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11	Trustee of The Rogich Family Irrevocable Trust; ELDORADO HILLS, LLC, a Nevada	Eighth Judicial District Court	
12	limited liability company; TELD, LLC, a	Case No. A-16-746239-C	
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ARGUMENT IN REPLY
This Answering Brief will address the arguments raised by Respondents the
Eliades Defendants, the Rogich Defendants, and by Eldorado. ¹ Nanyah's appeal
focuses on the following four (4) categories:
Category 1. Dismissal of the 5 th and 7 th Claims for Relief against the Eliades Trust.
Category 2. The Order granting summary judgment in favor of the Eliades Defendants on remaining claims;
Category 3. Dismissal of all claims against the Rogich Trust, Eldorado, Rogich and Imitations; and
Category 4. The Court's orders denying Nanyah's NRCP 15 motion and procedural motions.
Nanyah seeks to recover its \$1.5 million invested into Eldorado or to receive the
corresponding membership interest it has been deprived of receiving and/or the
value of that interest for which it has been deprived. As its remedies, Nanyah
sought to recover the amount of \$1.5 million from the Rogich Trust and Eldorado,
the transfer of an equity interest in Eldorado from the Eliades Trust and/or the
value of that interest the Eliades Trust has deprived it of receiving in Eldorado. ² A
brief summary of the relevant background facts as well as relevant supplemental
¹ For ease of reading, the defined terms herein retain their meaning as contained in Nanyah's Opening Brief.

²Nanyah's remedies are cumulative and Nanyah does not argue it is entitled to both the return of its \$1.5 million investment and a membership interest in Eldorado.

facts implicated by the Eliades Defendants Answering Brief ("EAB") and the Rogich Defendants Answering Brief ("RAB") are set forth below.

Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment into Eldorado is undisputed. This undisputed fact is contained in this Court's previous Order of Reversal and Remand (the "Reversal Order" at 12 JA 2894-2893), multiple orders entered by the district court, undisputed evidence provided by Eldorado's managing member Carlos Huerta ("Huerta") and the documentary evidence. Huerta affirmed Nanyah invested \$1.5 million into Eldorado. 11 JA 2580, ¶¶10, 13. Huerta deposited Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment into Eldorado's bank account. *Id.* 2580, ¶10. Eldorado's bank statement confirms receipt of Nanyah's investment. *Id.* 2707.

Huerta prepared Eldorado's Capital Account Detail showing Nanyah's investment into Eldorado was a "capital" contribution. *Id.* 2709. In addition to documenting Nanyah's "capital" investment into Eldorado, Huerta affirmed Nanyah's investment "**was a capital contribution to Eldorado Hills, LLC**." *Id.* 2581, ¶14 (emphasis in original). Huerta affirms Nanyah should have formally been issued a membership interest documented as a member in Eldorado. *Id.*, ¶13. However, Huerta testified he just forgot to do so since there was so much other activity going on relating to Eldorado's default in payment of a \$21 million loan as well as Rogich's deal to buy him out of Eldorado. *Id.*, ¶14.

Go Global and the Rogich Trust originally sought to buy and flip Eldorado's property. 20 JA 4911, p. 34:9-10. ("We had it sold. We were going to buy the property and sell it quickly."). The property was financed with a \$21 million loan requiring \$175,000 month in monthly debt service payments. *Id.* 4912.³ The potential buyer for the flip fell through, the bank failed, replacement financing fell through, and the FDIC took over the bank and declared the loan in default. 11 JA 2713, ¶A; 20 JA 4912, p. 37:24-25. In this emergency setting, Eliades negotiated with Go Global, the Rogich Trust and with the FDIC to pay down the loan \$5,000,000 if the FDIC would rewrite the loan, which it did. 11 JA 2724, ¶¶B, C.

The issues in this case focus on the multitude of contracts between the various parties arising out of the emergency setting described above. To effectuate Eliades' investment into Eldorado, Go Global agreed to sell its membership interest to the Rogich Trust—subject to four (4) investor's rights to receive repayment of their investments or the issuance of a commensurate membership interest of which Nanyah's investment was included.⁴ Due to the emergent

³Because of the massive monthly debt service obligation, Huerta was tasked with soliciting investor funds so Eldorado could use the investment money to help pay the monthly debt service. 11 JA 2579, ¶¶5, 6.

⁴ This is why Go Global's "Membership Interest" was calculated in the Purchase Agreement at between 35% and 49.44%, depending on which investors elected repayment versus an ownership interest. 11 JA 2711, ¶A.

situation, the investors were not included in the transaction but their rights were documented to either be repaid if they wanted out of the investment or a membership interest if they wanted to stay in the investment.⁵

Huerta testified that he had extensive discussions with Rogich about these four (4) investors as well as two (2) other investors that Rogich separately repaid their investments. 6 JA 1393-1394. Outside of the Purchase Agreement's obligations, Rogich separately repaid the investment of Craig Dunlap (\$50,000) and Eric Reitz (\$20,000). 20 JA 4917, p. 58:24-59:1; 2 JA 492, p. 68:4-11. Rogich contends that he made these repayments to Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Reitz "out of the goodness of my heart, gave them money back." 20 JA 4944, p. 167:15-24. What is telling is that Rogich admits that he repaid Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Reitz because he wanted them to get their money back that they invested into Eldorado. This litigation has ensued because the Rogich Trust simply does not want to give Nanyah its money back even though all other investors in Eldorado either received repayment of their investment or their investment was converted into equity in Eldorado.6

⁵ Rogich testified the October 8, 2008, transaction was put together "very quickly" due to the emergent situation. 20 JA 4919, p. 65:17-19.

⁶ Of the four (4) investors, both The Robert Ray Family Trust and Eddyline Investments, LLC converted their investments into a membership interest in Eldorado. 20 JA 2846, ¶3.c. Antonio Nevada, LLC was repaid its investment. *See*

Nanyah's Opening Brief also extensively details the factual and legal basis of its third-party beneficiary status under each and every contract. *Lipshie v. Tracy Investment Co.*, 93 Nev. 370, 379, 566 P.2d 819 (1977) ("To obtain such a [third party beneficiary] status, there must clearly appear a promissory intent to benefit the third party"). While the district court repeatedly rendered clear and unambiguous findings that Nanyah was an intended third-party beneficiary of the terms of all four contracts, the district court ignored Nanyah's rights and embarked on dismissing all of Nanyah's claims, regardless of the law and regardless of the undisputed facts. 14 JA 3405, ¶4.

The law is clear that when a party, such as the Rogich Trust assumes an obligation to pay a debt arising, and/or the Eliades Trust agrees to hold its 40% interest "subject to" Nanyah's creditor rights, then Nanyah is by definition a third-party beneficiary of those promises. *R. J. Cardinal Co. v. Ritchie*, 218 Cal. App. 2d 124, 136, 32 Cal. Rptr. 545, 552 (Cal. Ct. App. 1963) ("where upon the transfer to him of the assets of a business, one agrees to assume its outstanding liabilities, the preexisting business creditors are third-party beneficiaries."). "In

footnote 41 and accompanying text. Of note, both The Robert Ray Family Trust and Eddyline Investments, LLC received their interest from the Rogich Trust's 40% interest that was held subject to these investors rights to receive an equity interest. *Id.* at 2845, Recital A ("Within the Rogich 40% interest is . . . interest of other holders not of formal record with Eldorado.").

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any legal action brought to collect the debt, the creditor may join both the assuming party and the original debtor." *Id.* Nanyah's claims are all supported by applicable law.

CATEGORY 1: DISMISSAL OF THE 5TH AND 7TH CLAIMS FOR RELIEF AGAINST THE ELIADES TRUST.

In order to put Nanyah's arguments into context, and to refute the various arguments posed by the Eliades Defendants, the following undisputed factual background is provided. As detailed extensively in Nanyah's Opening Brief at Factual Background, A.1-A.3, Huerta was solely responsible for soliciting Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment into Eldorado.⁷ Rogich "confirmed" in the various contracts that Nanyah paid the \$1.5 million into Eldorado. 11 JA 2807.

Thereafter, when Go Global transferred its membership interest in Eldorado to the Rogich Trust under the Purchase Agreement⁸, the TELD MIPA⁹, the Flangas MIPA and the Eldorado Amended Operating Agreement were all

||⁸ 11 JA 2711-2721.

9 11 JA 2723-2827.

⁷ Under the Purchase Agreement, Huerta "represents and warrants the accuracy" of Nanyah's investment into Eldorado and that he would not be responsible for any liability to the investors for their "percentage or debt" because this obligation will "be Buyer's [the Rogich Trust's] obligation" 11 JA 2714.

contemporaneously executed.¹⁰ These four (4) contracts all cross-reference and 1 2 affirm Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment into Eldorado, Eldorado's receipt of and 3 retention of the benefit of Nanyah's investment, Go Global's and Rogich's 4 5 "confirmation" of Nanyah's investment, the Rogich Trust's assumption of the 6 obligation to repay Nanyah for Eldorado's receipt and retention of Nanyah's 7 investment and finally, the 40% interest in Eldorado that Rogich Trust purchased 8 9 from Go Global was held "subject to" Nanyah's claim of a commensurate 10 ownership interest. 11 Specifically, the Purchase Agreement references the contemporaneous 12 13

execution of the MIPAs. 11 JA 2713, ¶4. The MIPAs address and recognize the Purchase Agreement. 11 JA 2724, ¶F. The MIPAs also include the fully executed Eldorado Amended Operating Agreement as Exhibit F. 12 JA 2814-2826. The MIPAs state the Eldorado Amended Operating Agreement is being "adopted" as part of the consideration for the transaction. 11 JA 2726, ¶3. Eldorado's Amended Operating Agreement cross-references the MIPAs and "incorporates" and adopts their terms. 12 JA 2814, ¶A. The Eldorado Amended Operating Agreement (which is also Exhibit F to the MIPAs) expressly states the Rogich Trust's membership interest is held "subject to" Nanyah's right of ownership. 12 JA 2828,

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(B. In addition, Eldorado's Amended Operating Agreement also specifically recognizes Rogich Trust's 40% membership interest was subject to dilution via transfer of a portion of such membership interest to Nanyah. 12 JA 2833 ("the Rogich Trust may use a portion or all if its interests to satisfy claims of those entities [*i.e.*, Nanyah] listed on Exhibit "D" to the Purchase Agreements."). The Eldorado Amended Operating Agreement specifically incorporated (i) the entirety of the MIPAs (which itself referenced the Purchase Agreement), (ii) Exhibit D of the Teld MIPA where Rogich Trust "confirms" Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment into Eldorado; (iii) the Rogich Trust's assumption of Eldorado's repayment obligation to Eldorado; (iv) and contains the "restrictive" language on the Rogich Trust's 40% interest that it is "subject to" Nanyah's right of ownership.

