Lien by sale; and contained language in 14-point bold type as follows:

"WARNING! IF YOU FAIL TO PAY THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE, YOU COULD LOSE YOUR HOME, EVEN IF THE AMOUNT IS IN DISPUTE!"

- 12. In March of 2013, the HOA contracted to sell its right to future payment on a number of liens, including its lien in this case, to First 100, LLC ("Agreement").
  - 13. The Agreement required First 100 to pay the HOA \$1,476 for the rights.
- 14. On March 20, 2013, BANA purportedly assigned its interest, if any, in the Deed of Trust to Nationstar.
- 15. After at least 90 days had elapsed from the date of mailing of the Notice of Default, United Legal Services, Inc. ("ULS") on the HOA's behalf, recorded a Notice of Foreclosure Sale on May 29, 2013 ("NOS") stating New Freedom Mortgage owed \$7,806.42 to the HOA. The NOS included the amount necessary to satisfy the Lien; gave the time and place of the sale; and contained the following warning in 14-point bold type:

WARNING! A SALE OF YOUR PROPERTY IS IMMINENT! UNLESS YOU PAY THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE BEFORE THE SALE DATE, YOU COULD LOSE YOUR HOME, EVEN IF THE AMOUNT IS IN DISPUTE. YOU MUST ACT BEFORE THE SALE DATE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL UNITED LEGAL SERVICES INC. AT (702) 617-3263. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE FORECLOSURE SECTION OF THE OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE, NEVADA REAL ESTATE DIVISION, AT 1-877-829-9907 IMMEDIATELY.

- 16. The NOS was mailed to New Freedom, BANA, Nationstar and the Ombudsman, among others. The NOS was posted in three public places, posted on the Property, and published in a newspaper for three consecutive weeks.
- 17. The NOS states the sale would be made "without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied regarding, but not limited to, title or possession, or encumbrances, or obligations to satisfy any secured or unsecured liens."

- 18. The NOS did not indicate whether it was a superpriority sale.
- 19. The NOS did not list the superpriority payoff amount.
- 20. There was no evidence introduced showing nuisance abatement or maintenance charges on the account throughout the period.
- 21. On June 22, 2013,<sup>4</sup> the HOA sale took place, and at the sale, Plaintiff placed the highest cash bid of \$7,800.<sup>5</sup>
  - 22. At the time of the purchase Plaintiff was unaware of the Agreement.
  - 23. Plaintiff was a bona fide purchaser for value.
- 24. The HOA foreclosure sale was conducted pursuant to the NOS. The HOA Lien contained super-priority amounts.
- 25. A Foreclosure Deed conveying title to the Property to Plaintiff was recorded on June 24, 2013. As recited in the Foreclosure Deed, "[a]ll requirements of law have been complied with, including, but not limited to, the elapsing of 90 days, mailing of copies of notice of Lien of Delinquent Assessment and Notice of Default, and the mailing, posting and publication of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale."
  - 26. Prior to the sale, no entity paid the super-priority portion of the HOA's lien.
- 27. At the time of the sale, the property had an undisputed fair market value of \$63,280.
- 28. The Foreclosure Deed Upon Sale was recorded on June 24, 2013. The deed identifies the property value as \$63,280 at the time of the sale.

Mr. Atkinson testified he conducts the sales on Saturday so bidders will not be present at his law office during business hours. Conducting a sale on Saturday in and of itself is not unreasonable.

A representative from First 100 was an unsuccessful bidder at the auction.

- 29. At the time of the HOA's foreclosure sale, Nationstar serviced the remaining interest in the loan, if any.<sup>6</sup>
- 30. If any findings of fact are properly conclusions of law, they shall be treated as if appropriately identified and designated.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The HOA, through its agents, recorded and mailed, in compliance with and pursuant to NRS Chapter 116 and all applicable Nevada law, the following notices related to the Property; Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien on April 4, 2012; Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Homeowners Association Lien on May 29, 2012; and Notice of Foreclosure Sale on May 29, 2013.
- 2. The recitals as contained in the Foreclosure Deed serve as conclusive proof that the statutory requirements have been complied with as to the notice provisions of NRS 116.31162 through 116.31168, which concern the occurrence of default, notice, and publication of the foreclosure sale. The conclusiveness of the recitals as contained in the Foreclosure Deed can only be challenged via post-sale equitable claims supported by a finding of unfairness of the sale.
- 3. The only portion of the HOA's lien that is prior to the first deed of trust's interest is that amount for nine months of assessments.
- 4. First 100's payment to the HOA for the creditor's rights under the Agreement did not satisfy the superpriority portion of the HOA's lien.
- 5. In an action for quiet title, the Court must determine who holds superior title to real property.

As a result of a very late disclosure of the identity of the true owner of the property, the Court denied the motion filed by Defendants to permit them to raise all issues related to a Freddie Mac ownership interest. While the Court recognizes additional defenses which might have been brought may have been case determinative, the Defendants failure to make this disclosure for five years and after close of the discovery period after remand is a textbook example of laches.

