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6	Cross-Appellant,
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10	Cross-Respondent, and
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15	AND IMITATIONS, LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
16	Respondents.
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"Eliades Respondents"), by and through their counsel of record, hereby move 1 2 this Court pursuant to NRAP 43 to substitute the Eliades Respondents in the place of Appellant Nanyah Vegas, LLC ("Nanyah") with respect to any and all 3 claims for relief and/or appellate interests currently pending in this appeal. In 4 conjunction with the substitution of parties under NRAP 43, the Eliades 5 Respondents move to dismiss this appeal. The Eliades Respondents also move 6 7 to dismiss the cross-appeal filed by Rogich, as it will become moot upon the dismissal of the appeal.<sup>1</sup> 8

#### I. INTRODUCTION

On April 13, 2022, the Eliades Respondents' Writ of Execution was the
subject of a Sheriff's sale. At the Sheriff's sale, the Eliades Respondents
purchased the following property:

all rights of action, things in action, choses in action, causes of action, claims for relief, and/or appellate claims and interests belonging to NANYAH VEGAS, LLC in the action styled *Carlos A. Huerta, et al. v. Sig Rogich, et. al.*, Case No. A-13-686303-C, currently pending in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, and currently pending in the Nevada Supreme Court as Case No. 79917.

The "Rogich Respondents" include Sig Rogich, individually and as
 Trustee of the Rogich Family Irrevocable Trust ("Rogich"), and Imitations,
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all rights of action, things in action, choses in action, causes of action, claims for relief, and/or appellate claims and interests belonging to NANYAH VEGAS, LLC in the action styled *Nanyah Vegas, LLC v. Teld, LLC, et. al.*, Case No. A-16-746239-C, currently pending in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, and currently pending in the Nevada Supreme Court as Case No. 79917.

Accordingly, the Eliades Respondents are now the real parties in interest as it
pertains to any pending claims for relief and/or appellate interests which are
the subject of this appeal.

8 Consequently, pursuant to NRAP 43, the Eliades Respondents must be
9 substituted in the place of Nanyah with respect to the appeal. Additionally, as
10 the true owners of these claims and/or appellate interests, the Eliades
11 Respondents seek to dismiss the appeal with prejudice, including the cross12 appeal, which will become moot.

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### **II. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

### 14 A. <u>The Judgment.</u>

Through a series of various rulings and summary judgment orders, the
Eliades Respondents were dismissed from the underlying consolidated action
with prejudice. Following their dismissal, two of the Eliades Respondents
(Teld and Eliades) prevailed on a Motion for Attorney's Fees, thereby

obtaining a monetary judgment against Nanyah in the amount of \$216,236.25.
 All four Eliades Respondents obtained a judgment for reimbursement of their
 costs in the amount of \$31,010.98.<sup>2</sup>

- B. <u>The Bad Faith Bankruptcy.</u>
- On August 6, 2020, the District Court issued a writ of execution for
  Nanyah's claims for relief. Nanyah—a shell entity owning only dismissed
  claims for relief—filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition for reorganization.
  On December 22, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court granted the Eliades
  Respondents' Motion to Dismiss, finding that the bankruptcy had been filed in

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bad faith.<sup>3</sup>

### 11 C. <u>The Second Writ of Execution and Sheriff's Sale.</u>

On January 5, 2022, the District Court issued another writ of execution
 on behalf of the Eliades Respondents. Following the District Court's and this
 Court's denials of Nanyah's various motions for a stay, the Sheriff's sale went
 forward on April 13, 2022. The Eliades Respondents were the winning
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 <sup>17</sup> Judgment, attached as Exhibit 1.
 <sup>3</sup> Mem Dec 7:5 8:7 attached as Exhibit 2

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bidder, and thereby purchased the subject of this appeal for one thousand 1 dollars.4 2 III. ARGUMENT 3 4 A. The Eliades Respondents Are Now the Owners of all of Nanyah's Claims for Relief That are the Subject of This Appeal. 5 As set forth above, the Eliades Respondents—and not Nanyah—are 6 now the true owners of all of Nanyah's claims for relief that are the subject of 7 this appeal. Under NRAP 43, "[i]f a party needs to be substituted for any 8 9 reason other than death, the procedure prescribed in Rule 43(a) applies." Based on the Sheriff's sale and the transfer of the claims for relief, the Eliades 10 Respondents must be substituted for Nanyah as the Appellants. 11 12 B. As the True Owners of the Subject of This Appeal, the Eliades **Respondents Seek to Dismiss the Entirety of the Appeal.** 13 The Eliades Respondents now have the right to dismiss this appeal with 14 15 prejudice. This Court recently addressed a similar situation and permitted the respondent in an appeal-after executing on some of the appellant's claims for 16 /// 17 18 4 Certificate of Sale, attached as Exhibit 3. 6