It is in this undisputed contractual setting, that Nanyah asserted its 5th claim against the Eliades Trust for imposition of a constructive trust on the 40% interest it acquired from the Rogich Trust which interest was "subject to" Nanyah's right of ownership. Nanyah also asserted a NRS Chapter 118 claim for a fraudulent transfer against the Eliades Trust because the Eliades Trust purportedly acquired the Rogich Trust's 40% membership interest (valued at \$4 million) for \$0.

Nanyah argues that the district court erred in granting summary judgment in favor of the Eliades Trust because the district court myopically focused on the

Rogich Trust's duty *to pay* Nanyah its investment back.¹¹ Nanyah argues that its claims against the Eliades Trust were not premised on the obligation *to pay* Nanyah the return of its \$1.5 million investment but was based upon the Eliades Trust's refusal to honor its contractual liability to Nanyah *to hold* the 40% interest in Eldorado "*subject to*" Nanyah's right to convert this debt to an equity position. This "subject to" contractual term is not a made-up term but is an expressed contractual provision contained in every contract in this case.

Further, Mr. Eliades specifically testified that when he acquired the Rogich Trust's 40% interest, he knew and understood that this 40% interest remained "subject to" Nanyah's right of ownership in exchange for its \$1.5 million investment.¹² Mr. Eliades simply explained the Eliades Trust's retention of the 40% interest subject to Nanyah's right of equity as: "[t]hat's just the way it was." 12 JA 2926:24-27. Mr. Eliades' testimony confirms the clear and unambiguous language of the contracts at issue and the Eliades Trust holds its interest in Eldorado "subject to" Nanyah's right to convert its debt into a commensurate membership interest.

 $||^{12}$ 13 JA 3145-3146 (29:24-30:4)

¹¹ This Court "reviews the district court's grant of summary judgment de novo, without deference to the district court's findings." *Pope Investments, LLC v. China Yida Holding Co.,* 137 Nev. Ad. Op. 33, *8, --- P.3d --- (July 8, 2021).

Nanyah's Opening Brief also highlights the district court erred granting summary judgment ruling as an undisputed fact the Rogich Trust's "transfer" of its membership interest to the Eliades Trust occurred "no later than September 2012" and NRS 112.200(1)(b) did not apply to the Rogich Trust's "transfer" of its membership interest. Nanyah also argues that the district court erred in refusing to grant Nanyah NRCP 56(f) relief to allow discovery relating to when the Rogich Trust actually completed the executory nature of its "transfer" of its membership interest and failed to reconsider its summary judgment order when Nanyah presented new evidence from Eldorado's own financial records and deposition testimony that the "transfer" of the Rogich Trust's interest in Eldorado to the Eliades Trust did not occur until January 1, 2013.

Nanyah's 7th claim asserted a fraudulent transfer claim based upon the undisputed evidence and the Rogich Trust's admission it was insolvent at the time of the transfer and received essentially \$0 value for the transfer.¹³ The \$0 value of the Rogich Trust's transfer to the Eliades Trust is based upon the Rogich Trust's claim that it borrowed \$600,000 from the Eliades Trust (to buy 6.67% back from

⁴¹³ Huerta testified that the Rogich Trust "ran out of money" and could "no longer afford to make [] payments" to contribute to Eldorado's \$175,000 a month debt service obligation. 7 JA 1582:15-16; 1588:7-8; *see also* 12 JA 2845, ¶D ("Rogich [Trust] is unable to pay its pro rata" share of Eldorado's expenses).

the terminated Flangas transaction), then exchanged its 40% interest as and for an alleged forgiveness of the \$600,000 obligation.¹⁴

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The Eliades Defendants' Answering Brief takes great liberties with misstating facts, misapplying the law, misstating contract terms and misstating

¹⁴ The Eliades Defendants feign confusion as to the mechanics of this \$0 dollar 8 transaction. 6 JA 1452-1457. As described in footnote 24 of Nanyah's Opening Brief, Rogich claims in this litigation that the transfer of its 40% interest netted 9 him \$0. 5 JA 1236, ¶(h). Rogich claims that under the terms of the Secret 10 Membership Assignment he received \$682,000, (6 JA 1453, ¶2) which was then immediately returned to Eliades as repayment of the alleged \$600,000 loan (Id. 11 1450) for money he allegedly borrowed for the purchase of the 6% interest when 12 the Flangas transaction terminated. So at the conclusion of the Secret Membership Assignment Rogich appeared to receive \$682,000 which he then immediately paid 13 back to Eliades. The additional \$82,000 was interest on the \$600,000 loan. But, 14 behind the scenes, Rogich actually received \$4 million in value for transfer of his 40% to the Eliades Trust. Contrary to Rogich's contention he received \$0 value 15 from the transaction, Eliades testified that as consideration for the transfer of The 16 Rogich Trust's 40% to him, he also transferred complete ownership of Imitations to Rogich. 13 JA 3152 (57:3-13). Rogich separately owed Imitations a \$2 million 17 promissory note. Eliades, the then owner of Imitations, forgave and terminated 18 Rogich's \$2 million note obligation and Rogich then received total ownership of 19 Imitations via use of various other entities Rogich owned and controlled. 13 JA 3153 (61:15-19 "he wanted to sell his 40% interest. I agreed to forgive the 20 2,020,00 plus forfeit back the land. And that's how I understand that it took place." (emphasis added). It is suggested that these secret transactions structured 21 so as to avoid Nanyah's investment is a prototypical fraudulent transfer. Applying 22 a separate and distinct valuation methodology the Rogich Trust's 40% interest was valued at over \$4 million based upon the economics of the Rogich's purchase of 23 6.67% of Eldorado for \$600,000—equating to approximately \$100,000 per 1%. 20 24 JA 4941, p.152:4-6 ("And you're getting \$600,000 as the value put on that 6.67%? A. Right."). Applying either methodology the Rogich Trust's 40% interest was 25 valued at over \$4 million---not the \$0 value Rogich falsely claimed he received in 26 this case.

Nanyah's arguments.¹⁵ While tiresome, Nanyah will seek to address the most egregious issues so as to maintain the clarity of the arguments before this Court.

A. Nanyah Has Repeatedly Asserted The Eliades Trust Holds Its 40% Interest "Subject To" Nanyah's Rights.

Eliades Trust falsely asserts that Nanyah has not previously asserted the Eliades Trust's retention of the 40% interest is "subject to" Nanyah's equity rights. EAB, pp. 33-37. This contention is false. Nanyah repeatedly asserted its "subject to" rights in the Complaint. 4 JA 781, 783-786. In fact, Nanyah specifically alleges in its 5th claim for relief at paragraph 117 the following: "**The Eliades Trust has obtained Rogich Trust's interest in Eldorado, which interest was subject to Nanyah's ownership interest in Eldorado.** At all times, the Eliades **Trust was fully aware of Nanyah's ownership interests in Eldorado**. *Id*. 792 (emphasis added).

Thereafter, in Nanyah's briefing on its 5th claim for imposition of a constructive trust, Nanyah highlighted and affirmed the contractual underpinning of this claim against the Eliades Trust that such interest was held "subject to"

¹⁵ In addition, many arguments generically include Teld when an analysis of Teld's involvement is irrelevant or immaterial. Where appropriate, Nanyah will address
⁴⁶ issues relating to Teld separately. Rogich individually and as Trustee of the Rogich Trust, Teld and Peter Eliades individually all signed the Teld MIPA. 11 JA 2741. Teld and the Rogich Trust executed the Eldorado Amended Operating
⁶⁶ Agreement and the Eliades Trust took ownership in Eldorado subject to and bound by the terms of this agreement as well.

Nanyah's right. 11 JA 2582, 2585, 2587, 2590, 2592, 2601, 2607. 2609, 2610. In addition, the Purchase Agreement executed by the Rogich Trust (whereby the Rogich Trust agreed the Go Global interest it was acquiring would remain at all times "subject to" Nanyah's equity right) contained a successors and assigns clause, which was applicable to Eliades Trust as a successor and/or assignee of the 40% interest thereby subjecting itself to the "subject to" contractual obligation. *Id.* 2586. Nanyah also submitted Mr. Eliades' testimony that the Eliades Trust's acquisition of the 40% interest from the Rogich Trust was "subject to" Nanyah's rights pursuant to "the terms and conditions of th[e] original purchase agreement." *Id.* 2591. Accordingly, the contention that Nanyah has asserted a "brand new" argument on appeal that the Eliades Trust holds its 40% interest "subject to"

B. All Agreements Specifically Encumber The Rogich Trust's 40% Interest.

The Eliades Defendants falsely state that "none of the 2008 Agreements actually encumber the Rogich Trust's membership interest with Nanyah's potential claim" EAB, pp. 33-34. As detailed above, all contracts specifically detail that the Rogich Trust's 40% interest was at all times "subject to" Nanyah's equity rights. Mr. Eliades admits the contracts subject the Eliades Trust's 40% interest to Nanyah's equity rights. In addition, Eldorado's Amended Operating Agreement

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specifically incorporates the restrictive condition associated with the Rogich Trust's 40% interest and includes as exhibits to the operating agreement the various contracts which also include the same restrictive condition.¹⁶

C. There Is A Specific Promise Supporting Nanyah's Equity Rights.

The Eliades Defendants falsely state that the Eliades Trust cannot be liable for Nanyah's claim without a "specific promise" and no "specific promise" exists whereby the Eliades Trust can be liable. EAB, p. 35. This statement would require the Court to turn a blind eye to the "subject to" contractual provisions contained in the four (4) contracts. Nanyah asserts that the Eliades Trust's acquisition of the Rogich Trust's 40% interest—which is clearly delineated as "subject to" Nanyah's equity rights is a sufficient promise to bind the Eliades Trust.

¹⁶ Of relevant note, the Purchase Agreement addresses Nanyah's rights as a member in Eldorado and states that Nanyah will have no capital call obligations and is entitled to a right of distributions. 11 JA 2711, Recital A. Sophisticated contracting parties such as the Rogich Defendants and the Eliades Defendants do not include contract terms protecting an investor from capital calls and affirming distribution rights as an accident—these contractual provisions were intentionally included terms for the benefit of Nanyah and to protect Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment into Eldorado.

The Eliades Defendants falsely allege that Nanyah contends it is a secured creditor. EAB, p. 37. This statement is false. Nanyah does not contend it is a secured creditor.

E. The Eliades Trust Holds Its 40% Interest Acquired From The Rogich Trust "Subject To" Nanyah's Equity Rights.

The Eliades Defendants falsely assert that there is no basis for any liability to attach to the Eliades Trust. EAB, p. 38. As repeatedly demonstrated, four (4) contracts detail the Rogich Trust's 40% interest, which was acquired by the Eliades Trust, is "subject to" Nanyah's equity rights. In addition, Mr. Eliades testified that the Eliades Trust took ownership of the 40% interest knowing full well it remained "subject to" Nanyah's equity rights.¹⁷

F. While The Rogich Trust (And Eldorado) Are Liable For Repayment Of Nanyah's Investment, The Eliades Trust Holds Its 40% Interest Acquired From The Rogich Trust "Subject To" Nanyah's Equity Rights In The Event Of Non-Payment.