- 6. When considering a quiet title claim, the record title is presumed valid.
- 7. Here, Plaintiff met its burden by producing the Foreclosure Deed. Nationstar did not meet its burden and failed to rebut the validity of the Foreclosure Deed and the foreclosure sale. Plaintiff holds superior title because the Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure extinguished the interests of Tablante and New Freedom under the merger doctrine.
- 8. Merger may occur when the fee interest and a charge, such as a deed of trust encumbrance, vest in the possession of one person.
- 9. Here, by virtue of the Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure, New Freedom became both the fee simple owner of the Property and holder of the Deed of Trust. As such, the Deed of Trust was extinguished by way of merger.
- 10. Even without the merger doctrine, the Deed of Trust was extinguished by the foreclosure sale. The undisputed evidence establishes the HOA complied in all respects with NRS Chapter 116, and at the time of the foreclosure, the Lien contained amounts with super-priority status.
- 11. If any Conclusions of Law are properly Findings of Fact, they shall be treated as though appropriately identified and designated.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

- 1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Deed of Trust was extinguished by the Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure under the merger doctrine.
- 2. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Deed of Trust was extinguished by the HOA's non-judicial foreclosure sale.
- 3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that title to real property located at 7255 W. Sunset Road, Unit 2050, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 and bears APN

176-03-510-102 is quieted in favor of West Sunset 2050 Trust.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Nationstar, its assigns, successors, agents or any entity acting on its behalf, is permanently enjoined from any and all actions that would interfere or affect West Sunset 2050 Trust's title to the Property.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

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Elizabeth Gonzalez, District Court Judge

# **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that on the date filed, this Order was electronically served, pursuant to N.E.F.C.R. Rule 9, to all registered parties in the Eighth Judicial District Court Electronic Filing Program.

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WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST, a Nevada Trust,

# EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

## CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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1635 VILLAGE CENTER CIRCLE, SUITE 200 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89134 TEL.: (702) 634-5000 – FAX: (702) 380-8572

v.

MORTGAGE NEW FREEDOM CORPORATION. a Foreign Corporation; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a National NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, Association; LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company; COOPER CASTLE LAW FIRM, LLP, a Nevada Limited Liability Partnership; **STEPHANIE** TABLANTE, an individual; DOES I through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

Plaintiff,

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC.

Counterclaimant,

WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST, a Nevada Trust,

Counter-Defendant.

Case No.: A-13-691323-C

Dept.: XI

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Case Number: A-13-691323-C

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Cross-Claimant,
v.
STEPHANIE TABLANTE,
Cross-Defendant.

## TO: ALL PARTIES OF RECORD AND THEIR COUNSEL:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Findings Of Fact And Conclusions Of Law has been entered on July 16, 2019, a copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED July 17, 2019.

# AKERMAN LLP

/s/ Donna M. Wittig, Esq.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of AKERMAN LLP, and that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2019, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**, in the following manner:

(**ELECTRONIC SERVICE**) Pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2, the above-referenced document was electronically filed on the date hereof and served through the Notice of Electronic Filing automatically generated by the Court's facilities to those parties listed on the Court's Master Service List as follows:

Luis A. Ayon, Esq.
AYON LAW, PLLC
8716 Spanish Ridge Ave., #115
Las Vegas, NV 89148

Attorneys for West Sunset 2050 Trust

/s/ Allen G. Stephens
An employee of AKERMAN LLP

# **EXHIBIT A**

# **EXHIBIT A**

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**DISTRICT COURT** 

**CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 

Case No.:

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Dept.:

**MORTGAGE** 

Partnership;

an individual;

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Defendants.

Limited

Plaintiff,

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,

WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST, a Nevada

**FREEDOM** 

CORPORATION, a Foreign Corporation;

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a National

LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company; COOPER CASTLE LAW FIRM, LLP, a

TABLANTE,

through CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

Liability

Counterclaimant,

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE,

v.

WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST, a Nevada Trust,

Counter-Defendant

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,

Cross-claimant,

v.

STEPHANIE TABLANTE

Cross-defendants.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter having come on for non-jury trial before the Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez

beginning on June 6, 2019, and continuing day to day, until its completion on July 12, 2019; Luis Ayon, Esq. appeared on behalf of Plaintiff, West Sunset 2050 Trust; Ariel Stern, Esq. and Melanie Morgan, Esq. of Akerman LLP appeared on behalf of Defendant, Nationstar Mortgage, LLC.; the Court having read and considered the pleadings filed by the parties; having reviewed the evidence admitted during the trial; having heard and carefully considered the testimony of the witnesses called to testify; having considered the oral and written arguments of counsel, and with the intent of rendering a decision on all remaining claims before the Court, pursuant to NRCP 52(a) and 58; the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The property at issue in this case is commonly known as 7255 W. Sunset Road, Unit 2050, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 and bears APN 176-03-510-102 (the "Property").
- 2. The Property is located within a common-interest community governed by Tuscano Homeowners Association ("HOA") which is governed by certain covenants, conditions and restrictions ("CC&Rs") recorded April 5, 2005.
- 3. The CC&Rs include the requirement that members of the HOA pay periodic assessments to benefit the common-interest community.
  - 4. At all relevant times, the HOA charged monthly assessments of \$164.
- 5. On or about November 29, 2005, Stephanie Tablante financed the purchase of the property at 7255 West Sunset Road #2050, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113, APN 176-03-510-102 through a \$176,760 loan from New Freedom Mortgage Company ("the Loan"). A Deed of Trust securing the Loan for such purchase was recorded on December 7, 2005 as Instrument No.

