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7	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE	
8	GREGORY O. GARMONG,	
9	Plaintiff,	
10	vs. CASE NO. : CV12-01271	
11	WESPAC; GREG CHRISTIAN; DOES 1-10, inclusive, DEPT. NO. : 6	
12	Defendants.	
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14 15	NOTICE OF APPEAL	
16	NOTICE IS GIVEN that plaintiff Gregory O. Garmong appeals to the Suprem	- e
17	Court of Nevada from the following orders entered in the District Court in the above	Ŭ
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1	plaintiff's motion for partial summary judgment.
2	3. Order denying plaintiff's motion to alter or amend judgment, entered on
3	December 6, 2019.
4	DATED this 7 th day of January, 2019.
5	THE UNDERSIGNED DOES HEREBY AFFIRM THAT THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT
6	CONTAIN THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF ANY PERSON.
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8	<u>/S/ Carl M. Hebert</u> CARL M. HEBERT, ESQ.
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10	Counsel for plaintiff/appellant Gregory O. Garmong
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	FILED Electronically CV12-01271 2020-01-07 12:56:52 PV Jacqueline Bryant Clerk of the Court Transaction # 7671937 202 California Avenue Reno, NV 89509 (775) 323-5556 Attorney for plaintiff IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE GREGORY O. GARMONG, Plaintiff, vs. CASE NO. : CV12-01271 WESPAC; GREG CHRISTIAN; DEPT. NO. : 6
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14 15	CASE APPEAL STATEMENT
16	1. Name of appellant filing this case appeal statement: Gregory O. Garmong.
17	2. Identify the judge issuing the decision, judgment, or order appealed from:
18	Honorable Lynne K. Simons.
19	3. Identify each appellant and the name and address of counsel for each
20	appellant: Carl M. Hebert, Esq., 202 California Ave., Reno, NV 89509, 775-323-5556,
21	representing appellant Gregory O. Garmong.
22	4. Identify each respondent and the name and address of appellate counsel,
23	if known, for each respondent: Thomas C. Bradley, Esq., 435 Marsh Ave., Reno, NV
24	89509, 775-323-5178, for respondents WESPAC and Greg Christian.
25	5. Indicate whether any attorney identified above in response to questions
26	3 or 4 is not licensed to practice law in Nevada: None.
27	6. Indicate whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained
28	counsel in the district court: Retained counsel.

7. Indicate whether appellant is represented by appointed or retained
 counsel on appeal: Retained.

3 <u>8. Indicate whether appellant was granted leave to proceed in forma</u>
4 *pauperis*: No; not applicable.

5 <u>9. Indicate the date proceedings commenced in the district court (e.g. date</u>
6 <u>complaint was filed</u>): May 9, 2012.

7 10. Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the 8 district court, including the type of judgment or order being appealed from and the 9 relief granted by the district court: This is an action for professional negligence by a financial adviser. The case was ordered to arbitration, where the defendants/respondents 10 11 prevailed. The arbitrator's award was confirmed by the District Court in an order entered 12 on August 8, 2019. The plaintiff brought a motion to alter or amend the judgment, which 13 was denied on December 6, 2019. The plaintiff is appealing from these two orders and another entered on November 29, 2018 denying the plaintiff's motion to disgualify the 14 15 arbitrator.

11. Indicate whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal
 to the Nevada Supreme Court and, if so, the caption and Supreme Court docket
 number of the prior proceeding: There was a previous petition for a writ of prohibition
 following an order compelling arbitration. The docket number was 65899; the caption was
 "Gregory Garmong, petitioner, vs. The Second Judicial District Court of the State of
 Nevada, in and for the County of Washoe; and the Honorable Brent T. Adams, District
 Judge, respondents, and WESPAC and Greg Christian, real parties in interest."

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12. Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation: Not applicable.