BAILEY & KENNEDY 8984 Spanish Ridge Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89148-1302 702.562.8820 relief—to dismiss them with prejudice. *See generally Reynolds v. Tufenkjian*, 136 Nev. 145, 461 P.3d 147 (2020).

In Reynolds, much like in this matter, the defendants obtained summary 3 judgment against the plaintiff, and likewise obtained a judgment for 4 reimbursement of their attorney's fees. The plaintiff appealed the summary 5 judgment order, but did not post a supersedeas bond, claiming-just like 6 Nanyah—that they could not afford to do so. While the appeal was pending, 7 the defendants executed on the plaintiff's pending claims for relief that were 8 9 the subject of the appeal, and ultimately moved to dismiss the appeal following the Sheriff's sale. Id. at 146-47, 461 P.3d at 149. With respect to 10 11 the claims that were assignable (e.g., tort claims seeking pecuniary harm and contract claims), this Court ultimately held that it was entirely proper for a 12 13 defendant/judgment creditor to execute on those claims during the pendency of the appeal, and then move to dismiss that aspect of the appeal before the 14 15 Court rules on the merits. Id. at 154, 461 P.3d at 154 ("Having further concluded that appellants' claims for negligent misrepresentation and breach 16 17 of contract are assignable and subject to execution, we grant respondents' motion to substitute themselves for appellants as to those claims and to 18

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voluntarily dismiss this appeal as to those claims."); *see also Applied Medical Technologies, Inc. v. Eames*, 44 P.3d 699, 704 (Utah 2002) ("We hold that Dr.
 Hill legally purchased claims pending against himself and then moved to
 dismiss those claims.").

5 The Eliades Respondents seek to do the same. And because all of the
6 claims for relief are assignable, any such dismissal should result in the
7 complete dismissal of this appeal.<sup>5</sup>

## C. <u>The Cross-Appeal Will Become Moot Following the Dismissal of</u> <u>Any Potential Liability Against Any of the Respondents.</u>

The cross-appeal relates to the following issue: "did the District Court
err in denying the Rogich Parties' request for Rule 60(b) relief."<sup>6</sup> The subject
of the Rule 60(b) motion was the District Court's October 5, 2018 entry of
summary judgment in favor of the Eliades Respondents. Rogich's primary
contention on appeal was that the District Court's Order "could be

<sup>5</sup> Nanyah has not argued that any of the claims for relief are unassignable. *Reynolds* addressed the vast majority of the claims that Nanyah asserted against the Respondents and confirmed they are assignable. Additionally, this Court has recently confirmed that a fraudulent conveyance claim, unlike a fraud claim, is also assignable. *Superpumper, Inc. v. Leonard, Trustee for Bankruptcy Estate*, 137 Nev. Adv. Op. 43, 495 P.3d 101, n. 1 (2021).