At the closing arguments, the remaining claims against New Freedom Mortgage and Stephanie Tablante were voluntarily dismissed.

20051207-0002367 and identified New Freedom Mortgage Corporation ("New Freedom") as the lender, and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee-beneficiary.

- 6. On March 1, 2011, Tablante transferred the Property to New Freedom in "full satisfaction of all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust" by executing a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure, which was recorded as Instrument No. 201103030003444.<sup>2</sup>
- 7. Notwithstanding the fact that all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust had been satisfied and the Deed of Trust consequently extinguished by virtue of the merger doctrine, on or about July 29, 2011, MERS purportedly assigned the Deed of Trust to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP ("BANA").
- 8. New Freedom, the record owner of the Property, failed to pay the HOA assessments, and as a result, on April 4, 2012, the HOA recorded a Lien for Delinquent Assessments ("Lien").
- 9. The Lien stated the amount of the assessments due and other sums due; described the Property against which the lien was imposed, named the record owner of the Property, and was mailed to New Freedom.
- 10. More than thirty (30) days later, on May 29, 2012, Red Rock, on behalf of the HOA,<sup>3</sup> recorded a Notice of Default and Election to Sell Pursuant to the Lien for Delinquent Assessments ("NOD") stating New Freedom Mortgage owed \$4,018.40.
- 11. The NOD stated the amount of assessments and other sums due; it described the deficiency in payment; described the Property against which the Lien was imposed; named the

Issues related to the validity of this Deed in Lieu have been raised; however, no credible explanation for the Court to disregard this recorded document was presented.

The on site manager for the HOA testified that after 60 days, Red Rock, who had access to the computer database, took over for collection purposes and the amount disappeared from his record; he waited for the money to come in; and started a fresh account record. This is not evidence that the superpriority portion of the lien was satisfied.

recorded owner of the Property; stated the name and address of the person authorized by the HOA to enforce the Lien by sale; and contained language in 14-point bold type as follows:

"WARNING! IF YOU FAIL TO PAY THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE, YOU COULD LOSE YOUR HOME, EVEN IF THE AMOUNT IS IN DISPUTE!"

- 12. In March of 2013, the HOA contracted to sell its right to future payment on a number of liens, including its lien in this case, to First 100, LLC ("Agreement").
  - 13. The Agreement required First 100 to pay the HOA \$1,476 for the rights.
- 14. On March 20, 2013, BANA purportedly assigned its interest, if any, in the Deed of Trust to Nationstar.
- 15. After at least 90 days had elapsed from the date of mailing of the Notice of Default, United Legal Services, Inc. ("ULS") on the HOA's behalf, recorded a Notice of Foreclosure Sale on May 29, 2013 ("NOS") stating New Freedom Mortgage owed \$7,806.42 to the HOA. The NOS included the amount necessary to satisfy the Lien; gave the time and place of the sale; and contained the following warning in 14-point bold type:

WARNING! A SALE OF YOUR PROPERTY IS IMMINENT! UNLESS YOU PAY THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE BEFORE THE SALE DATE, YOU COULD LOSE YOUR HOME, EVEN IF THE AMOUNT IS IN DISPUTE. YOU MUST ACT BEFORE THE SALE DATE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL UNITED LEGAL SERVICES INC. AT (702) 617-3263. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE FORECLOSURE SECTION OF THE OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE, NEVADA REAL ESTATE DIVISION, AT 1-877-829-9907 IMMEDIATELY.

- 16. The NOS was mailed to New Freedom, BANA, Nationstar and the Ombudsman, among others. The NOS was posted in three public places, posted on the Property, and published in a newspaper for three consecutive weeks.
- 17. The NOS states the sale would be made "without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied regarding, but not limited to, title or possession, or encumbrances, or obligations to satisfy any secured or unsecured liens."

- 18. The NOS did not indicate whether it was a superpriority sale.
- 19. The NOS did not list the superpriority payoff amount.
- 20. There was no evidence introduced showing nuisance abatement or maintenance charges on the account throughout the period.
- 21. On June 22, 2013,<sup>4</sup> the HOA sale took place, and at the sale, Plaintiff placed the highest cash bid of \$7,800.<sup>5</sup>
  - 22. At the time of the purchase Plaintiff was unaware of the Agreement.
  - 23. Plaintiff was a bona fide purchaser for value.
- 24. The HOA foreclosure sale was conducted pursuant to the NOS. The HOA Lien contained super-priority amounts.
- 25. A Foreclosure Deed conveying title to the Property to Plaintiff was recorded on June 24, 2013. As recited in the Foreclosure Deed, "[a]ll requirements of law have been complied with, including, but not limited to, the elapsing of 90 days, mailing of copies of notice of Lien of Delinquent Assessment and Notice of Default, and the mailing, posting and publication of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale."
  - 26. Prior to the sale, no entity paid the super-priority portion of the HOA's lien.
- 27. At the time of the sale, the property had an undisputed fair market value of \$63,280.
- 28. The Foreclosure Deed Upon Sale was recorded on June 24, 2013. The deed identifies the property value as \$63,280 at the time of the sale.

Mr. Atkinson testified he conducts the sales on Saturday so bidders will not be present at his law office during business hours. Conducting a sale on Saturday in and of itself is not unreasonable.

A representative from First 100 was an unsuccessful bidder at the auction.