13. If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility
 of settlement: Highly doubtful, given the previous history of the parties and the result in
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1	the District Court.
2	DATED this 7 th day of January, 2019.
3	THE UNDERSIGNED DOES HEREBY AFFIRM THAT THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT CONTAIN THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF ANY PERSON.
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SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEVADA COUNTY OF WASHOE

Case History - CV12-01271

Case Description: GREGORY GARMONG VS WESPAC ET AL (D6)

Case Number: CV12-01271 Case Type: OTHER CIVIL MATTERS - Initially Filed On: 5/9/2012

	Parties
Party Type & Name	Party Status
JUDG - LYNNE K. SIMONS - D6	Active
PLTF - GREGORY GARMONG - @1200326	Active
DEFT - WESPAC - @1223052	Active
DEFT - GREG CHRISTIAN - @1223053	Active
ATTY - Thomas Charles Bradley, Esq 1621	Active
ATTY - Carl Martin Hebert, Esq 250	Active
Disp	posed Hearings

1 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 12/5/2012 at 08:35:00 Extra Event Text: DEFTS MOTION TO DISMISS AND TO COMPEL ARBITRATION (NO PAPER ORDER PROVIDED) Event Disposition: S200 - 12/13/2012

- 2 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 2/10/2014 at 15:52:00 Extra Event Text: COMBINED MOTIONS FOR LEAVE TO REHEAR AND FOR REHEARING OF THE ORDER OF DECEMBER 13, 2012 COMPELLING ARBITRATI Event Disposition: S200 - 4/2/2014
- Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 7/7/2016 at 13:42:00
 Extra Event Text: MOTION FOR A COURT-APPOINTED ARBITRATOR (NO ORDER)
 Event Disposition: S200 7/12/2016

4 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 9/2/2016 at 10:09:00 Extra Event Text: DEFENDANT'S WESPAC AND GREG CHRISTIAN'S SUBMISSION OF POTENTIAL ARBITRATORS (PAPER ORDER NOT PROVIDED) Event Disposition: S200 - 9/13/2016

- 5 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 10/18/2016 at 08:28:00 Extra Event Text: STIPULATION TO SELECT ONE ARBITRATOR Event Disposition: S200 - 10/31/2016
- 6 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 2/8/2017 at 16:01:00 Extra Event Text: STIPULATION TO APPOINT ONE OF TWO REMAINING ARBITRATOR CANDIDATES Event Disposition: S200 - 2/21/2017
- 7 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 6/7/2017 at 15:59:00 Extra Event Text: ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY ACTION SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION UNDER NRCP 41(E) FILED 5/24/17 Event Disposition: S200 - 6/30/2017
- 8 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 11/6/2017 at 14:56:00 Extra Event Text: MOTION TO STRIKE FILED 10/11/17 Event Disposition: S200 - 11/13/2017
- Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 4/9/2018 at 10:44:00
 Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER OF 11/13/17
 Event Disposition: S200 5/31/2018

- 10 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 9/17/2018 at 08:40:00 Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO DISQUALIFY ARBITRATOR PRO VACATE ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND APPOINT | Event Disposition: S200 - 11/29/2018
- 11 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 10/3/2018 at 12:03:00 Extra Event Text: DEFENDANTS MOTION FOR LIMITED RELIEF FROM STAY TO FILE MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND SANCTIONS FILED 7-26-18 Event Disposition: S200 - 12/10/2018
- 12 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 10/22/2018 at 13:44:00 Extra Event Text: NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ARBITRATION HEARING Event Disposition: S200 - 12/10/2018
- 13 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/20/2019 at 16:56:00 Extra Event Text: PETITION FOR AN ORDER CONFIRMING ARBITRATORS FINAL AWARD AND REDUCE AWARD TO JUDGMENT, INCLUDING, ATTORNEYS F Event Disposition: S200 - 8/8/2019
- 14 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/22/2019 at 15:33:00 Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFF'S MOTIONS TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD OF DENIAL OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT AN Event Disposition: S200 - 8/8/2019
- 15 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/22/2019 at 16:16:00 Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFFS MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATORS FIANL AWARD FILED 5/22/19 Event Disposition: S200 - 8/8/2019
- 16 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/22/2019 at 15:39:00 Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDA Event Disposition: S200 - 8/8/2019
- 17 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 6/3/2019 at 11:45:00 Extra Event Text: DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO FILE EXHIBIT AS CONFIDENTIAL FILED 5-16-19, PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S Event Disposition: S200 - 8/8/2019
- 18 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 8/21/2019 at 16:52:00
 Extra Event Text: STIPULATION (ORDER ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT 1)
 Event Disposition: S200 8/27/2019
- 19 Department: D6 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 9/25/2019 at 13:29:00 Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND ORDER RE MOTION ENTERED 8/8/19 Event Disposition: S200 - 12/6/2019