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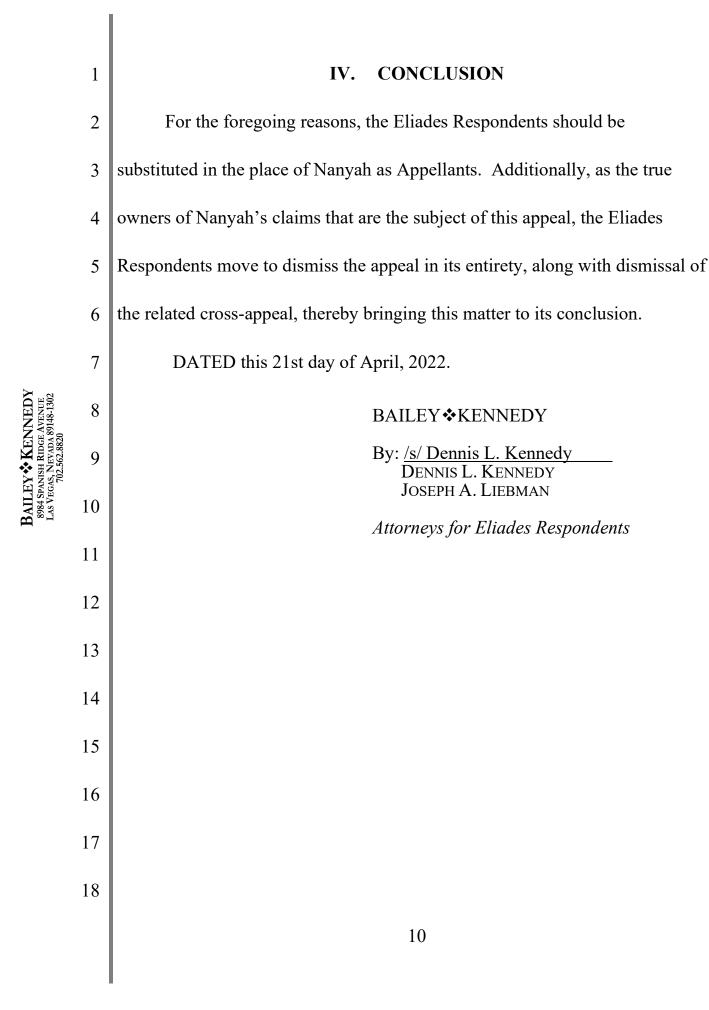
<sup>18 &</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Respondent/Cross Appellant Rogich Parties' Answering Brief on Appeal and Opening Brief on Cross-Appeal, 2:17-19.

misconstrued to have made several affirmative findings and conclusions that
 the Rogich Trust has an obligation or debt owed to Nanyah....<sup>77</sup> Rogich's
 primary concern was that if that language was allowed to remain in the District
 Court's Order, and Nanyah prevailed on its appeal against the Rogich
 Respondents, Nanyah could ultimately use that language to help prove liability
 against the Rogich Respondents.

Regardless of the merits of the cross-appeal, Rogich's concern with the 7 content of the District Court's October 5, 2018 Order will soon become 8 9 irrelevant. Assuming this Court dismisses the appeal in its entirety, there is no avenue for any liability against the Rogich Respondents with respect to the 10 claims that are the subject of the appeal. Accordingly, once the appeal is 11 dismissed with prejudice, the cross-appeal becomes moot, and must be 12 dismissed as well. Personhood Nev. v. Bristol, 126 Nev. 599, 602, 245 P.3d 13 572, 574 (2010) (holding that a case has to have an actual controversy during 14 "all stages of the proceeding" or it would be dismissed as moot). 15 16 ///

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14	Corporation; NANYAH VEGAS, LLC, A Nevada limited liability company,	
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16	VS.	JUDGMENT
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18	limited liability company; DOES I-X; and/or	
19	ROE CORPORATIONS I-X, inclusive,	
20	Defendants.	
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25	as Trustee of The Eliades Survivor Trust of	
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27	and/or ROE CORPORATIONS I-X, inclusive,	
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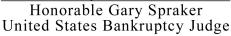
1 Judgment is entered in favor of Peter Eliades and Teld, LLC and against Nanyah Vegas, LLC 2 in the amount of two hundred and sixteen thousand, two hundred and thirty-six and 25/100 dollars 3 (\$216,236.25). Interest shall continue to accrue from entry of Judgment until paid in full. Judgment is also entered in favor of Peter Eliades, The Eliades Survivor Trust of 10/30/08, 4 5 Teld, LLC, and Eldorado Hills, LLC and against Nanyah Vegas, LLC in the amount of thirty-one 6 thousand, ten and 98/100 dollars (\$31,010.98). Interest shall continue to accrue from entry of 7 Judgment until paid in full. 8 DATED this <u>4th</u> day of \_\_\_\_\_ May , 2020. 9 10 CIL X 11 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 12 Submitted by: 13 **BAILEY** KENNEDY 14 15 By /s/ Joseph A. Liebman 16 Dennis L. Kennedy, Esq. Joseph A. Liebman, Esq. 17 8984 Spanish Ridge Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89148-1302 18 Attorneys for Defendants PETE ELIADES, THE ELIADES SURVIVOR TRUST OF 10/30/08, 19 TELD, LLC, and ELDORADO HILLS, LLC 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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NANYAH VEGAS, LLC,

Debtor.