- 29. At the time of the HOA's foreclosure sale, Nationstar serviced the remaining interest in the loan, if any.<sup>6</sup>
- 30. If any findings of fact are properly conclusions of law, they shall be treated as if appropriately identified and designated.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The HOA, through its agents, recorded and mailed, in compliance with and pursuant to NRS Chapter 116 and all applicable Nevada law, the following notices related to the Property; Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien on April 4, 2012; Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Homeowners Association Lien on May 29, 2012; and Notice of Foreclosure Sale on May 29, 2013.
- 2. The recitals as contained in the Foreclosure Deed serve as conclusive proof that the statutory requirements have been complied with as to the notice provisions of NRS 116.31162 through 116.31168, which concern the occurrence of default, notice, and publication of the foreclosure sale. The conclusiveness of the recitals as contained in the Foreclosure Deed can only be challenged via post-sale equitable claims supported by a finding of unfairness of the sale.
- 3. The only portion of the HOA's lien that is prior to the first deed of trust's interest is that amount for nine months of assessments.
- 4. First 100's payment to the HOA for the creditor's rights under the Agreement did not satisfy the superpriority portion of the HOA's lien.
- 5. In an action for quiet title, the Court must determine who holds superior title to real property.

As a result of a very late disclosure of the identity of the true owner of the property, the Court denied the motion filed by Defendants to permit them to raise all issues related to a Freddie Mac ownership interest. While the Court recognizes additional defenses which might have been brought may have been case determinative, the Defendants failure to make this disclosure for five years and after close of the discovery period after remand is a textbook example of laches.

- 6. When considering a quiet title claim, the record title is presumed valid.
- 7. Here, Plaintiff met its burden by producing the Foreclosure Deed. Nationstar did not meet its burden and failed to rebut the validity of the Foreclosure Deed and the foreclosure sale. Plaintiff holds superior title because the Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure extinguished the interests of Tablante and New Freedom under the merger doctrine.
- 8. Merger may occur when the fee interest and a charge, such as a deed of trust encumbrance, vest in the possession of one person.
- 9. Here, by virtue of the Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure, New Freedom became both the fee simple owner of the Property and holder of the Deed of Trust. As such, the Deed of Trust was extinguished by way of merger.
- 10. Even without the merger doctrine, the Deed of Trust was extinguished by the foreclosure sale. The undisputed evidence establishes the HOA complied in all respects with NRS Chapter 116, and at the time of the foreclosure, the Lien contained amounts with super-priority status.
- 11. If any Conclusions of Law are properly Findings of Fact, they shall be treated as though appropriately identified and designated.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

- 1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Deed of Trust was extinguished by the Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure under the merger doctrine.
- 2. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Deed of Trust was extinguished by the HOA's non-judicial foreclosure sale.
- 3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that title to real property located at 7255 W. Sunset Road, Unit 2050, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 and bears APN

176-03-510-102 is quieted in favor of West Sunset 2050 Trust.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Nationstar, its assigns, successors, agents or any entity acting on its behalf, is permanently enjoined from any and all actions that would interfere or affect West Sunset 2050 Trust's title to the Property.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

Dan Kutinac

Elizabeth Gonzalez, District Court Judge

## **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that on the date filed, this Order was electronically served, pursuant to N.E.F.C.R. Rule 9, to all registered parties in the Eighth Judicial District Court Electronic Filing Program.

## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

January 15, 2014 9:30 AM All Pending Motions

**HEARD BY:** Adair, Valerie **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 11C

**COURT CLERK:** Ying Pan

**RECORDER:** Janie Olsen

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Jorgensen, J. C. Attorney

Peck, Jason M, ESQ Attorney Schmidt, Margaret E, ESQ Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- DEFENDANT, THE COOPER CASTLE LAW FIRM'S, LLP, MOTION TO DISMISS ... PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS; COUNTERMOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND COMPLAINT

Court disclosed its Law Clerk used to work in Cooper Castle when he was a law school student. Colloquy between the Court and counsel regarding the obligations of the bank. Court NOTED, Plaintiff's intended to make all parties be aware of the current litigation. Mr. Peck indicated there are various impacts to Cooper Castle because of the current pending litigations. Upon Court's inquiry, Ms. Schmidt stated she does not object to dismissing Cooper Castle without prejudice if Cooper Castle is bound by the Preliminary Injunction. COURT ORDERED, Defendant, The Cooper Castle Law Firm's, LLP, Motion to Dismiss is GRANTED. Mr. Peck to prepare a proposed Order.

Colloquy between the Court and counsel as to the allegations regarding Bank of America. COURT ORDERED, Plaintiff's Countermotion for Leave to Amend Complaint is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Mr. Jorgensen to prepare a proposed Order.

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s) vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

June 24, 2015 9:30 AM All Pending Motions

**HEARD BY:** Adair, Valerie **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 11C

**COURT CLERK:** Denise Husted

**RECORDER:** Susan Schofield

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Ayon, Luis A Attorney

Stern, Ariel E. Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT...OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND COUNTERMOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Ms. Schmidt stated the plaintiffs are trying to make this a HOA case and it is not. Discovery has closed; they have to prove every element of affirmative offense. Mr. Ayon stated there is no priority in this case. The Court noted that if there is appropriate notice, there is due process; there is a question regarding service to Bank of America and Nationstar. COURT ORDERED, CONTINUED for decision.