The Eliades Trust seeks to deflect liability by misstating that only "the Rogich Trust is responsible for Nanyah's" claims. EAB, p. 39. The Eliades Trust ignores that (1) the Rogich Trust assumed Eldorado's repayment of Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment *into Eldorado*, **and** (2) if repayment was not performed, the

¹⁷ 13 JA 3145-3146 (29:24-30:4)

Eliades Trust's 40% interest remained "subject to" Nanyah's right to receive an equity position in Eldorado via a commensurate transfer of a portion of that membership interest. Nanyah agrees that it is undisputed that the Rogich Trust assumed Eldorado's obligations to repay Nanyah for its \$1.5 million investment, this assumption of the repayment obligation did not release or relieve the Eliades Trust from holding its 40% interest in Eldorado "subject to" Nanyah's equity rights in the event of non-payment.

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The Eliades Trust 40% Interest Is "Subject To" Nanyah's Equity Rights.

The Eliades Defendants falsely state that Nanyah is arguing to this Court "the Eliades Trust contractually assumed the Rogich Trust's obligation in 2012" EAB, p., 40. This is not an accurate statement of Nanyah's argument. Nanyah consistently argues that Eldorado's and the Rogich Trust's duty to repay the investment is distinct from the Eliades Trust's duty to hold the 40% interest in Eldorado "subject to" Nanyah's equity rights. Simply stated, Eldorado owes the duty to repay Nanyah for its investment (which duty was assumed by the Rogich Trust). The Eliades Trust owes the duty to hold the 40% interest in trust subject to Nanyah's right to receive a transfer of a commensurate ownership interest in Eldorado from the 40% interest in the event of non-payment. The Eliades Defendants' Answering Brief wrongfully conflates these two duties and ignores

the well-known structure of a debt for equity swap commonly understood and employed in the investment arena.¹⁸

H. The Eliades Trust Holds Its 40% Interest Acquired From The Rogich Trust "Subject To" Nanyah's Equity Rights.

Strangely, the Eliades Trust initially argues that Nanyah asserted contract based claims against the Eliades Trust¹⁹ (successors/assigns and direct contracting party) yet then proceeds to argue that Nanyah has not asserted any contract claims against the Eliades Trust. EAB, pp. 40-41 (Nanyah never "plead any contractual claims against the Eliades Trust"). As repeatedly demonstrated, the Eliades Defendants Answering Brief is replete with false statements of fact, law and argument.

Again, Nanyah asserts the four (4) contracts provide the foundational predicate for the imposition of a constructive trust on the Eliades Trust's 40% membership interest. Constructive trusts and their counterpart equitable liens

¹⁹ EAB, p. 33 ("Nanyah asserted two different theories of contractual liability against the Eliades Respondents in the District Court.").

¹⁸ The Rogich Defendants explain the investment structure of the 2008 transactional documents as a "payment <u>or</u> equity" transaction. RAB, p. 38. The Rogich Trust even discusses this scenario to protect Nanyah's investment as an "alternative contract structure. *Id*. 39.

focus on the underlying contractual rights.²⁰ A constructive trust is "a remedial device by which the holder of legal title to property is held to be a trustee of that property for the benefit of another who in good conscience is entitled to it." *Locken v. Locken*, 98 Nev. 369, 650 P.2d 803, 804-05 (1982).

Nanyah has demonstrated that a constructive trust is required upon the Eliades Trust's 40% membership interest. This relief is mandated because, among other things, the clear language of the contracts, the undisputed fact of Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment into Eldorado, the clear and unambiguous terms of four (4) contracts all delineating that the 40% interest would remain "subject to" Nanyah's equity rights, Rogich's "confirmation" of Nanyah's investment, Mr. Eliades' testimony that he knew the Eliades Trust was acquiring the 40% interest "subject to" Nanyah's equity rights because "that's the way it was". Nanyah asserts it is

²⁰ See e.g., Union Indem. Co. v. A.D. Drumm, Jr., Inc., 57 Nev. 242, 70 P.2d 767, 770 (1937) ("the theory of equitable liens has its ultimate foundation . . . in contracts, express or implied, which either deal with or in some manner relate to specific property, such as a tract of land, particular chattels or securities, a certain fund, and the like. It is necessary to . . . recognize the fact that equity regards them as creating a charge upon or hypothecation of the specific thing"). The doctrine of equitable liens "which permeates our entire system of justice regarding equity" includes the intertwined remedies of a constructive trust and an equitable lien. See Maki v. Chong, 119 Nev. 390, 393, 75 P.3d 376, 379 (2003). Equitable liens are applicable to real property while constructive trusts apply to items of personal property. Union Indem. Co. v. A.D. Drumm, Jr., Inc., 57 Nev. 242, 70 P.2d 767, 768 (1937). Again, both equitable remedies look to contractual underpinnings for the imposition of a remedy.

entitled to the imposition of a constructive trust as requested because this constructive trust claim is derivative of and premised upon well-documented contract rights in favor of Nanyah.

I. Mr. Eliades' Testimony Is Relevant.

The Eliades Trust falsely asserts that Mr. Eliades' testimony is being used by Nanyah to support a claim for contractual liability and that such testimony is legally irrelevant. EAB, pp. 42-43. This assertion is again incorrect on both counts.

First, as discussed above, Nanyah's claim is for imposition of a constructive trust on the Eliades Trust's 40% interest. The imposition of a constructive trust is predicated on a multitude of undisputed facts as well as a multitude of undisputed contractual provisions, including but not limited to Eldorado's Amended Operating Agreement.

Second, while the Eliades Trust seeks to distance itself from Mr. Eliades' testimony, the Eliades Trust provides no support for its arguments. As Nanyah correctly points out in is Opening Brief, the parole evidence rule does not bar introduction or use of testimony consistent with the terms of written agreements.²¹

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¹ Pentax Corp. v. Boyd, 111 Nev. 1296, 1300, 904 P.2d 1024, 1027 (1995) ("Parol evidence is admissible to explain or supplement the terms of an agreement, but not to vary or contradict them." (internal quotations omitted)).

Mr. Eliades' testimony is consistent with the express terms of the numerous agreements.

Next, the Eliades Trust again seeks to conflate the duty to pay (which admittedly the Eliades Trust did not assume) with the duty to hold the 40% interest in trust for Nanyah's equity rights. Accordingly, the parol evidence rule is inapplicable to Mr. Eliades' testimony because his testimony is not offered to support a duty to pay, rather it is offered to confirm the Eliades Trust had full knowledge and understanding that when it acquired the Rogich Trust's 40% interest to hold that interest was "subject to" Nanyah's equity conversion rights in the event of nonpayment.

There Is A Factual Dispute As To When The "Transfer" Of The J. Rogich Trust's 40% Interest To The Eliades Trust Occurred.

As detailed in Nanyah's Opening Brief at pages 34-35, the district court erred in ruling that it was an undisputed fact that the transfer occurred "no later than September, 2012." While the Eliades Trust relies upon a closing date provision in the Secret Membership Assignment²², the closing date is not factually or legally dispositive given the executory nature of the contract.

Next, the Eliades Defendants entirely ignore the legal concepts of "executory contract" versus a "completed contract", and simply disregard this

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²² 6 JA 1452-1457.

distinction as indistinguishable "monikers". EAB, p. 48. Nanyah disagrees. Nanyah argues that while the paperwork for the transfer may have been signed (executory obligation/limited perfection by and between contracting parties), an actual transfer of a membership interest in a company must be documented by the entity itself (completed obligation/perfection against a creditor). NRS 86.241(2)(b). Nanyah incorporates the arguments in its Opening Brief to further address this issue.

K. There Is A Legal Dispute As To Whether A Transfer Of A Membership Interest In An LLC Is Subject To NRS 112.230.

As detailed in Nanyah's Opening Brief at pages 35-38, the district court erred in failing to address whether NRS 112.200(1)(b) was applicable to a transfer of a membership interest. The Eliades Trust's arguments in opposition boils down to the proposition NRS 112.200 only applies to a security interest governed by Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. EAB, pp. 46-48. Nanyah entirely disagrees.

Nothing in NRS 112.200 limits its applicability to Article 9 transactions. If the Legislature intended such a limiting applicability and/or restricted an analysis of perfection under NRS 112.200 to an Article 9 analysis, it would have so stated. It did not, therefore, it is clear the legislature did not intend such a limiting analysis.²³

Further, the express language of NRS 112.200(b) actually defines what constitutes "perfection" and states "time at which transfer or obligation deemed made or incurred" is "when the transfer is so far perfected that a creditor on a simple contract cannot acquire a judicial lien otherwise than under this chapter that is superior to the interest of the transferee." (emphasis added). The statute states the analysis is based upon a judgment lien on "a simple contract"—a simple contract is not a security interest under Article 9.²⁴ The statute also addresses a judicial lien—which again is not an Article 9 component. Accordingly, the legislature did not limit perfection under NRS 112.200(b) to only an Article 9 perfection condition and the Eliades Defendants' arguments directly contradict the express terms of the statute.²⁵

²⁴ While Nanyah agrees that Article 9 perfection components may be triggered in certain factual scenarios, NRS 112.200(b) is not limited only to Article 9 negotiable instruments. Nanyah argues that if the Legislature wanted to limit the breadth and scope of NRS 112.200 in such fashion, it would have so stated.

²⁵ Spencer v. Harrah's Inc., 98 Nev. 99, 101–02, 641 P.2d 481, 482 (1982) ("We are not empowered . . . to go beyond the face of the statute to lend it a construction

²³ Nevada Power Co. v. Haggerty, 115 Nev. 353, 364, 989 P.2d 870, 877 (1999) (when Legislature enacts a statute a court presumes Legislature does so "with full knowledge of existing statutes relating to the same subject." (*citing Runion v. State*, 116 Nev. 1041, 1047, 13 P.3d 52, 56 fn.2 (2000)).

II.

L. Nanyah's 56(f) Motion And Motion To Reconsider.

Nanyah relies upon its arguments in its Opening Brief as addressing the Eliades Defendants' arguments.

CATEGORY 2: DISMISSAL OF REMAINING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ELIADES DEFENDANTS.