Case No.: 21-50226-gs Chapter 11

Hearing Date and Time Date: October 14, 2021 Time: 10:30 a.m.

### **MEMORANDUM DECISION RE: MOTION TO DISMISS**

On October 14, 2021, the court held its hearing on the motion to dismiss the abovecaptioned bankruptcy case (ECF No. 28) (Motion) filed by creditors Peter Eliades, Peter Eliades as Trustee of the Eliades Survivor Trust of 10/30/08, Eldorado Hills, LLC, and Teld, LLC (collectively, the Movants). After hearing argument from the parties and delivering an oral tentative ruling, the court took this matter under advisement. For the reasons stated below and on the record at the October 14, 2021 hearing, the court will grant the Motion.

#### Facts

Debtor Nanyah Vegas, LLC ("Nanyah") was formed in 2007 to effectuate a \$1.5 million investment in Eldorado Hills, LLC ("Eldorado").<sup>1</sup> In turn, Eldorado invested the funds in real property located near Boulder City, Nevada.<sup>2</sup> Nanyah has no employees,<sup>3</sup> no day-to-day business operations,<sup>4</sup> and no income.<sup>5</sup>

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- 27 CF No. 35, Exhibit 1, p. 16, Transcript p. 11:21-24 <sup>2</sup> *Id.* at Exhibit 3, p. 59:14-15.
- <sup>3</sup> *Id.* at Exhibit 1, p. 17, Transcript p. 12:14-15.
   <sup>4</sup> *Id.* at p. 19, Transcript p. 14:9-12.
   <sup>5</sup> *Id.* at Transcript p. 14:15-17.

Eldorado had two original members when formed in 2005: Go Global, Inc., owned by Carlos Huerta, and The Rogich Family Irrevocable Trust ("Rogich Trust").<sup>6</sup> In 2008, Teld, LLC acquired a 60% interest in Eldorado, resulting in Go Global, Inc. no longer holding an interest in Eldorado and the Rogich Trust owning 40% of Eldorado.<sup>7</sup> Nanyah maintains that the documents memorializing these transactions included provisions pursuant to which the Rogich Trust agreed to assume Eldorado's obligation to repay Nanyah's \$1.5 million investment, or pay Nanyah its percentage interest in Eldorado.<sup>8</sup> In 2012, the Rogich Trust purportedly assigned its membership interest in Eldorado to The Eliades Survivor Trust of 10/30/08 ("Eliades Trust").<sup>9</sup> Nanyah maintains this assignment was subject to its claims.

On July 31, 2013, having neither received distributions from Eldorado nor repayment of its investment, Huerta, Go Global, Inc. and Nanyah sued Eldorado and the Rogich Trust in state court.<sup>10</sup> In 2016, Nanyah commenced a second lawsuit against Teld, Peter Eliades, the Eliades Trust (together, the Eliades Defendants) and Sigmund Rogich, the Rogich Trust and Imitations, LLC (together, the Rogich Defendants).<sup>11</sup> The two lawsuits were subsequently consolidated in 2017.<sup>12</sup> In May of 2018, the Rogich Defendants and the Eliades Defendants were awarded partial summary judgment as to two of Nanyah's claim(s).<sup>13</sup> On October 5, 2018, the state court granted summary judgment in favor of the Eliades Defendants, and granted Eldorado's motion to dismiss.<sup>15</sup> The defendants were awarded judgment in the amount of their attorneys' fees and costs.<sup>16</sup>

- $||^7 Id.$  at p. 59:20-27.
- <sup>8</sup> *Id.* at pp. 59:28-60:3.
- *Id.* at p. 63, ¶ d.
- Id. at Exhibit 4.

- $1^{12}$  *Id.* at Exhibit 6.
- $1^3$  Id. at Exhibit 7.
  - *Id.* at Exhibit 3.
  - $^{15}$  Id. at Exhibit 8.
  - <sup>16</sup> *Id.* at Exhibit 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id.* at Exhibit 3, p. 59:15-16.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> *Id.* at Exhibit 6, p. 102. Although based on the record presented it is unclear to the court what role defendant Imitations, LLC played in this dispute, that fact is not relevant to the court's decision.