6/29/15 IN-CHAMBERS DECISION: WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT...OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND COUNTERMOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Title to Property COURT MINUTES July 13, 2015

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)

VS

New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

July 13, 2015 9:00 AM Calendar Call

**HEARD BY:** Adair, Valerie **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 11C

**COURT CLERK:** Keri Cromer

**RECORDER:** Susan Schofield

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Schmidt, Allison Attorney

Schmidt, Margaret E, ESQ Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Court noted it had something under advisement that it had not yet ruled on. Ms. M. Schmidt advised there was no Pretrial Memorandum submitted yet because she was waiting on the Court's decision. Court indicated it had a 5-7 day medical malpractice case beginning next week. Colloquy regarding trial availability. Ms. A. Schmidt advised Mr. Stern would be in Bulgaria for the month of August. Ms. M. Schmidt advised they wouldn't need more than two days. Ms. A. Schmidt stated they were looking at July 29th. Court indicated if the motion was granted, that would solve the trial setting issue. COURT ORDERED, Bench Trial VACATED and RESET. Court advised that, if Mr. Stern was not available on July 29th, opposing counsel should be informed; if the motion was granted, the 7/29/15 date would be vacated. Court further advised if the medical malpractice case would be 10 days it would contact the parties to let them know.

7/29/15 - 9:30 AM - BENCH TRIAL

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Title to Property		COURT MINUTES	July 24, 2015			
A-13-691323-C	vs.	050 Trust, Plaintiff(s) Mortgage Corporation, Defen	dant(s)			
July 24, 2015	1:00 PM	Decision	W. Sunset 2050 Trust's Motion for Summary JudgmentOppositio n to Motion for Summary Judgment and Countermotion for Summary Judgment			
HEARD BY: Adair	, Valerie	COURTROOM:	RJC Courtroom 11C			
COURT CLERK: I	Denise Husted					
RECORDER:						
REPORTER:						
PARTIES PRESENT:						
JOURNAL ENTRIES						

- COURT ORDERED, Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment is DENIED; Nation Star's Countermotion for Summary Judgment is GRANTED as it appears from the record that Nation Star, the legitimate holder of the First Deed of Trust did not receive notice of the HOA delinquency. The rogue filing of a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure to New Freedom did not divest Nation Star of its interest in the property. Accordingly the Plaintiff purchased the property subject to the first Deed of Trust. Nation Star to prepare a detailed Finding of Fact and Decision of Order.

CLERK'S NOTE: Copies of this minute order placed in the attorney folders of:

Luis Ayon (MAIER GUTIERREZ AYON)

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Allison Schmidt (ACKERMAN LLP)

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# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Title to Property	COURT MINUTES	April 04, 2016
A-13-691323-C	West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)	
	vs. New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)	

April 04, 2016 3:00 AM Motion to Reconsider

**HEARD BY:** Adair, Valerie **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 11C

**COURT CLERK:** Denise Husted

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

## **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- COURT ORDERED, matter is taken UNDER ADVISEMENT.

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

April 25, 2016 3:00 AM Decision

**HEARD BY:** Adair, Valerie **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 11C

**COURT CLERK:** Cynthia Moleres

**RECORDER:** Susan Schofield

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- COURT ORDERED, Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider is DENIED. Nationstar to prepare the order.

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this Minute Order was placed in the Clerk's Office Attorney Folder of: Luis A. Ayon, Esq./Margaret E. Schmidt, Esq., Ariel E. Stern, Esq./Allison Schmidt, Esq., Jason M. Peck, Esq. clm 4-25-16

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

October 26, 2016 9:30 AM Motion

**HEARD BY:** Adair, Valerie **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 11C

**COURT CLERK:** Jill Chambers

**RECORDER:** Susan Schofield

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Schmidt, Margaret E. Attorney

**JOURNAL ENTRIES** 

- Court GRANTED Motion as UNOPPOSED.

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# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

May 15, 2017

May 15, 2017 3:00 AM Status Check

**HEARD BY:** Adair, Valerie **COURTROOM:** Chambers

**COURT CLERK:** Jill Chambers

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

**JOURNAL ENTRIES** 

- COURT CONTINUED MATTER.

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

September 19, 2017 9:00 AM Status Check Status Check: Stay

**HEARD BY:** Bell, Linda Marie **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 15A

**COURT CLERK:** Sylvia Perry

**RECORDER:** Renee Vincent

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Mr. Habdas stated confusion as to the caption of today's hearing as it is set for a status check: stay but the case is on appeal. Colloquy regarding the status of the case as Court advised the appellate record is briefed and waiting for a conference. Upon the Court's inquiry, Mr. Habdas advised a certification was granted last October leaving the HOA and trustee claims. COURT ORDERED, status check SET. If a decision is reached, parties may come together at a sooner date.

3/20/17 9:00 AM STATUS CHECK: STATUS OF CASE

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

COURT MINUTES

March 20, 2018

March 20, 2018

March 20, 2018 9:00 AM Status Check

**HEARD BY:** Bell, Linda Marie **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 15A

**COURT CLERK:** Haly Pannullo

**RECORDER:** Renee Vincent

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Donna Wittig, Esq., present.

Court noted the case was submitted to the Supreme Court after oral argument on February 26, 2018 and we are still waiting; therefore, COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED 90 days.