As detailed in Nanyah's Opening Brief, the district court granted summary judgment on the remaining claims against the Eliades Defendants based upon the premise the repayment of Nanyah's investment into Eldorado was assumed by the Rogich Trust, these defendants had no liability for such *payment* obligation. OB, pp. 41-45. Nanyah's claims against the Eliades Trust are not premised on the duty to repay it its investment (which obligation is held by Eldorado and Rogich Trust as its surety). Instead, as detailed, Nanyah's claims against these defendants is based upon these defendants' participation in refusing to honor Nanyah's right to a membership interest based upon the "subject to" language contained in the four (4) agreements and expressly embodied in Eldorado's Amended Operating Agreement. Teld and the Eliades Trust also executed the Secret Membership Assignment. 6 JA 1457. Nanyah brought its claims seeking to enforce its right of

contrary to its clear meaning."); *City of Las Vegas v. Macchiaverna*, 99 Nev. 256, 258, 661 P.2d 879, 880 (1983) ("When the language of a statute is plain, its intention must be deduced from such language, and the court has no right to go beyond it." (citation omitted)).

ownership, and alternatively, it seeks to recover the damages it sustained resulting from the Eliades Defendants refusal to provide it a membership interest as contractually required.

The Eliades Defendants simply argue that because they did not assume a duty *to pay* Nanyah its investment amount (which the Eliades Defendants admit is owed by the Rogich Trust on behalf of Eldorado), they have no liability whatsoever. EAB, p. 64 ("the Rogich Trust is 'solely responsible "). In the event this Court concurs with Nanyah the duty *to pay* is distinct from the duty *to hold the 40% interest subject to* Nanyah's equity conversion rights, then the district court's order of dismissal of the Eliades Defendants must be reversed in total.

Next, the Eliades Defendants argue that Nanyah did not appeal the district court's determination that because these defendants did not "assume[] the Rogich Trust's obligation to repay Nanyah", then dismissal of the civil conspiracy claim against them on this ground is not reviewable because Nanyah did not appeal this finding. EAB, p. 44. It is correct that Nanyah did not appeal this issue because Nanyah did not assert Teld and the Eliades Trust assumed a duty *to repay* Nanyah. As discussed extensively in Nanyah's Opening Brief and herein, Nanyah's conspiracy claim is premised on the defendants' conspiracy and breach not to honor the duty *to hold the 40% membership interest in trust for protection of Nanyah's equity conversion rights*.

Also undermining the Eliades Defendants' arguments, Nanyah did specifically appeal the district court's legal determinate that "there is nothing within the relevant agreements which impose any sort of obligation on the Eliades Defendants for Nanyah's benefit." EAB, p. 45 (*citing* 14 JA 3410¶17-18). Nanyah has extensively briefed why and how each of the four (4) agreements contain specific contractual provisions expressly for Nanyah's benefit.²⁶ In fact, the district court recognized Nanyah's repayment rights and equity conversion rights but intentionally and systematically refused to grant Nanyah any relief.²⁷

In addition, the district court wrongfully held that no party owed any fiduciary or special relationship with Nanyah even though the various contracts and Eldorado's Amended Operating Agreement expressly identified Nanyah's equity rights, and its right to be immune from capital calls, and its right to receive distributions. As referenced in Nanyah's Opening Brief at footnote 36, the Eliades Defendants as well as the Rogich Defendants (as Managers and members in Eldorado and Eldorado itself) owed Nanyah fiduciary duties arising out of

²⁶ See footnote 8 and accompanying text.

²⁷ The district court held the Rogich Trust "specifically assumed" "the obligation" "to pay" Nanyah its "\$1.5 million" "invested into Eldorado" or "to pay Nanyah its percentage interest in Eldorado." 14 JA 3403-3412, ¶¶4, 5.a.ii, 5.b.ii., 5.b.ii., 5.b.iv, and 7 (emphasis added). The district court ignored the Eliades Trust's duty to hold the 40% interest subject to Nanyah's equity conversion rights.

Nanyah's status as an investor/potential member in Eldorado. Separately, the Eliades Trust owed Nanyah fiduciary duties since it was holding the 40% interest in trust subject to Nanyah's equity conversion rights.

III. CATEGORY 3: DISMISSAL OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST ELDORADO.

Nanyah argues the district court erred in dismissing Eldorado pursuant to NRCP 41(e) because the parties stipulated and the Court held the trial had "started" and "commenced" for NRCP 41(e)'s purposes.²⁸ Eldorado's Answering Brief argues it is not bound by its stipulations of fact, both oral and written, or by the district court's order adopting Eldorado's stipulations of fact.

A. Oral And Written Stipulations Of Fact Subsequently Adopted Into A Court Order Cannot Be Contested Or Challenged.

Nanyah's Opening Brief at pages 60-65 details the extensive undisputed record whereby Eldorado's counsel stipulated and the district court ordered that the trial had "started", "commenced" and then "suspended". The district court also held that because the trial had "started", intervention could not occur and the

²⁸ Barbara Ann Hollier Trust v. Shack, 356 P.3d 1085, 1089, 131 Nev. 582, 589
(2015) ("Nevada's Rules of Civil Procedure are subject to the same rules of interpretation as statutes."); Waste Mgmt. of Nevada, Inc. v. W. Taylor St., LLC, 135 Nev. 168, 170, 443 P.3d 1115, 1117 (2019) ("We review questions of statutory construction de novo."); AA Primo Builders, LLC v. Washington, 126 Nev. 578, 589, 245 P.3d 1190, 1197 (2010) ("While review for abuse of discretion is ordinarily deferential, deference is not owed to legal error.").

Rogich Trust had to be dismissed. Eldorado simply ignores that based upon the stipulation that trial had started, the Rogich Trust was dismissed.

Eldorado spends an inordinate amount of time arguing that this Court should disregard Eldorado's stipulations and the district court's order and should analyze this issue as if the stipulations and order do not exist. However, the law is abundantly clear that a party who stipulates to facts in a proceeding, cannot thereafter contest or challenge those facts. OB, pp. 62-63.

This legal principle was stated concisely in *Palmer v. City of Long Beach*, 33 Cal.2d 134, 199 P.2d 952 (Cal. 1948), the California Supreme Court held: "**a stipulation . . . it is conclusive upon the parties, and the truth of the facts contained therein cannot be contradicted**." (emphasis added). This Court has cited to and relied upon *Palmer* in two prior cases.²⁹ All counsel stipulated to the occurrence of a factual event, i.e. the trial had "started", both orally on the record and in a written stipulation. The written stipulation was subsequently adopted as an order of the district court. Consequently, Eldorado is barred from contesting that the trial had "started", thereby satisfying the requirements of NRCP 41(e).³⁰

²⁹ Taylor v. State Industrial Ins. System, 107 Nev. 595, 816 P.2d 1086, 1088 (1991); Szilagyi v. Testa, 99 Nev. 834, 673 P.2d 495, 498 (1983).

³⁰ Nanyah recognizes that in an absence of a stipulation of fact and/or order establishing undisputed facts, this Court has stated that "a case is brought to trial by, *inter alia*, examining jurors." *Schwartz v. Est. of Greenspun*, 110 Nev. 1042,

In addition, NRS 47.240(3) establishes the conclusive presumption that attaches to Eldorado's counsel's affirmations of fact on the record in both oral and written stipulations bar Eldorado from challenging and seeking to falsify these stipulated facts.³¹ The Rogich Trust and the district court both also relied upon Eldorado's counsel's stipulation of fact to obtain the dismissal of the claims against the Rogich Trust. Nanyah relied upon Eldorado's counsel's stipulations of fact to affirming the trial had started thereby satisfying NRCP 41(e)'s requirements. NRS 47.240(3) establishes a conclusive presumption against Eldorado barring Eldorado from now contesting the trial never started so that Nanyah's claims should be barred by NRCP 41(e)'s provisions.³²

Nanyah believes that Eldorado's counsel's arguments seeking to challenge and contest the factual stipulations that the trial had "started" is both disingenuous

³² *Kusior v. Silver*, 54 Cal. 2d 603, 619, 354 P.2d 657, 668 (1960) ("A conclusive presumption is in actuality a substantive rule of law.").

^{1048, 881} P.2d 638, 641 (1994). However, consideration of the underlying facts is entirely irrelevant and immaterial given the stipulation of the parties that the trial had "started" and the district court's affirmation of this fact in rendering its subsequent order dismissing the Rogich Trust based upon a factual event that the trial had officially started.

³¹See NRS 47.240(3) ("Whenever a party has, by his or her own declaration, act or omission, intentionally and deliberately led another to believe a particular thing true and to act upon such belief, the party cannot, in any litigation arising out of such declaration, act or omission, be permitted to falsify it.").

and undermines the very foundation of established jurisprudence relating to the evidentiary purpose and applicability of stipulations of fact in Nevada's legal system. For instance, Nevada Jury Instruction 2.06 states:

If counsel for the parties have stipulated to any fact, you will regard that fact as being conclusively proved [as to the party or parties making the stipulation].

Nev. J.I. 2.06. Eldorado's counsel's stipulation of fact that the trial had "started" and "commenced" is conclusively proved and cannot be contested. Eldorado simply ignores the purpose and intent underlying stipulations of fact in Nevada jurisprudence.

Further, Eldorado ignores Nevada Rule of Professional Conduct 3.3(a) that states "a lawyer shall not knowingly . . . make a false statement of fact . . . to a tribunal." In this case, either Eldorado truthfully stipulated to the fact that the trial had started *or* Eldorado's counsel is arguing to this Court that it lied to all the parties and the district court when it stipulated as a fact that the trial started. Eldorado simply wants this Court to reward it for its duplicity and to ignore the evidentiary consequences of its stipulations of fact. Nanyah requests that this Court bind Eldorado and its counsel to the consequences of their stipulations of fact in this case.

Lastly, Eldorado improperly relies on three decisions referencing that a stipulation to continue a trial must contain a specific reference to NRCP 41(e).

Nanyah agrees that NRCP 41(e)(5) states: "The parties may stipulate in writing to extend the time in which to prosecute an action." Nanyah agrees that any stipulation to continue a trial should reference NRCP 41(e)'s provisions. However, these cases cited by Eldorado involve a stipulation to continue a trial. This case presents a stipulation of fact that the trial had "started" and "commenced" and was "suspended".³³ Accordingly, Eldorado's reliance on cases addressing stipulations to continue under NRCP 41(e) are inapplicable to the facts of this case because this case presents stipulations of fact and the substantive rule of law that applies to stipulated facts.³⁴ Nanyah relies upon its arguments in its Opening Brief as addressing Eldorado's remaining argument regarding tolling (OB, p. 67). 111 /// 111 ³³ Eldorado also argues that the application of NRCP 41(e) is an issue of law and parties cannot stipulate to issues of law. EAB, p. 59. Nanyah entirely disagrees. The parties can and did stipulate to binding, incontrovertible facts that the trial had "started" which facts are not subject to contestation on appeal by Eldorado. ³⁴ In Erickson v. One Thirty-Three, Inc., & Assocs., 104 Nev. 755, 757, 766 P.2d 898, 899 (1988), the stipulation related to a continuance and a stipulation that was not signed by all the parties. In both Tripi v. Johnson, 478 P.3d 871 (Nev. 2021)

and Western Cab Co. v. Dahl, 437 P.3d 1056 (Nev. 2019), the stipulations under
 analysis were stipulation "to continue" a trial and did address stipulations of fact
 that the trial had "started" as in this case.