Nanyah appealed the judgment and the order granting summary judgment without posting a bond.<sup>17</sup> With no bond having been posted, the defendants commenced the process of executing on Nanyah's litigation claims against Eldorado and the Eliades Defendants.<sup>18</sup> Nanyah filed this bankruptcy proceeding approximately one month prior to the scheduled sale of those claims. At the debtor's § 341(a) meeting of creditors held on April 26, 2021, the debtor's representative, Andrew Heyman, testified that the Chapter 11 was filed to "protect and preserve the assets of the debtor, such as they are."<sup>19</sup>

Nanyah's bankruptcy schedules reflect that the company's only asset is its appeal.<sup>20</sup> This was confirmed by Yoav Harlap, Nayah's sole member, during the continued § 341(a) meeting of creditors.<sup>21</sup> When asked how Nanyah is paying its attorney fees with no assets and no income, Mr. Harlap confirmed that he personally is providing the funding.<sup>22</sup> At the initial § 341(a) meeting of creditors, Mr. Harlap testified that if Nanyah did not prevail on its appeal the only source of funding for a chapter 11 plan would be a loan from him.<sup>23</sup>

Nanyah's schedules list liabilities of approximately \$1.5 million.<sup>24</sup> Scheduled creditors are the prevailing defendants in the state court litigation, Mr. Harlap for personal loans to the debtor, and the Internal Revenue Service with a priority unsecured claim scheduled in an unknown amount.<sup>25</sup> Though initially filed as a standard chapter 11, Nanyah later amended its petition to reflect that it qualifies as a small business debtor under 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).<sup>26</sup>

The deadline for filing proofs of claim in Nanyah's case expired on July 26, 2021. Although nine proofs of claim were filed, all but one were filed by prevailing defendants in the state court litigation. That claim was filed by the Internal Revenue Service, asserting a

- $1^{17}$  Id. at Exhibit 12.
- *Id.* at Exhibit 10.
- <sup>5</sup> || <sup>19</sup> *Id.* at Exhibit 1, p. 17, Transcript p. 12:10-13.
- <sup>20</sup> ECF No. 1, pp. 10-13.

<sup>22</sup> *Id.*, Transcript p. 9:11-17.

<sup>26</sup> ECF No. 17, p. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> ECF No. 35, Exhibit 2, p. 47, Transcript p. 9:3-5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> *Id.* at pp. 26-27, Transcript pp. 21:22-22:7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> ECF No. 1, pp. 15-17. <sup>25</sup> *Id*.

\$7,000.00 claim for estimated taxes owing for 2018-2020 (\$3,000.00 priority) and 2014-2017  $($4,000.00 \text{ general unsecured}).^{27}$ 

#### Analysis

Under 11 U.S.C. § 1112(b), a bankruptcy court may dismiss a Chapter 11 case "for cause." "Although section 1112(b) does not explicitly require that cases be filed in 'good faith,' courts have overwhelmingly held that a lack of good faith in filing a Chapter 11 petition establishes cause for dismissal."<sup>28</sup> Courts measure a debtor's good faith by examining "an amalgam of factors and not...a specific fact."<sup>29</sup> Those factors may include "any factors which evidence 'an intent to abuse the judicial process and the purposes of the reorganization provisions.<sup>30</sup> The ultimate question is whether a debtor filed its chapter 11 petition to "effect a speedy, efficient reorganization" or "to unreasonably deter and harass creditors."<sup>31</sup> Towards this end, "if it appears at the outset there is no reasonable expectation that the financial situation of the debtor can be successfully repaired through the reorganization process, it is clear that such case is ripe for dismissal for 'cause,'...."<sup>32</sup>

Movants maintain that Nanyah filed this case merely to avoid posting a bond during its appeal of the state court judgment. They argue that this constitutes bad faith warranting dismissal. But as the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel has noted, "neither the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals nor [the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel] has held that filing a bankruptcy petition in lieu of posting an appeal bond is ipso facto bad faith for purposes of dismissal under § 1112(b)."<sup>33</sup> "Indeed, to make such a finding would be at odds with the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Additionally, the court notes that, based on its review of the case docket, it appears Nanyah is several months behind in its monthly operating reports, the most recent having been filed for July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Marsch v. Marsch (In re Marsch), 36 F.3d 825, 828 (9th Cir. 1994) [citing cases]. <sup>29</sup> Id. (quoting In re Arnold, 806 F.2d 937, 939 (9th Cir.1986)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> In re Marshall, 721 F.3d 1032, 1048 (9th Cir. 2013) (quoting Phoenix Piccadilly, Ltd. v. Life Ins. Co. of Va. (In re Phoenix Piccadilly, Ltd.), 849 F.2d 1393, 1394 (11th Cir.1988)). <sup>31</sup> *Marsch*, 36 F.3d at 828.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> In re Mense, 509 B.R. 269, 284 n.35 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2014) (quoting Matter of Bock, 58 B.R. 374, 378–79 (Bankr.M.D.Fla.1986)).