CONTINUED TO: 06/19/18 9:00 AM

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

June 19, 2018 9:00 AM Status Check

**HEARD BY:** Bell, Linda Marie **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 15A

**COURT CLERK:** 

Lauren Kidd

**RECORDER:** Renee Vincent

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Tenesa Scaturro, Esq. present for Nationstar Mortgage LLC. Ms. Scaturro advised the matter is on appeal with the Supreme Court. COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED for 120 days.

CONTINUED TO: 10/16/18 9:00 AM

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

August 29, 2018

August 29, 2018

August 29, 2018 10:27 AM Minute Order

**HEARD BY:** Gonzalez, Elizabeth **COURTROOM:** Chambers

**COURT CLERK:** Dulce Romea

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- COURT ORDERED, status check currently set on Tuesday, October 16, RESET on Monday, October 15, 2018.

10-15-18 9:00 AM STATUS CHECK: STATUS OF CASE

CLERK'S NOTE: Parties notified by distributing a copy of this minute order via the E-Service list. / dr 8-29-18

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

October 15, 2018

9:00 AM Status Check trial setting order to

October 15, 2018 9:00 AM Status Check trial setting order to issue.

issue.

**HEARD BY:** Gonzalez, Elizabeth **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 03E

**COURT CLERK:** Dulce Romea

**RECORDER:** Jill Hawkins

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Ayon, Luis A Attorney

Maurice, Aaron R. Attorney Wittig, Donna Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Ms. Wittig not present at call of case. Mr. Ayon advised he and Ms. Wittig discussed a briefing schedule and agreed to submit motions for summary judgment 60 days from today; they do not need additional discovery. Mr. Maurice stated he was not included in those discussions but will defer to the Akerman firm on the stipulations to a briefing schedule. Court inquired as to why the parties are not on its trial schedule. Mr. Ayon responded they just came back from a remand. Court stated it will not allow 60 more days. Matter TRALED for Ms. Wittig's appearance.

Matter recalled. Ms. Wittig present. Court inquired as to why they need 60 more days. Mr. Ayon advised he has a lot of appellate briefs due in November; secondly, there were a lot of documents produced at the time of the hearing on the motion for summary judgment which were not produced at the time of the disclosures, so he is planning a motion to strike those documents; he does not want additional discovery but the discovery that should have been done previously. Following further discussion, all counsel agreed they need 120 more days of discovery.

**COURT ORDERED** as follows:

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Discovery cut-off SET for February 22, 2019;

Motions DUE April 5, 2019;

Bench Trial SET on the stack that begins on May 28, 2019.

New Trial Setting Order will ISSUE.

PRINT DATE: 07/25/2019 Page 15 of 23 Minutes Date: January 15, 2014

## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

February 28, 2019 9:00 AM Status Check

**HEARD BY:** Gonzalez, Elizabeth COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03E

**COURT CLERK:** Dulce Romea

**RECORDER:** Jill Hawkins

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Wittig, Donna Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Plaintiff's counsel not present.

Upon Court's inquiry, Ms. Wittig advised that to her knowledge there is no discovery that has not been done and everything is on track. Court noted this is the oldest case on the stack and directed Ms. Wittig to tell Plaintiff's counsel his absence today is noted but the Court plans to proceed to trial.

5-21-19 9:30 AM CALENDAR CALL

5-28-19 1:30 PM BENCH TRIAL

PRINT DATE: 07/25/2019 Page 16 of 23 Minutes Date: January 15, 2014

## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

February 28, 2019 9:00 AM Minute Order

**HEARD BY:** Gonzalez, Elizabeth **COURTROOM:** Chambers

**COURT CLERK:** Dulce Romea

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Due to the Court's unavailability on May 21, 2019, Calendar Call is ADVANCED to Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

5-14-19 9:30 AM CALENDAR CALL

5-28-19 1:30 PM BENCH TRIAL

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was distributed to the parties via electronic mail. / dr 2-28-19

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)

May 14, 2019

VS.

New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

May 14, 2019 9:30 AM Calendar Call

**HEARD BY:** Gonzalez, Elizabeth COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03E

**COURT CLERK:** Dulce Romea

**RECORDER:** Jill Hawkins

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Ayon, Luis A Attorney

Stern, Ariel E. Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Colloquy regarding potential witness issue and OST signed for motion submitted yesterday. COURT ORDERED, bench trial set to COMMENCE on Thursday, June 6, 2019. Non-jury trial handouts distributed. If trial is not done within a day it will be continued to another day for completion. Mr. Ayon noted the 5th and 14th of June will not work for him but any other day will.

5-28-19 9:00 AM NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO INTRODUCE INTO EVIDENCE AT TRIAL DOCUMENTS DISCLOSED AFTER THE CLOSE OF DISCOVERY

6-6-19 10:00 AM BENCH TRIAL

PRINT DATE: 07/25/2019 Page 18 of 23 Minutes Date: January 15, 2014

## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Title to Property COURT MINUTES May 28, 2019

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)

vs.

New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

May 28, 2019 9:00 AM Motion in Limine

**HEARD BY:** Gonzalez, Elizabeth COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03E

**COURT CLERK:** Dulce Romea

**RECORDER:** Jill Hawkins

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Ayon, Luis A Attorney

Stern, Ariel E. Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Following arguments by counsel, COURT ORDERED, given the fact that information has been within the control of the servicer for the entire history of the litigation, the Court will DENY the request to admit this late disclosed information, as opposed to late discovered where substantial justification is the standard.

Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Stern stated they would prefer to keep the current trial date due to witness issues. COURT SO ORDERED, noting that it may start earlier than 10 am depending on how light the motion calendar is.

6-6-19 10:00 AM BENCH TRIAL

PRINT DATE: 07/25/2019 Page 19 of 23 Minutes Date: January 15, 2014

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

**COURT MINUTES** Title to Property June 06, 2019 West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s) A-13-691323-C New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

June 06, 2019 10:00 AM **Bench Trial** conference call set for

6/10/19

**HEARD BY:** Gonzalez, Elizabeth **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 03E

**COURT CLERK:** Dulce Romea

**RECORDER:** Jill Hawkins

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Ayon, Luis A Attorney

> Morgan, Melanie D. Attorney Stern, Ariel E. Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- DAY 1

COURT ORDERED, Proposed Joint Exhibits 1 through 16, 19, and 20 ADMITTED pursuant to the parties' stipulation.

Opening statements WAIVED.

Testimony and exhibits presented. (See worksheet.)

COURT ORDERED, matter SET for a telephonic conference on June 10, 2019 to schedule resumption of trial. Counsel advised they have 3 witnesses left plus closing arguments.

RECESS.

6-10-19 1:00 PM TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE RE: RESUMPTION OF TRIAL

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

June 10, 2019

1:00 PM Telephonic Conference continued calendar

call set for 6/25/19.

**HEARD BY:** Gonzalez, Elizabeth **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 03E

**COURT CLERK:** Dulce Romea

**RECORDER:** Jill Hawkins

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Ayon, Luis A Attorney

Morgan, Melanie D. Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Court inquired about resuming trial on June 14, 2019. Ms. Morgan advised her witness from Nationstar has court appearances until June 22nd, but she can call her witness to see if any of those have changed. Mr. Ayon advised he will be in Omaha on the 13th for his son's game. COURT ORDERED, matter SET for continued calendar call on June 25, 2019. Counsel to bring the schedule of any of their witnesses who may disrupt the trial schedule.

6-25-19 9:30 AM CONTINUED CALENDAR CALL

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Title to Property COURT MINUTES June 25, 2019

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)

vs.

New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

June 25, 2019 9:30 AM Calendar Call

**HEARD BY:** Gonzalez, Elizabeth **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 03E

**COURT CLERK:** Dulce Romea

**RECORDER:** Jill Hawkins

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Ayon, Luis A Attorney

Stern, Ariel E. Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- COURT ORDERED, matter SET for trial; hearing for argument SET.

7/3/19 9:30 AM BENCH TRIAL

7/12/19 9:30 AM ARGUMENT

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## DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Title to Property COURT MINUTES July 12, 2019

A-13-691323-C West Sunset 2050 Trust, Plaintiff(s)

vs.

New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Defendant(s)

July 12, 2019 8:30 AM Bench Trial

**HEARD BY:** Gonzalez, Elizabeth **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 03E

**COURT CLERK:** Dulce Romea

**RECORDER:** Jill Hawkins

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Ayon, Luis A Attorney

Stern, Ariel E. Attorney

**JOURNAL ENTRIES** 

- DAY 3

Closing arguments.

Court noted there are two Defendants who have not appeared, Stephanie Tablante and New Freedom Mortgage Corporation, and inquired whether the Plaintiff will be issuing defaults or voluntarily dismissing them. Mr. Ayon stated he will voluntarily dismiss them. Mr. Stern stated he will voluntarily dismiss his Cross Defendant, Stephanie Tablante. COURT ORDERED, voluntary dismissals as to those parties GRANTED; counsel to submit orders.

COURT FURTHER ORDERED, matter taken UNDER ADVISEMENT. Status check SET on the Court's decision in two weeks.

7-26-19 CHAMBERS STATUS CHECK: COURT'S DECISION

PRINT DATE: 07/25/2019 Page 23 of 23 Minutes Date: January 15, 2014

## **JOINT EXHIBIT LIST**

CASE NO: A-13-691323-C	TRIAL DATE: June 6, 2019				
DEPT. NO XI	JUDGE : Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez				
Plaintiff: West Sunset 2050 Trust, a Nevada Trust	Counsel for Plaintiff: Luis Ayon				
vs. Defendant: Nationstar Mortgage LLC	Counsel for Defendant: Ariel E. Stern,				
Defendant. Wallonstar Mortgage LLO	Melanie D. Morgan				

## TRIAL BEFORE THE COURT

Exhibit #	Description	Date Offere d	Objectio n	Date Admitted	
1.	Grant, Bargain and Sale Deed and DOV, instrument no. 200512070002366, Bates No. <b>NSM00001</b> – <b>NSM00004</b>	6-6-19	NO	6-6-19	m
2.	Deed of Trust, instrument no 200512070002367, Bates No. <b>NSM00005 – NSM00023</b>				un
3.	Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure instrument no. 201103030003444, Bates No. <b>NSM00025 – NSM00029</b>				ma
4.	Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure (re-recorded) instrument no. 201106210002567, Bates No. NSM00030 – NSM00035				wa
5.	Assignment of Deed of Trust, instrument no. 201107290000895, Bates No. NSM00036 – NSM00037				uA
6.	Substitution of Trustee, instrument no. 201202020000943, Bates No. <b>NSM00038</b>			5	wr
7.	Lien for Delinquent Assessments, instrument number 201204040001017, Bates No. <b>NSM00039</b>	6-6-19	NO	6-6-19	w