IV. CATEGORY 3: DISMISSAL OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE ROGICH DEFENDANTS.

The dismissal of all claims against the Rogich Trust were premised on the district court's misapplication of NRS 163.100.³⁵ In its eagerness to avoid liability in this case, the Rogich Trust's Answering Brief fabricates an alterative factual history to avoid its clear liability for repayment of Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment. The misstatements and/or inaccurate representations made to this Court by the Rogich Defendants are addressed below. Thereafter Nanyah will address the Rogich Defendants' substantive arguments.

A. The Evidence Establishes At The Time Of The Litigation, Rogich Was The Sole Beneficiary Of The Rogich Trust.

The Rogich Defendants argue without support that the Rogich Trust's disclosure to the Gaming Control Board in 2015 did not indicate that Rogich was the sole beneficiary of the Rogich Trust. 28 JA 6743-6745. This action has been pending since July 31, 2013. 1 JA 1-21. There is no support in the record supporting the purported factual statement that in 2015 there were other beneficiaries--none. The Rogich Trust then asserts that at the time of the trial, the Rogich Trust asserted there were multiple other beneficiaries. RAB, p. 4.

³⁵ Waste Mgmt. of Nevada, Inc. v. W. Taylor St., LLC, 135 Nev. 168, 170, 443 P.3d 1115, 1117 (2019) ("We review questions of statutory construction de novo.").

What is clear from the record is that Rogich was the sole beneficiary of the Rogich Trust until such time as the Rogich Trust sought dismissal of Nanyah's claims based upon application of NRS Chapter 163.120. Then, in order to bolster its argument, the Rogich Trust claimed there were new unidentified beneficiaries so Nanyah's claims should be dismissed. The gamesmanship of this conduct is demonstrated by the Rogich Trust's refusal to produce any trust documentation pursuant to NRCP 16.1, produce any amendment thereto adding beneficiaries, its lack of asserting an affirmative defense that any beneficiary other than Rogich was necessary and/or an indispensable party, and by the Rogich Trust's complete failure to designate any alleged beneficiary as a witness or interested party pursuant to NRCP 16.1.

B. The Court Wrongly Asserted Its Hands Were Tied.

The Rogich Defendants next assert that Nanyah falsely represented the district court's hands were tied. RAB, p. 6. The district court projected onto Nanyah that its hands were tied because the district court refused to consider discretionary relief as allowed under NRS 163.120. The district court held that the language "or within such other time as the court may fix" was meaningless and did not provide any discretionary authority to the district court. 30 JA 7191-92. The district court simply refused to address the discretion language in NRS 163.120 so that it could proceed with dismissal of the claims against the Rogich Trust.

Whether semantically Nanyah's hands were tied (which they were not) or the district court's hands were tied (which they were not) it is entirely irrelevant because it was the district court itself that held the language "or within such other time as the court may fix" in NRS 163.120 was meaningless. It was the district court, not Nanyah that committed reversable error. *Spencer v. Harrah's Inc.*, 98 Nev. 99, 101–02, 641 P.2d 481, 482 (1982) (courts "not empowered . . . to go beyond the face of the statute to lend it a construction contrary to its clear meaning.").

C. Nanyah Is A Third-Party Beneficiary.

The Rogich Defendants argue that Nanyah falsely stated in its Opening Brief that the district court "expressly" found Nanyah was a third-party beneficiary. RAB, p. 7. This contention is another blatant misrepresentation of Nanyah's Opening Brief. *See* OB, fn. 35 ("Nanyah recognizes that *the district court did not use the label 'third-party beneficiary'*, instead the district court provided the exact definition of a third-party beneficiary in its ruling." (emphasis added)). Nanyah does argue that the finding by the district court based upon the clear and unambiguous language of multiple contracts the Rogich Trust "specifically assumed" "the obligation" "to pay" Nanyah its "\$1.5 million" "invested into

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Eldorado" or "**to pay Nanyah its percentage interest in Eldorado**" makes Nanyah a third-party beneficiary as a matter of law.³⁶

The Rogich Trust's agreement to repay Nanyah its investment is undisputed based upon the testimony of every single relevant witness and the clear and unambiguous terms of the Purchase Agreement, the MIPAs and Eldorado's Amended Operating Agreement.³⁷

D. Rogich's Admission Of The Applicability Of Fiduciary Duties.

The Rogich Defendants alleged that Nanyah misstated Rogich's testimony regarding his knowledge of and applicability of fiduciary duties owed to Nanyah. RAB, p. 8. Nanyah relies upon its Opening Brief to address this argument. OB, p. 23.

³⁶ Galardi v. Naples Polaris, LLC, 129 Nev. 306, 301 P.3d 364, 366 (2013) ("'[I]n the absence of ambiguity or other factual complexities,' contract interpretation presents a question of law." (citation omitted)).

³⁷ Huerta testified Rogich specifically agreed to repay Nanyah its investment into Eldorado. 12 JA 2917:13-14. Eliades testified that Rogich represented to him that the Rogich Trust would repay Nanyah its \$1.5 million investment into Eldorado. *Id.* 2927:3-25. Dolores Eliades, Teld's Managing Member, testified Rogich promised and represented to her and Teld, Rogich would repay Nanyah its \$1.5 million investment into Eldorado. 11 JA 2590-2591 ("He [Rogich] had always said he was going to pay [Nanyah].").

E. Canamex Is Irrelevant.

In an effort to avoid liability, Rogich Trust seeks to argue that Nanyah's investment was into Canamex, not Eldorado. RAB, 8-13. This argument is irrelevant or inapplicable for a multitude of reasons.³⁸ First, the district court held in its Decision on October 4, 2019, dismissing Eldorado, Rogich and Imitations, the following:

[I]t is undisputed that Nanyah wired \$1,500,000 as memorialized in the October 30, 2008 Membership Interest Purchase Agreement (the "MIPA"). In this MIPA, the Rogich Trust agreed to solely assume the obligation to pay Nanyah's debt.

33 JA 8057 (emphasis added). The Rogich Defendants have not appealed the Decision nor any portion of its contents. Therefore, the undisputed facts on appeal are that Nanyah invested \$1.5 million into Eldorado and the Rogich Trust agreed to assume the obligation to repay Nanyah its investment.

Next, Rogich admittedly knows nothing about Nanyah's original investment or how it was handled by Huerta. Up until October 31, 2008, Rogich testified Eldorado was under the exclusive operational control of Huerta:

... Carlos [Huerta] ran Eldorado Hills. He handled everything. I didn't see a thing.

³⁸ For context, Nanyah's \$1.5 million money was initially wired into Canamex's account then immediately transferred into Eldorado's account. 11 JA 2671:1-2672:18. Nanyah's principal testified he was solicited to invest his money in Eldorado. 22 JA 5285, p., 21:8-21.

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1 2	Q Including entering into obligations on behalf of Eldorado Hills, LLC?
3	A. That's correct.
4	20 JA 4916; 54:21-55:1 (emphasis added). Rogich further testified:
5	A He [Carlos Huerta] just ran the books. I never saw the books.
7 8 9	A. I do know that he held all of the books and took care of everything at Eldorado Hills.
10	20 JA 4916; 44:2-15 (emphasis added). ³⁹ Rogich, and Eldorado, cannot refute or
11	rebut Huerta's testimony that Nanyah's \$1.5 million was invested into Eldorado
12 13	since Rogich admittedly lacked personal knowledge of Eldorado's financial
13	affairs. ⁴⁰
15	Lastly, as detailed in Nanyah's Opening Brief at pages 16-21, the extensive
16	contract provisions contained in all four documents including Rogich's
17 18	"confirmation" of Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment into Eldorado. Pages 12-15
19	also details the extensive documentation establishing Nanyah's \$1.5 million
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21	³⁹ Rogich admitted Huerta was responsible for "soliciting investors" (11 JA
22	2679:13-21) and had "the authority" to solicit investors and bring their money into
23 24	Eldorado. <i>Id</i> . 2680:6-18. Rogich testified Huerta's "authority" was practically unlimited and included absolute "control" of Eldorado's books. <i>Id</i> . 2682-2683.
25	⁴⁰ See NRS 50.025(1)(b) ("Lack of personal knowledge. 1. A witness may not

⁴⁰ See NRS 50.025(1)(b) ("Lack of personal knowledge. 1. A witness may not testify to a matter unless: (a) Evidence is introduced sufficient to support a finding that the witness has personal knowledge of the matter").

investment into Eldorado. The Rogich Defendants are also barred from seeking to introduce parol evidence to alter the clear and unambiguous terms of the various agreements confirming Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment into Eldorado.

F. Nanyah's "Potential Claim" Relates Solely To A Demand For Conversion To An Equity Interest.

The Rogich Defendants also severely misstate the terms of the various contracts seeking to misconstrue Nanyah's investment of \$1.5 million into a "potential claim." RAB, p. 13-15. The contracts are clear that Nanyah reserved a "potential claim" to an equity interest in the event its \$1.5 million investment was not repaid.

Specifically, the Purchase Agreement states that Go Global is selling its "Membership Interest" to the Rogich Trust. 11 JA 2711, Recital A. This "Membership Interest" is subject to Nanyah's claim of an ownership interest. *Id*. The Purchase Agreement then expressly states that the Rogich Trust will either satisfy the debt or "convert" the debt into "an equity position" in Eldorado. *Id*. The Purchase Agreement then references Exhibit A, which identifies Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment for which Nanyah may demand an equity interest, *i.e.*, the potential claimant to an equity interest. *Id*. 2720. Accordingly, the Rogich Defendants argument that Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment was some ethereal unliquidated claim is directly contrary to the express terms of the contracts. In addition to the express language of the Purchase Agreement, Rogich also testified that he knew and understood that Nanyah's "potential claim" related solely and exclusively to Nanyah's right to obtain an equity interest in the event Nanyah's \$1.5 million was not repaid. 20 JA 4936, p. 133:8-17.