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directive that courts look at the totality of circumstances in determining bad faith."<sup>34</sup> Instead, the Ninth Circuit has observed that "[s]everal bankruptcy courts have held that a debtor may use a Chapter 11 petition to avoid posting an appeal bond if satisfaction of the judgment would severely disrupt the debtor's business."35

However, the Ninth Circuit has also recognized that a petition filed to avoid posting an 5 appeal bond is improper if the judgment against the debtor can be paid with nonbusiness assets.<sup>36</sup> 6 At least one court in the Ninth Circuit has reviewed the following factors "[w]hen a debtor files 7 chapter 11 to dodge the requirement for an appeal bond": 8

9	(1) Whether the debtor is a viable business which would suffer severe disruption if enforcement of the judgment was not stayed; and the
10	chapter 11 petition was filed to preserve its status as an ongoing
11	concern and to protect its employees and creditors;
12	(2) Whether the debtor had financial problems on the petition date,
13	other than the adverse judgment;
14	<ul><li>(3) Whether the debtor has relatively few unsecured creditors, other than the holder of the adverse judgment;</li></ul>
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16	(4) Whether the debtor has sufficient assets to post a bond to stay the judgment pending appeal;
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18	(5) Whether the debtor acted in good faith to exhaust all efforts to obtain a bond to stay the judgment pending appeal;
19	(6) Whether the debtor intends to pursue an effective reorganization
20	within a reasonable period of time, or whether the debtor is
21	unwilling or unable to propose a meaningful plan until the conclusion of the litigation; and
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23	(7) Whether assets of the estate are being diminished by the combined ongoing expenses of the debtor, the chapter 11 proceedings, and
24	prosecution of the appeal. <sup>37</sup>
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26	<ul> <li><sup>34</sup> In re Bowers Inv. Co., LLC, 553 B.R. 762, 770 (Bankr. D. Alaska 2016).</li> <li><sup>35</sup> Marsch, 36 F.3d at 828; see also Windscheffel v. Montebello Unified School District (In re</li> </ul>
27	Windscheffel), 2017 WL 1371294 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. Apr. 3, 2017); Rocco v. King (In re King),
<b>.</b>	2008 WL 8444814 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. Mar. 12, 2008); In re Zaruba, 2007 WL 4589746 (Bankr. D.

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Alaska Dec. 28, 2007). <sup>36</sup> Marsch, 36 F.3d at 828-29 [citing cases].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Mense, 509 B.R. at 279–81 [citations omitted].

In this case, the court need not examine these factors in detail. "At its core,

reorganization through Chapter 11 is intended by Congress to permit a debtor to pay its creditors, retain its employees, and preserve the equity of its investors."<sup>38</sup> Nanyah has no employees. It has no day-to-day operations and no income. By its sole member's own admission, Nanyah is simply an investment vehicle.<sup>39</sup> The only other non-insider creditor is the IRS for an estimated \$7,000 in taxes. Nanyah's only asset is the appeal of the Movants' judgment and it has no money of its own to fund either the appeal or this bankruptcy.

This is simply a dispute between two groups of parties stuck in litigation. Nanyah wants to continue the litigation despite entry of an adverse judgment. Again, the mere fact that this is really a two-party dispute does not condemn the filing as bad faith.<sup>40</sup> "Courts that find bad faith based on two-party disputes do so where 'it is an apparent two-party dispute that can be resolved outside of the Bankruptcy Court's jurisdiction."<sup>41</sup>