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8.	Notice of Default and Election to Sell Pursuant to the Lien for Delinquent Assessments, instrument no. 201205290001690, Bates No. <b>NSM00040</b>		NO	6-6-19	vs
9.	Corporation Assignment of Deed of Trust, instrument number 201303200000887, Bates No. <b>NSM00041 – NSM00042</b>				WA
10.	Notice of Foreclosure Sale (HOA Lien), instrument no. 201305290000306, Bates No. <b>NSM00043</b>				WA
11.	Foreclosure Deed Upon Sale instrument no. 201306240003127, Bates No. <b>NSM00044</b> – <b>NSM00046</b>				wq
12.	Notice of Breach and Election to Cause Sale of Real Property Under Deed of Trust, instrument no. 201309180002103, Bates No. NSM00047 – NSM00051				uA
13.	Documents Brought to deposition by Robert Atkinson as NRCP 30(B)(6) designee for United Legal Services Bates No. <b>NSM000126</b> – <b>NSM000152</b>				WA
14.	Documents from prior collections agency (Red Rock) produced during Deposition of Robert Atkinson as NRCP 30(B)(6) designee for United Legal Services, Bates No. NSM000180 – NSM000232				v.A
15.	Contracts with HOA and First 100 Bates No. NSM000286 – NSM000325				WA
16.	ULS Auction Results Bates No. NSM000366 – NSM000367	6-6-19	NO	6-6-19	<b>1</b> 21
17.	Emails produced during Deposition of Robert Atkinson as NRCP 30(B)(6) designee for United Legal Services, Bates No. <b>NSM000370</b> – <b>NSM000412</b>				יציע
18.	Affidavit and documents produced responsive to subpoena duces tecum served upon John Peter Lee, Ltd., Bates No. NSM000456 – NSM000489	7/3/19	NO		w
19.		6-6-19	NO	6-6-19	wr

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20.	Affidavit and documents produced responsive to subpoena duces tecum served upon Red Rock Financial Services, Bates No. NSM000506 – NSM000552		NO	6-6-19	Aiw
21.	Declaration Of Julia Thompson In Support Of Red Rock Financial Services, LLC's Limited Opposition To Motion For Summary Judgment; Eighth Judicial District Court Case A-14-704704-C, KAL-MOR-USA, LLC v. Green Tree Servicing LLC et al. (Filed January 12, 2017), Bates-No. NSM000553 – NSM000558		OBJ	6-6-19	ur
22.	Transcript Of Proceedings – Bench Trial; Eighth Judicial District Court Case A-13-676349-C, SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC v. Nationstar Mortgage LLC et al. (June 26, 2017), Bates No. NSM000559 – NSM000684				w
23.	First 100, LLC Marketing Brochure, Bates No. <b>NSM000685</b> – <b>NSM000692</b>		-"		WA
24.	Declaration Of Covenants, Conditions, And Restrictions And Grant And Reservation of Easements For Tuscano Townhomes (Instrument No. 20050405-0002422, Recorded April 5, 2005), Bates No. <b>NSM000693</b> – <b>NSM000747</b>				wA
25.	Affidavit and documents produced responsive to subpoena duces tecum served upon Tuscano Homeowners Association, Bates No. NSM000748 – NSM000824				wa
26.	Nationstar Mortgage LLC LSAMS business records Bates No. <b>NSM000825</b> – <b>NSM000826</b>				us
27.	Bank of America, N.A. servicing transfer letter, Bates No. <b>NSM000827 – NSM000830</b>	7/3/19	yes	7/3/19	m
28.	Nationstar Mortgage LLC welcome letter, Bates No. <b>NSM000831 – NSM000835</b>	7/3/19	yes		ሌን
29.	Email correspondence dated July 9, 2013; See Bates Stamped Nos. <b>WS0052</b> – <b>WS0053</b>			-	MA
30.	Standard Residential Lease Agreement dated July	6-6-19	NO	6-6-19	w¥

## **Certification of Copy**

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SS

I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the hereinafter stated original document(s):

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC'S NOTICE OF APPEAL; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC'S CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; EXHIBITS LIST

WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

NEW FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC; STEPHANIE TABLANTE,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-13-691323-C

Dept No: XI

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 25 day of July 2019.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Amanda Hampton, Deputy Clerk



## EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK OF THE COURT

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Steven D. Grierson Clerk of the Court Anntoinette Naumec-Miller Court Division Administrator

July 25, 2019

Elizabeth A. Brown Clerk of the Court 201 South Carson Street, Suite 201 Carson City, Nevada 89701-4702

RE: WEST SUNSET 2050 TRUST vs. NEW FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC; STEPHANIE TABLANTE D.C. CASE: A-13-691323-C

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please find enclosed a Notice of Appeal packet, filed July 22, 2019. Due to extenuating circumstances minutes from the date(s) listed below have not been included:

July 3, 2019

We do not currently have a time frame for when these minutes will be available.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (702) 671-0512.

Sincerely,

STEVEN D. GRIERSON, CLERK OF THE COURT

Amanda Hampton, Deputy Clerk

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