Further, the Rogich Defendants' reference to the Antonio Nevada, LLC ("Antonio Nevada") lawsuit conclusively proves Nanyah's arguments in this case. Antonio Nevada was also one of the investors who invested in Eldorado and did not receive a membership interest. Antonio Nevada was also expressly identified in the Purchase Agreement, and the MIPAs as investing in Eldorado. 11 JA 2711, 2720. However, Antonio Nevada did in fact receive repayment of its investment of \$3 million, yet Antonio Nevada also sued for an additional equity interest in Eldorado. The court held that (1) Antonio Nevada invested \$3 million into Eldorado, (2) Rogich was a co-guarantor of this "investment"; and (3) because "the said investment was fully repaid" Rogich had "no obligation to Antonio Nevada."4 So, in summary, Rogich repaid three (3) investors their investment into Eldorado and transferred a portion of the 40% interest to two (2) other investors. Rather than pay the last investor Nanyah, Rogich has forced this litigation because he

⁴¹ See Supplemental Appendix ("SA") at SA 001-3, Order and Summary Judgment, dated Dec. 4, 2013.

admits he never had any intention of repaying Nanyah when he induced all parties into executing the various October 31, 2008, contracts.⁴²

Rogich and Huerta extensively discussed Nanyah's investment in Eldorado and that Rogich agreed the Rogich Trust would repay Nanyah its investment or transfer to it a commensurate membership interest. Huerta testified that the agreements were crafted "for the sake of preserving the existing investors, including Nanyah" 20 JA 4929, p. 106:2-4. Huerta wanted to make sure the investors were protected in the agreements and that it did not appear that Rogich just "walked away with their shares." *Id.* p. 106:15-22. Rogich admits his attorneys extensively communicated with Huerta about the debt/equity situation with Nanyah. *Id.*, p. 107:7-17.

Rogich admitted that on October 24, 2008, a week prior to his execution of the various agreements, he received extensive communications from Huerta about Nanyah's investment into Eldorado and including the Eldorado Hills Capital Account showing Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment into Eldorado. 20 JA 4930, p. 108:12-24. Rogich expressly admits that he fully knew about Nanyah's \$1.5

⁴² 32 JA 7810:24-7811:1 ("Q. You never had any intention of paying Nanyah 1.5 million, did you? A. No." (emphasis added)).

million investment into Eldorado prior to executing the various agreements. *Id.* p. 109:13-24.⁴³

G. The District Court Erred In Dismissing The Claims Against The Rogich Trust By Misinterpreting And Misapplying NRS 163.120.

As detailed in Nanyah's Opening Brief at pages 45-59, Nanyah argues the district court erred in dismissing Nanyah's claims against the Rogich Trust. Nanyah stands by the arguments contained in its Opening Brief and will address only those arguments raised by the Rogich Trust that have any substance.

1. NRS 163.120 Does Not Require Notice At The Beginning of An Action.

The Rogich Trust argues that NRS 163.120 requires notice be given at the "very beginning" of a lawsuit. RAB, pp. 22-23. This argument contradicts the plain language of NRS 163.120 which states notice should be provided "within such other time as the court may fix, and more than 30 days before obtaining the judgment." (Emphasis added). A judgment does not occur at the beginning of a lawsuit making the Rogich Trust's argument an absurdity. *Las Vegas Sun v. District Court*, 104 Nev. 508, 511, 761 P.2d 849, 851 (1988) ("statutes should be interpreted so as to be reasonable and avoid absurd results."). Further, this argument was specifically rejected in *Transamerican Leasing Co. v. Three Bears*,

⁴³ At this excerpt, Rogich even corrects his own attorney in the deposition to show him where it is detailed that Nanyah invested \$1.5 million into Eldorado.

Inc., 586 S.W.2d 472, 476–77 (Tex. 1979) when the Texas Supreme Court stated: "The requirement for a notice does not always require notice in time for trial"

2. Is There A Consequence For The Rogich Defendants Failure To Comply With NRCP 8, 16.1 And 37?

As an issue of first impression, Nanyah argues that NRCP 8, 16.1 and 37 impose affirmative obligations upon Rogich and the Rogich Trust to assert affirmative defenses relating to necessary or indispensable parties, to identify beneficiaries separately as they may have interests that need to be addressed and/or are implicated by the litigation and that NRCP 37 contains consequences for failing to disclose information. Given the policy that Nevada's Rules of Civil Procedure are "to be construed, administered, and employed by the court and the parties to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding" and that it is the policy of the courts to resolve disputes on their merits, the secret employment of NRS 163.120 as a potential ambush in litigation as an unlimited and unrestricted "get out of jail free card" to escape clear liability seems inherently wrong, unfair and draconian. NRCP 1; Franklin v. Bartsas *Realty, Inc.*, 95 Nev. 559, 563, 598 P.2d 1147, 1149 (1979) (it is "basic . . . policy to have each case decided upon its merits. In the normal course of events, justice is best served by such a policy.").

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3. NRS 163.120 Purpose Is To Ensure A Trustee Adequately Protects The Beneficiaries Interest.

As discussed in *Transamerican Leasing Co. v. Three Bears, Inc.*, 586 S.W.2d 472 (Tex. 1979), the purpose of this notice obligation to ensure beneficiaries' interest in a trust is adequately protected. In *Transamerican*, as in this case, the trustee who was overseeing the entire litigation was also the primary beneficiary of the trust. Rogich is the trustee and was during this litigation the sole and/or primary beneficiary of the Rogich Trust. Where such facts are shown and the trustee/beneficiary "**ably participated in the defense of the case**" then 163.120's provisions are fully satisfied and technical compliance with the notice obligation is not required. *Id.* at 477 (emphasis added).

Nanyah demonstrated that at the time of the initiation of this litigation Rogich himself was the sole beneficiary of the Rogich Trust. Subsequent inclusion of new beneficiaries would therefore take subject to full knowledge of the existing litigation and additional notice not required. Therefore, NRS 163.120 notice was not required given the undisputed facts of this case that Rogich was the sole beneficiary during the initiation of and the pendency of this litigation and he had actual notice of these proceedings. Subsequent manipulating to create "new" beneficiaries so as to manufacture a NRS 163.120 basis for dismissal is simply gamesmanship to avoid a clear and unambiguous

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obligation to pay \$1.5 million to Nanyah. The law abhors a forfeiture and to adopt the district court's and the Rogich Trust's argument constitutes a forfeiture of Nanyah's clear and undisputed rights.⁴⁴

4. The Rogich Trust Admits That NRS 163.120 Allows For Notice To Occur After Trial And Prior To Entry Of Judgment.

Although initially the Rogich Trust argues that notice must occur at the beginning of a lawsuit, it then changes its arguments to admit that "notice must be provided to beneficiaries no less than 30 days prior to judgment." RAB, p. 25:1-2. The Rogich Trust then argues that the district court had "limited judicial discretion" and was obligated to dismiss the claims against it because there was "no corrective language" in the statute allowing Nanyah to comply with the notice obligations. *Id.*, p. 25:15-17. Clearly this is another absurd interpretation of NRS 163.120's provisions because the "corrective language" is clear and unambiguous the notice must be provided *prior to entry of judgment*. Entry of judgment is not a date certain but clearly is a date in a case after a trial has

⁴⁴ Matter of W.N. Connell & Marjorie T. Connell Living Tr., dated May 18, 1972, 134 Nev. 613, 616, 426 P.3d 599, 602 (2018) ("'[t]he law abhors a forfeiture.'"); Organ v. Winnemucca State Bank & Tr. Co., 55 Nev. 72, 26 P.2d 237, 238 (1933) ("The law abhors a forfeiture.").

occurred.⁴⁵ The statute itself provides the corrective action—suspend entry of judgment pending notice to beneficiaries.

The Rogich Trust's arguments ignore that courts have both suspended entry of judgment after trial to allow notice and have even vacated judgments to allow notice. *Transamerican Leasing Co. v. Three Bears, Inc.*, 586 S.W.2d 472 (Tex. 1979); *In re Pfizer's Estate*, 33 N.J. Super. 2"2, 265, 110 A.2d 40, '3 (Ch. Div.), aff'd, 17 N.J. 40, 110 A.2d 54 (N.J. 1954).

5. The Rogich Trust Misapplies NRS 12.130.

The Rogich Trust and the district court also erroneously contend intervention under NRS 12.130 must happen prior to trial. NRS 12.130 contemplates intervention can happen any time prior to "the entry of a final judgment"; including even after the jury has reached a verdict, so long as judgment has not been entered. Again, the district court's decision is erroneous and requires reversal.

In this case, at the time of dismissal of the Rogich Trust, there was not a "final judgment." Pursuant to NRCP 54(b), the decision to dismiss the Rogich Trust was not a final judgment. Claims against multiple parties remained.

⁴⁵ Judgment may also be entered after the conclusion of motion practice. In either instance, entry of judgment may be suspended pending notice to beneficiaries.

Pursuant to NRCP 54(b), the district court retained jurisdiction to revisit and rescind the dismissal of the Rogich Trust. *Id.* ("any order or other decision, however designated, that adjudicates fewer than all the claims or the rights and liabilities of fewer than all the parties does not end the action as to any of the claims or parties and may be revised at any time before the entry of a judgment adjudicating all the claims and all the parties' rights and liabilities."). Again, reliance on NRCP 12.130 as a basis to dismiss the claims against the Rogich Trust is simply a misapplication of the statute because no final judgment had been rendered.

In addition, intervention is not a matter of right, there must be a showing by a particular beneficiary that some interest is not being adequately protected. When the district court treated intervention as an absolute right, the district court again committed clear error. Intervention would have been denied because Rogich has "**ably participated in the defense of the case**", therefor 163.120's notice provisions did not apply.

 6. The Rogich Trust's Offers Of Judgment Are Dispositive. Recognizing the fatality of the two Offers of Judgment to the applicability of NRS 163.120 in this action, the Rogich Trust simply argues they are not relevant. RAB, pp. 31-32. Nanyah believes the extensions of formal Offers of

Judgment to allow Nanyah to proceed to obtain a judgment against the Rogich Trust is dispositive and obviates any requirement by Nanyah to comply with NRS 163.120.

The Rogich Trust's Offers of Judgment are judicial admissions of both fact and law that judgment may be obtained against the Rogich Trust. The Rogich Trust expressly waived NRS 163.120's provisions and affirmed that judgment could be obtained against it. Nanyah argues that these Offers of Judgment constitute both judicial admissions and that the Rogich Trust is judicially estopped from contesting that Nanyah may proceed to obtain a judgment against it. Further supporting Nanyah's position, the Rogich Trust asserted the Offers of Judgment are "facially valid and demonstrated by operation of law pursuant to NRCP 68." 36 JA 9047:16-17. The district court then awarded the Rogich Trust attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$588,770.05. 38 JA 9255-9256; 36 JA 8628-8749. Given the clear judicial admissions of fact and law, Nanyah was entitled to obtain judgment against the Rogich Trust based upon the Offers of Judgment and compliance with NRS 163.120 was unnecessary.

H. The District Court Erred In Dismissing The Claims Against Rogich And Imitations.

Nanyah asserts in this action that the conduct of the defendants, acting cooperatively, deprived Nanyah of the benefits of its \$1.5 million investment into

Eldorado. This benefit was either the repayment of its original \$1.5 million or a commensurate membership interest (theoretically calculated as of 2012 when the obligation to provide Nanyah with a membership interest was repudiated). 28 JA 6802. While the Rogich Trust claims that Nanyah abandoned its claim to an equity interest, Nanyah did not.