Actions

	Filing Date - Docket Code & Description
1	5/9/2012 - COV - **Civil Cover Sheet
	No additional text exists for this entry.
2	5/9/2012 - 4090 - ** Summons Issued

- Additional Text: X2
- 3 5/9/2012 \$1425 \$Complaint Civil No additional text exists for this entry.
- 4 5/9/2012 PAYRC **Payment Receipted

Additional Text: A Payment of -\$260.00 was made on receipt DCDC359217.

5	8/29/2012 - 2520 - Notice of Appearance
	No additional text exists for this entry.
6	9/8/2012 - 1067 - Affidavit of Service
	Additional Text: WESPAC SERVED ON 9/4/12 - Transaction 3203348 - Approved By: MCHOLICO : 09-10-2012:08:17:11
7	9/8/2012 - 1067 - Affidavit of Service
	Additional Text: GREG CHRISTIAN SERVED ON 9/6/12 - Transaction 3203349 - Approved By: MCHOLICO : 09-10-2012:08:16:24
8	9/10/2012 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 3203446 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 09-10-2012:08:18:42
9	9/10/2012 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 3203448 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 09-10-2012:08:19:14
10	9/19/2012 - \$1560 - \$Def 1st Appearance - CV
	No additional text exists for this entry.
11	9/19/2012 - 2270 - Mtn to Compel
	Additional Text: MOTION TO DISMISS AND TO COMPEL ARBITRATION
12	9/19/2012 - \$DEFT - \$Addl Def/Answer - Prty/Appear
	No additional text exists for this entry.
13	9/19/2012 - 1046 - Affidavit of Plaintiff
	Additional Text: AFFIDAVIT OF GREG CHRISTIAN
14	9/19/2012 - PAYRC - **Payment Receipted
	Additional Text: A Payment of -\$243.00 was made on receipt DCDC377263.
15	10/29/2012 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn
	Additional Text: Transaction 3309632 - Approved By: APOMA : 10-29-2012:14:02:10
16	10/29/2012 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 3309672 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 10-29-2012:14:04:01
17	12/3/2012 - 3795 - Reply
	Additional Text: DEFTS REPLY TO PLTFS OPPOSITION TO DEFTS MOTION TO DISMISS AND TO COMPEL ARBITRATION
18	12/4/2012 - 3860 - Request for Submission
	Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: DEFTS MOTION TO DISMISS AND TO COMPEL ARBITRATION (NO PAPER ORDER PROVIDED)
	PARTY SUBMITTING: BRADLEY, ESQ., THOMAS CHARLES DATE SUBMITTED: 12/4/12
	SUBMITTED BY: ACROGHAN DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:
19	12/13/2012 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet
	Additional Text: order
20	12/13/2012 - 3370 - Order
	Additional Text: GRANTING MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION AND DENYING MOTION TO DISMISS - Transaction 3404818 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-13-2012:11:34:05
21	12/13/2012 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 3404841 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-13-2012:11:36:50