The court is aware of the decision in *In re Sullivan*, in which the BAP reversed dismissal of an individual's bankruptcy as a bad faith filing early in the case. The bankruptcy court concluded in *Sullivan* that there was no possibility of a confirmable plan based on the judgment creditor's statement that it would never vote for confirmation. The BAP held that the limited record before the bankruptcy court at that stage did not support a finding of bad faith despite the judgment creditor's argument that it was a two-party dispute.<sup>42</sup> In sharp contrast to Nanyah, Mr. Sullivan had considerable assets, had been using exempt assets to fund a litigation that was continuing, and had an annual salary of \$200,000. The BAP recognized the debtor's valid bankruptcy interest in protecting his assets and providing for an orderly liquidation.<sup>43</sup> Moreover, the debtor stated an intent to file a plan within the exclusivity period but was met with the motion to dismiss before he could file his plan. The BAP was not persuaded by the creditor's

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> In re Mohave Agrarian Grp., LLC, 588 B.R. 903, 915 (Bankr. D. Nev. 2018) (citing United States v. Whiting Pools, Inc. (In re Whiting Pools, Inc.), 462 U.S. 198, 203 (1983)).
 <sup>39</sup> ECF No. 35, Exhibit 2, p. 46, Transcript p. 8:22-23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Sullivan v. Harnisch (In re Sullivan), 522 B.R. 604, 616 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2014). <sup>41</sup> Id. (quoting Oasis at Wild Horse Ranch, LLC v. Sholes (In re Oasis at Wild Horse Ranch,

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> *LLC*), 2011 WL 4502102 at \*10 (9th Cir. BAP Aug. 26, 2011)).
 <sup>42</sup> *Id.* at 615.
 <sup>43</sup> *Id.* at 616.

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declaration that it would never support a plan, particularly when faced with the possibility of conversion to chapter 7.<sup>44</sup> Finally, the BAP also noted that Mr. Sullivan had a number of other creditors, including family members, whose debts were not challenged at that time, negating the argument that there was only a two-party dispute.<sup>45</sup>

In this instance, there is no business to reorganize, no other assets to protect or administer, and nothing shall take place in this bankruptcy apart from the appeal. Unlike the situation in *Sullivan* where the record suggested the possibility of some reorganization based on the debtor's assets and income, Nanyah has nothing of its own with which to effectuate a resolution in bankruptcy. If Nanyah wins the appeal, the judgment creditors disappear and there is no reason to proceed in chapter 11 given the limited (and estimated) amount owed to the IRS. If the appeal is unsuccessful, the likely outcome is dismissal or conversion, not confirmation of a plan as there will be no asset and there is no income or ongoing business. In short, Nanyah is not using the bankruptcy to reorganize, only to stay collection.

Preserving an asset such as Nanyah's litigation claims by filing bankruptcy is not per se bad faith. But it must be part of an actual attempt to reorganize (or liquidate). In this instance, the bankruptcy filing is merely a litigation tactic. The sole reason for filing this case was to continue Nanyah's appeal at the expense of its judgment creditors without posting a bond. Nanyah's lack of funds or assets would ordinarily weigh heavily in favor of a good faith filing to permit it to proceed with its appeal. But the total absence of any business or other assets only confirms that this is simply a discrete litigation dispute rather than a reorganization. Nanyah continues its existence solely on Mr. Harlap's discretion. He is willing to fund Nanyah's appeal and chapter 11 fees. This is some evidence of the availability of nonbusiness assets to post a bond pending the appeal. This is what should be done to continue the appeal, not invoke the automatic stay by filing a chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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<sup>44</sup> *Id*. at 617-18. <sup>45</sup> Id.

The court concludes that Nanyah did not file this bankruptcy to "effect a speedy, efficient reorganization," but rather to unreasonably deter its judgment creditors.<sup>46</sup> Accordingly, the court finds that the bankruptcy was filed in bad faith and that cause exists under § 1112(b). The court has considered whether conversion or dismissal is in the best interests as required under § 1112(b). As the matter is truly a two-party dispute, there is no benefit to conversion to chapter 7. The court will, therefore, dismiss the case. An order granting the Motion and dismissing this case will be entered separately. Copies sent to all registered parties via CM/ECF ELECTRONIC NOTICE. ### <sup>46</sup> Courts have held that dismissal for bad faith is appropriate where the bankruptcy case was filed solely as a litigation tactic. See Prometheus Health Imaging, Inc. v. United States Trustee (In re Prometheus Health Imaging, Inc.), 705 Fed.Appx. 626 (9th Cir. 2017); Greenberg v. United States Trustee (In re Greenberg), 2017 WL 3816042 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. Aug. 31, 2017); St. Paul Self Storage Ltd. Partnership v. The Port Authority of the City of St. Paul (In re St. Paul Self Storage Ltd. Partnership), 185 B.R. 580, 582–83 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1995); In re Silberkraus, 253 B.R. 890, 902-03 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2000).