The district court held that Nanyah could not pursue a claim against the Eliades Trust for an equity interest—which decision has been appealed in this case. 14 JA 3403-3412. Because of the district court's order denying Nanyah the right to receive an equity interest, Nanyah was then forced to limit its relief to a request for recovery of the \$1.5 million investment. Assuming this Court reverses the district court's order on the 5th claim for relief for a constructive trust, Nanyah's right to receive its equity interest is revived as is its right to receive the value of that equity interest for which it has been deprived. Accordingly, Nanyah's conspiracy claim is premised on the defendants' joint cooperation and actions to deprive Nanyah its rights to receive a benefit for its \$1.5 million investment or the issuance of a commensurate membership interest to it.⁴⁶

⁴⁶ Using the valuation methodology employed by the Rogich Trust and Eliades in 2012—1% equals \$100,000-- Nanyah's interest for its \$1.5 million investment in Eldorado would be 15% which it has been deprived of receiving.

I. The Claim Against Imitations.

Nanyah's claim against Imitations is not premised on the 2012 Assignment Agreement relating to transfer of ownership of Imitations. Nanyah's claim against Imitations is premised on Imitation's participation in the Secret Membership Assignment as a co-conspirator to facilitate the transfer of the Rogich Trust's 40% interest to the Eliades Trust so as to deprive Nanyah from its equity rights. Rather than the Rogich Trust receiving the \$4 million in consideration for the transfer of the 40% interest, Imitations was used as the vehicle to transfer \$4 million in value to Rogich's other entities. Accordingly, Imitations was an active and vital participant in the scheme to deprive Nanyah of its investment in Eldorado.

J. Undisputed Proof Of Wrongful Intent.

The Rogich Defendants argue that there was no intent to harm Nanyah because Rogich provided a self-serving declaration rebutting such intent. RAB 37. Actually, Nanyah relies upon Rogich's expressed and admitted intent to harm Nanyah. 32 JA 7810:24-7811:1 ("Q. You never had any intention of paying Nanyah 1.5 million, did you? A. No." (emphasis added)). Rogich's self-serving conclusory declaration that he did not intend to pursue an unlawful objective was insufficient to grant summary judgment in his favor.

K. Intracorporate Conspiracy Doctrine Is Inapplicable.

The intracorporate conspiracy doctrine is inapplicable to Nanyah's conspiracy claim. Nanyah asserts that the Rogich Trust, Rogich, Teld, Eliades, the Eliades Trust and Imitations all participated in the wrongful objective to deprive Nanyah of the benefits of its \$1.5 million into Eldorado. 11 JA 2741. Both Teld and the Eliades Trust executed the Secret Membership Assignment. 6 JA 1452-1457. Both Rogich and Eliades executed the Teld MIPA in their individual capacities as well as executing in their capacities as trustees of the Rogich Trust and the Eliades Trust. JA 2741. Therefore, Rogich and Eliades did not sign as agents for an entity but in their individual capacities for which they are liable.

In addition, Eliades and Rogich both individually engaged their other investment vehicles to facilitate the payment of \$4 million to Rogich in exchange for the Rogich Trust's 40% interest pretextually making the transaction look like the Rogich Trust received only \$0 for the transaction.⁴⁷ To facilitate this fraudulent and deceitful transaction, Eliades purportedly "loaned" the Rogich Trust \$682,000 so that the Rogich Trust could then "forfeit" its 40% interest back to the Eliades Trust in an alleged satisfaction of this loan. 11 JA 2842. Accordingly,

⁴⁷ See footnote 14.

these individuals acted in their individual capacities in various forms rendering the intracorporate conspiracy doctrine inapplicable.

L. Dismissal Of The Breach Of Contract Claims Against Rogich Individually Was Error.

Rogich argues that dismissal of the breach of contract claims against him individually was proper because the district court correctly found Rogich individually was not a party to any contract. Again, the district court erred because Rogich executed the Teld MIPA in his individual capacity. 11 JA 2741. Accordingly, while Rogich individually may not have had the duty to repay Nanyah for its investment, he certainly had the contractual duty associated with the covenant of good faith and fair dealing to ensure Nanyah was not deprived of its investment and/or equity rights in Eldorado.

V. CATEGORY 4. PROCEDURAL AND EVIDENTIARY ORDERS.

A. Nanyah's NRCP 15 Motion--Eldorado.

The premise of Nanyah's NRCP 15 motion is simple. The district court held that that clear and unambiguous terms of the various contracts established that the Rogich Trust had "specifically assumed" the obligation to repay Nanyah for its \$1.5 million investment.⁴⁸ Nanyah argues that this specific finding by the district

⁴⁸ 14 JA 3403-3412, ¶¶ 4, 5.a.ii, 5.b.i., 5.b.ii., 5.b.iv, and 7 (emphasis added).

court established its legal right to pursue a contract based claim against Eldorado based upon the district court's order because the district court ruled as a matter of law that Rogich Trust was Eldorado's surety.⁴⁹ Nanyah argues that if a court determines a surety is liable for a debt, then the original obligor is also liable as a matter of law. *DKN Holdings LLC v. Faerber*, 61 Cal. 4th 813, 820, 352 P.3d 378, 384 (2015) ("The plaintiff 'does not lose the right to the several liability of a several obligor until the obligation is fully satisfied"").

In order for Eldorado to be excused from performance, Nanyah would have to expressly release Eldorado from such liability. It did not.⁵⁰ Instead, the Rogich Trust *added* itself to the obligation and agreed by and between itself and Eldorado,

⁴⁹ See also NRCP 54(c) ("[e]very other final judgment should grant the relief to which each party is entitled, even if the party has not demanded that relief in its pleadings."); *Magille v. Lewis*, 74 Nev. 381, 387-88, 333 P.2d 717, 720 (1958) ("The Nevada Supreme Court recognized the liberal nature of NRCP 54(c) by confirming 'Under the liberalized rules of pleading,' a final judgment must grant the relief a party is entitled to, even where the prayer for relief did not ask for such relief.").

⁵⁰ Misstating the law of suretyship, Eldorado argues "Nanyah agreed that the Rogich Trust is 'solely responsible'" for the repayment of the \$1.5 million investment. EAB, p. 64. This statement is not true. Nanyah did not release
⁶⁰ Eldorado's obligation owed to Nanyah to repay it for its \$1.5 million investment. The various contracts affirm Nanyah's investment into Eldorado and the Rogich Trust *assumed* the liability on behalf of Eldorado to repay Nanyah and/or transfer
⁶⁰ Nanyah a commensurate ownership interest. The Eliades Trust agreed that its retention of the 40% interest acquired from the Rogich Trust would remain liable for Nanyah's equity rights.

that the Rogich Trust would be responsible for the liability. Clearly Eldorado retains the legal rights to assert breach of contract claims against the Rogich Trust for contribution and indemnity to enforce the Rogich Trust's promise to it to be solely liable for the obligation.⁵¹ In addition, based upon the district court's order, Nanyah did not release or relieve Eldorado from such liability owed to it and is entitled to judgment against Eldorado as well.

Eldorado also argues that it has no liability because it is bound by the Rogich Trust's assumption of the obligation to be repaid "solely" by the Rogich Trust. Eldorado argues that as a third-party beneficiary, this contract provision is binding on Nanyah. This Court has specifically rejected Eldorado's argument. This Court has held that "while a third-party beneficiary is generally 'subject to the defenses that would be valid as between the parties,' **the notion that a third-party beneficiary steps into the shoes of a contracting party is a "misstatement of the law**". *Hartford Fire Ins. Co. v. Trs. of the Constr. Indus. & Laborers Health & Welfare Tr.*, 125 Nev. 149, 156-57, 208 P.3d 884, 889 (2009) (quoting *Morelli v. Morelli*, 102 Nev. 326, 329, 720 P.2d 704, 706 (1986) (emphasis added)). See also Restatement (Second) of Contracts § 309 cmt. c (1981) (providing that a third-

⁵¹ In addition, Teld and the Eliades Trust retain rights under the Teld MIPA and the Eldorado Operating Agreement against the Rogich Trust because Rogich always affirmed to Teld and the Eliades Trust that he would repay Nanyah its investment.

party beneficiary's right to enforce a contract is "direct, not merely derivative"). Accordingly, Nanyah is not limited in its right to recover \$1.5 million solely from the Rogich Trust and Eldorado also remains liable for receipt and retention of this investment.

Nanyah relies on the arguments in its Opening Brief to refute the remaining contentions asserted by Eldorado and Eldorado's obligation to repay Nanyah its \$1.5 million has always been at the heart of this litigation.

B. Nanyah's MIL #5: Parol Evidence Rule--Eldorado.

The district court applied the parol evidence rule against Nanyah (claiming Mr. Eliades' testimony was inadmissible to explain his agreement the Eliades Trust held its 40% interest "subject to" Nanyah's equity conversion rights) then stated the parol evidence rule did not bar Eldorado from presenting evidence seeking to alter, modify and refute the clear and unambiguous terms of the various agreements—including the Eldorado Operating Agreement. Nanyah argues that the district court erred in ruling that Eldorado was not a party to its own operating agreement and the parol evidence rule applied against Eldorado. OB, pp. 74-77.

Eldorado argues that it is not a party to its own operating agreement. EAB, pp. 70-72. Eldorado also argues that the provisions of the Eldorado Operating Agreement stating there are no third-party beneficiary rights apply to Nanyah. EAB, p. 71. Nanyah disagrees based upon the express inclusion of Nanyah in

Eldorado's Amended Operating Agreement and the adoption and inclusion of the Purchase Agreement and MIPAs, which are specifically incorporated into Eldorado's Amended Operating Agreement. Nanyah is an express and included non-signatory party to the Purchase Agreement, the MIPAs and Eldorado's Amended Operating Agreement therefor this contract limitation is inapplicable to Nanyah.

Nanyah's MIL #5: Parol Evidence Rule—Rogich Defendants. **C**.

The Rogich Defendants argue that the district court correctly ruled that the parol evidence did not bar the Rogich Defendants from introducing parol evidence because the district court had not yet determined Nanyah was a third-party beneficiary. RAB, p. 44. This argument is specious for two reasons.

First, the district court held in its October 5, 2018, Order dismissing the remaining claims against the Eliades Defendants, the Rogich Trust "specifically assumed" "the obligation" "to pay" Nanyah its "\$1.5 million" "invested into Eldorado" or "to pay Nanyah its percentage interest in Eldorado".⁵² Then, in its October 4, 2019, Decision, when dismissing the claims against Eldorado, Rogich and Imitations, the district court again held that the Rogich Trust "assumed the obligations" to Nanyah:

⁵² 14 JA 3403-3412, ¶¶ 4, 5.a.ii, 5.b.i., 5.b.ii., 5.b.iv and 7 (emphasis added).

[I]t is undisputed that Nanyah wired \$1,500,000 as memorialized in the October 30, 2008 Membership Interest Purchase Agreement (the "MIPA"). In this MIPA, the Rogich Trust agreed to solely assume the obligation to pay Nanyah's debt.