22 12/31/2012 - 2490 - Motion ... Additional Text: COMBINED MOTIONS FOR LEAVE TO REHEAR AND FOR REHEARING OF THE ORDER OF DECEMBER 13, 2012 COMPELLING ARBITRATION - Transaction 3435926 - Approved By: MCHOLICO : 01-02-2013:08:20:50 1/2/2013 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service 23 Additional Text: Transaction 3436070 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 01-02-2013:08:22:33 24 1/9/2013 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn ... Additional Text: DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S COMBINED MOTIONS FOR LEAVE TO REHEAR AND FOR REHEARING OF THE ORDER OF DECEMBER 13, 2012 COMPELLING ARBITRATION AND REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES -Transaction 3452039 - Approved By: JYOST : 01-09-2013:11:18:34 25 1/9/2013 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 3452188 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 01-09-2013:11:20:57 1/13/2014 - 3330 - Ord to Proceed ... 26 Additional Text: Transaction 4251991 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 01-13-2014:10:24:36 27 1/13/2014 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 4251998 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 01-13-2014:10:26:18 28 2/3/2014 - 3795 - Reply... Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO "DEFENDANT'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S COMBINED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO REHEAR AND FOR REHEARING OF THE ORDER OF DECEMBER 13, 2012, COMPELLING ARBITRATION AND REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES" - Transaction 4287098 - Approved By: MELWOOD : 02-03-2014:15:46:45 29 2/3/2014 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 4287466 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 02-03-2014:15:49:30 30 2/10/2014 - 3860 - Request for Submission Additional Text: COMBINED MOTIONS FOR LEAVE TO REHEAR AND FOR REHEARING OF THE ORDER OF DECEMBER 13, 2012 COMPELLING ARBITRATION (NO PAPER ORDER PROVIDED) - Transaction 4298026 - Approved By: PDBROWN : 02-10-2014:14:31:51 PARTY SUBMITTING: CARL M. HEBERT, ESQ. DATE SUBMITTED: 02-10-14 SUBMITTED BY: PDBROWN DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE: 31 2/10/2014 - 3880 - Response ... Additional Text: RESPONSE TO ORDER OF JANUARY 13, 2014 - Transaction 4298093 - Approved By: MELWOOD : 02-10-2014:14:21:23 2/10/2014 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service 32 Additional Text: Transaction 4298399 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 02-10-2014:14:24:30 33 2/10/2014 - NEE - Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 4298436 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 02-10-2014:14:32:57 34 4/2/2014 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet Additional Text: ORDER 35 4/2/2014 - 3370 - Order ...

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- 36 4/2/2014 NEF Proof of Electronic Service
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- 37 7/16/2014 1188 Supreme Court Receipt for Doc

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39	12/18/2014 - 4128 - Supreme Court Order Denying
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41	3/18/2015 - 4128 - Supreme Court Order Denying
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42	3/18/2015 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 4866332 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-18-2015:11:37:04
43	5/1/2015 - 4128 - Supreme Court Order Denying
	Additional Text: SUPREME COURT NO. 65899/ORDER DENYING EN BANC RECONSIDERATION - Transaction 4932705 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-01-2015:09:03:20
44	5/1/2015 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
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45	5/21/2015 - 4133 - Supreme Court Notice
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46	5/21/2015 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
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47	11/17/2015 - 3370 - Order
	Additional Text: Transaction 5238561 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 11-17-2015:10:36:38
48	11/17/2015 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5238580 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 11-17-2015:10:37:46
49	12/1/2015 - 2610 - Notice
	Additional Text: NOTICE OF STATUS REPORT - Transaction 5256972 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 12-01-2015:11:48:19
50	12/1/2015 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5257098 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-01-2015:11:49:18
51	6/8/2016 - 2490 - Motion
	Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A COURT-APPOINTED ARBITATOR - Transaction 5552357 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 06-08-2016:12:13:20
52	6/8/2016 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5552696 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 06-08-2016:12:14:14
53	6/23/2016 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn
	Additional Text: DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A COURT-APPOINTED ARBITRATOR - Transaction 5576662 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 06-23-2016:13:35:18
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55	7/5/2016 - 3795 - Reply