# Exhibit 3

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11	CLARK COUNT	Y, NEVADA
12	CARLOS A. HUERTA, an individual; CARLOS A. HUERTA as Trustee of THE	Case No. A-13-686303-C Dept. No. XXVII
13	ALEXANDER CHRISTOPHER TRUST, a Trust established in Nevada as assignee of	
14	interests of GO GLOBAL, INC., a Nevada Corporation; NANYAH VEGAS, LLC, A	
15	Nevada limited liability company,	CERTIFICATE OF SALE OF
16	Plaintiffs, vs.	PERSONAL PROPERTY
17	SIG ROGICH aka SIGMUND ROGICH as	
18	Trustee of The Rogich Family Irrevocable Trust; ELDORADO HILLS, LLC, a Nevada	
19	limited liability company; DOES I-X; and/or ROE CORPORATIONS I-X, inclusive,	
20	Defendants.	CONSOLIDATED WITH:
21	NANYAH VEGAS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,	Case No. A-16-746239-C
22	Plaintiff,	
23	VS.	
24	TELD, LLC, a Nevada limited liability	
25	company; PETER ELIADES, individually and as Trustee of The Eliades Survivor Trust of 10/30/08; SIGMUND ROGICH, individually	
26	and as Trustee of The Rogich Family	
27	Irrevocable Trust; IMITATIONS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; DOES I-X; and/or POE COPPOP ATIONS I X inclusive	
28	and/or ROE CORPORATIONS I-X, inclusive,	
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1	Name of Judgment Creditors: PETER ELIADES, individually and as Trustee of the Eliades			
2	Survivor Trust of 10/30/08, TELD, LLC, and ELDORADO			
3	HILLS, LLC			
4	Name of Judgment Debtor: NANYAH VEGAS, LLC			
5	<b>CERTIFICATE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>			
6	Under, and by virtue of a January 5, 2022 writ of execution issued on a judgment entered out			
7	of the above-entitled Court on May 4, 2020, in favor of Peter Eliades, individually and as Trustee of			
8	the Eliades Survivor Trust of 10/30/08, Teld, LLC, and Eldorado Hills, LLC, as Judgment Creditors			
9	and against Nanyah Vegas, LLC as Judgment Debtor, the undersigned was commanded to satisfy			
10	such judgment, together with interest and costs, out of the personal property belonging to Judgment			
11	Debtor, all of which more fully appears from such writ of execution.			
12	I, the undersigned Deputy Sheriff of Clark County, State of Nevada, do hereby certify that I			
13	have levied on, and on April 13, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., caused to be sold at public auction according to			
14	the statutes of the State of Nevada, and after due and legal notice, all the rights, title and interest of			
15	Judgment Debtor in and to the following:			
16	all rights of action, things in action, choses in action, causes of action, claims for relief,			
17	and/or appellate claims and interests belonging to NANYAH VEGAS, LLC in the action styled Carlos A. Huerta, et al. v. Sig Rogich, et. al., Case No. A-13-686303-C,			
18	currently pending in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, and currently pending in the Nevada Supreme Court as Case No. 79917.			
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1	That these interests of Judgment Debtor were purchased for the sum of one thousand dollars
2	and zero cents (\$1,000.00), by Mark H. Goldstein, Esq., as agent for Bailey Kennedy LLP on behalf
3	of Judgment Creditors, which were the highest bidder.
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5	DATED this day of April, 2022.
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7	SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF NEVADA
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9	By:
10	Deputy Sheriff
11	J. Lombardo Sr. Deputy Sheriff
12	Sr. Deputy Sherian Sheriff Civil Bureau
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14	<u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</u>
15	STATE OF NEVADA
16	) ss: COUNTY OF CLARK )
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18	On this 20th day of April, 2022, SEPH LOMBARDO personally
19	appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, known to me to be the person
20	described herein and who executed the foregoing Certificate of Sale and who acknowledged to me
21	that the same was executed freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.
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23	JULIE M. AGRAIT Notary Public, State of Nevada State
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