33 JA 8057 (emphasis added). Nanyah suggests the foregoing findings and conclusions of law establish Nanyah's status as a third-party beneficiary. To reach any other conclusion would render the concept of third-party beneficiary status entirely meaningless.

Second, the district court applied the parol evidence rule *against* Nanyah barring Nanyah's attempt to use Mr. Eliades' testimony that he knew and understood the Eliades Trust received the Rogich Trust's 40% interest "subject to" Nanyah's right of ownership. *Id.*, 3406, ¶5.b.iii; 3410, ¶14. Because the district court held that the parol evidence applied to Nanyah in interpreting the Teld MIPA, then clearly the district court reasoned that Nanyah was not a "stranger" to the contracts. Accordingly, the parol evidence rule does in fact apply to the Rogich Trust (and Eldorado as discussed above) as a party to the four contracts at issue in this case and the district court's refusal to apply this evidentiary rule is clear error.

D. Nanyah's MIL #6: Date of Discovery--Eliades Defendants.

Eldorado argues the district court acted properly in denying this motion in limine because Eldorado intended to introduce evidence that Nanyah knew it "did not receive an Eldorado membership interest in 2007, and thus Nanyah's unjust enrichment claim accrued in 2007 or shortly thereafter." EAB, P. 74. This is the exact evidence and argument that Nanyah sought to preclude. Why? Because this is the exact argument this Court previously rejected as a matter of law.

This Court previously addressed and rejected Eldorado's contention that the statute of limitations commenced to run on Nanyah's claim at the time of its alleged investment. *Nanyah Vegas LLC v. Rogich*, 132 Nev. 1011, *1 (2016). Nanyah argued that the proper analysis of when the statute of limitations commenced was (1) not at the time of the original investment but rather when Nanyah discovered that the defendant either breached or repudiated its obligations to repay Nanyah its investment, and (2) the facts showed that it was not until "late 2012. This Court agreed with Nanyah and reversed this district court's prior grant of summary judgment on the statute of limitations issue ruling as a matter of law that the statute of limitations did not begin to run at the time of Nanyah's original investment. *Id*.

In addition, Eldorado conceded that it had "no issue" with Nanyah's requested relief "precluding the introduction of any evidence contradicting Nanyah's discovery of the Rogich's Trust's transfer of its membership interest to the Eliades Trust" until December 2012." 23 JA 5673: 23-27. Accordingly, this issue should have been resolved in Nanyah's favor. Nanyah relies on the arguments presented in its Opening Brief to refute the remaining contentions asserted by the Eliades Defendants.

E. Nanyah's MIL #6: Date of Discovery—Rogich Defendants.

The Rogich Defendants respond to arguments not made by Nanyah. Nanyah, did not appeal and did not argue any of the substance of MIL #3, which ruling actually favored Nanyah. Accordingly, Nanyah will not address the Rogich Defendants non-responsive argument.

The Rogich Defendants next argue that Nanyah conflates its discovery of the Secret Membership Assignment⁵³ with the date it discovered the Rogich Trust's repudiation of its obligations to Nanyah. RAB, p. 49:11-16. Nanyah is not conflating two events, these are one and the same event. And, this is exactly what Nanyah *is* stating.

When Nanyah discovered the Rogich Trust's Secret Membership Assignment with the Eliades Trust was the exact time Nanyah discovered Rogich Trust's clear and unequivocal repudiation of its obligations to Nanyah. *Covington Bros. v. Valley Plastering, Inc.*, 93 Nev. 355, 360, 566 P.2d 814, 817 (1977) (anticipatory repudiation of a contract occurs when one party's nonperformance is "clear, positive, and unequivocal . . . in light of the total factual context of the

⁵³ 6 JA 1452-1457.

individual case." (citation omitted)). Up until the discovery of the execution of the Rogich Trust's Secret Membership Agreement, Nanyah had been repeatedly advised that its investment would be repaid or a membership interest issued.⁵⁴

Next, the Rogich Trust itself conflates two different events in its statute of limitations argument and seeks to treat them as one. First, there is a different statute of limitations period with regard to Nanyah's claims against Eldorado which this Court has already addressed in *Nanyah Vegas LLC v. Rogich*, 132 Nev. 1011, *1 (2016) rejecting Eldorado's contention that the statute of limitations on Nanyah's claims commenced to run at the time of Nanyah's investment. Instead, this Court held the date of discovery of Nanyah's claims *against Eldorado* accrued when Nanyah discovered that it would not receive a membership interest or receive repayment. *Id*.

The second statute of limitations analysis is the accrual of the claims against the Rogich Trust as the surety of Eldorado's repayment obligation to Nanyah. The Rogich Trust assumed such obligation on October 31, 2008. The Rogich Trust's obligation did not have a date certain for performance to happen. Instead, the contracts state that the Rogich Trust will work with Nanyah to establish parameters

⁵⁴ Nanyah's principal testified that Huerta repeatedly reassured him that Rogich would repay his investment or issue a membership to him. 22 JA 5289, p. 18:10-16.

for the repayment of the debt and/or the issuance of a membership interest. 11 JA 2711, Recital A. Accordingly, the date claims accrued against the Rogich Trust was triggered upon the Rogich Trust's breach of its assumption of a contractual obligation to Nanyah which has nothing to do with the date of Nanyah's original investment into Eldorado.

1. The Obligations Owed To Nanyah By The Rogich Trust Were Due And Payable On Demand—Not A Date Certain.

Nanyah's right for repayment from the Rogich Trust and/or a transfer of a commensurate membership interest was a demand obligation. A demand obligation is a contractual obligation to pay an amount or perform some act when there is no maturity date. The relevant contracts do not contain a date certain by which Nanyah's investment will be repaid and/or when the Rogich Trust was obligated to issue a membership interest.

Obligations payable on demand are payable within six (6) years after demand, however, if no such demand has been made, then within ten (10) years from the date the obligation was incurred.⁵⁵ In the present case, if the Court were

⁵⁵ NRS 104.3118(2) ("if demand for payment is made to the maker of a note payable on demand, an action to enforce the obligation of a party to pay the note must be commenced within 6 years after the demand. If no demand for payment is made to the maker, an action to enforce the note is barred if neither principal nor interest on the note has been paid for a continuous period of 10 years.").

to construe Nanyah's initial complaint as a demand triggering this statute of limitations, then the original complaint was filed on July 31, 2013. Based upon that date, all of Nanyah's claims for relief are timely and the statute of limitations did not expire until July 30, 2019, three years after the consolidated complaint was filed. Alternatively, if the Court imposes the ten-year statute of limitation from the date of the origination of the contractual obligation to pay, then the statute did not expire until October 30, 2018, two years after the consolidated complaint was filed. Applying either triggering event, Nanyah initiated its claims against the Rogich Trust action well within both statutes of limitation contained in NRS 114.3118.

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Nanyah's Jury Instructions.

Nanyah relies on the arguments presented in its Opening Brief to refute the contentions asserted by the Eliades Defendants and the Rogich Defendants.⁵⁶

G. Eldorado's Argument That The District Court Erred In Not Granting Summary Judgment In Its Favor Is Improper.

Eldorado argues that the district court erred in denying its motion for summary judgment. EAB, pp. 75-78. Eldorado provides no explanation or excuse why it has violated this Court's Order of October 14, 2020, which dismissed

⁵⁶ Nanyah will only note that when there is undisputed evidence and legal determinations established during the course of litigation, a request for jury instructions on such undisputed facts and legal determinations prior to trial is appropriate.

Eldorado's attempt to cross-appeal the issue of the district court's denial of its request for summary judgment. This Court held that because "Eldorado had not carried its burden to establish jurisdiction . . . its cross-appeal is dismissed." Order, p. 3. Given the foregoing, Nanyah will not respond to Eldorado's improper arguments presented to this Court which are presented in violation of this Court's October 14, 2020, Order.

H. Nanyah Relies Upon Its Opening Brief To Refute The Remaining Arguments By The Eliades Defendants.

Nanyah relies on the arguments presented in its Opening Brief to refute the remaining contentions asserted by the Eliades Defendants.

VI. THE CROSS-APPEAL MUST BE DENIED.

As stated above, the Rogich Defendants did not appeal the district court's

Decision issued on October 4, 2019, dismissing Eldorado, Rogich and Imitations,

which rendered the following binding factual and legal determinations:

[I]t is undisputed that Nanyah wired \$1,500,000 as memorialized in the October 30, 2008 Membership Interest Purchase Agreement (the "MIPA"). In this MIPA, the Rogich Trust agreed to solely assume the obligation to pay Nanyah's debt.

33 JA 8057 (emphasis added). Accordingly, while the Rogich Defendants may seek to contest a prior order, this Decision and its findings are uncontested. It is therefore, undisputed that Nanyah invested \$1.5 million into Eldorado and under the MIPAs, the Rogich Trust assumed the obligation to repay Nanyah. Nanyah incorporates its arguments contained herein and in its Opening Brief to refute the arguments raised in the cross appeal relating to the October 5, 2018, order.

With regard to the Rogich Defendants arguments that the district court improperly denied its NRCP 60(b) motion, such review is subject to an abuse of discretion standard. *Bianchi v. Bank of America*, 124 Nev. 472, 474, 186 P.3d 890, 892 (2008) (applying an abuse of discretion standard of review to an order denying an NRCP 60(b) motion). The motion was properly denied because there was no mistake or inadvertence.⁵⁷ The Rogich Defendants just did not like that the district court found that the Rogich Trust assumed the repayment obligations owed to Nanyah and/or the duty to transfer a membership interest to it.

The substance of the Rogich Defendants arguments in support of its cross appeal are merely regurgitations of the same arguments presented in response to Nanyah's appeal such as: Nanyah is not a third-party beneficiary, the Rogich Trust did not assume any liability to Nanyah, Nanyah only held a "potential claim" not a liquidated claim (again failing to distinguish between the debt owed and the claim for a membership interest), Nanyah's investment was into Canamex, not Eldorado. Nanyah relies upon and incorporates its arguments

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⁵⁷ The Rogich Defendants argue that Nanyah drafted the October 5, 2018 order. This statement is false. Counsel for the Eliades Defendants drafted the order.

contained herein and in its Opening Brief to refute the arguments raised in the cross appeal justifying the denial of the NRCP 60(b) motion.

VII. THIS COURT SHOULD DIRECT REASSIGNMENT OF THIS CASE ON REMAND.

Nanyah stands by its briefing in its Opening Brief and herein to establish that a reassignment of this case on remand is required.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Nanyah requests this Court reverse and remand this case with specific findings relating to the clear and unambiguous obligations owed by the parties, including but not limited to entering judgment in Nanyah's favor that the defendants are liable to Nanyah for its damages including, but not limited to the value of the membership interest Nanyah has been deprived of receiving.

DATED this ____ day of February, 2022.

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