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56	7/6/2016 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
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57	7/7/2016 - 3860 - Request for Submission
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	DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:
58	7/7/2016 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5597872 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 07-07-2016:13:43:06
59	7/12/2016 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet
	Additional Text: ORDER
60	7/12/2016 - 3370 - Order
	Additional Text: RE: ARBITRATION - Transaction 5604778 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 07-12-2016:15:42:10
61	7/12/2016 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5604784 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 07-12-2016:15:43:13
62	7/27/2016 - 1405 - Clarification of Ord
	Additional Text: STIPULATION REQUESTING CLARIFICATION - Transaction 5630799 - Approved By: TBRITTON : 07-28-2016:08:50:44
63	7/28/2016 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5631155 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 07-28-2016:08:52:19
64	9/1/2016 - 2490 - Motion
	Additional Text: DEFENDANTS WESPAC AND GREG CHRISTIAN'S SUBMISSION OF POTENTIAL ARBITRATORS - Transaction 5689679 - Approved By: TBRITTON : 09-02-2016:08:43:43
65	9/1/2016 - 3860 - Request for Submission
	Additional Text: DEFENDANT'S WESPAC AND GREG CHRISTIAN'S SUBMISSION OF POTENTIAL ARBITRATORS (PAPER ORDER NOT PROVIDED) - Transaction 5689701 - Approved By: TBRITTON : 09-02-2016:09:25:33 PARTY SUBMITTING: THOMAS C. BRADLEY, ESQ. DATE SUBMITTED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 SUBMITTED BY: TBRITTON DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:
66	9/1/2016 - A600 - List of Stricken Arbitrators
	Additional Text: Plaintiff's List of Arbitration Candidates - Transaction 5690224 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 09-02-2016:11:07:42
67	9/2/2016 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5690415 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 09-02-2016:08:44:30
68	9/2/2016 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5690556 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 09-02-2016:09:26:26
69	9/2/2016 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5690906 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 09-02-2016:11:10:07
70	9/13/2016 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet
	Additional Text: order
71	9/13/2016 - 3370 - Order
	Additional Text: APPOINTING ARBITRATION PANEL - Transaction 5705056 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 09-13-2016:15:24:00

72	9/13/2016 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5705066 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 09-13-2016:15:25:22
73	10/17/2016 - 4050 - Stipulation
	Additional Text: STIPULATION TO SELECT ONE ARBITRATOR - Transaction 5761303 - Approved By: YLLOYD : 10-18-2016:08:27:39
74	10/17/2016 - 3860 - Request for Submission
	Additional Text: Transaction 5761311 - Approved By: YLLOYD : 10-18-2016:08:28:08 DOCUMENT TITLE: STIPULATION TO SELECT ONE ARBITRATOR (NO PAPER ORDER) PARTY SUBMITTING: THOMAS BRADLEY ESQ DATE SUBMITTED: 10/17/16 SUBMITTED BY: YLLOYD DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:
75	10/18/2016 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
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76	10/18/2016 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5761791 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 10-18-2016:08:29:01
77	10/31/2016 - 2745 - Ord Appointing
	Additional Text: ARBITRATOR - Transaction 5781488 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 10-31-2016:08:33:15
78	10/31/2016 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet
	Additional Text: order
79	10/31/2016 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5781490 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 10-31-2016:08:34:25
80	2/8/2017 - 4050 - Stipulation
	Additional Text: STIPULATION TO APPOINT ONE OF TWO REMAINING ARBITRATOR CANDIDATES - Transaction 5940782 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 02-08-2017:13:22:02
81	2/8/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5941102 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 02-08-2017:13:23:04
82	2/8/2017 - 3860 - Request for Submission
	Additional Text: STIPULATION TO APPOINT ONE OF TWO REMAINING ARBITRATOR CANDIDATES - Transaction 5941184 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 02-08-2017:14:46:06 PARTY SUBMITTING: CARL HEBERT ESQ DATE SUBMITTED: 2/08/17 SUBMITTED BY: CS DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:
83	2/8/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5941538 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 02-08-2017:14:47:13
84	2/21/2017 - 3370 - Order
	Additional Text: APPOINTING ARBITRATOR - Transaction 5960277 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 02-21-2017:16:57:00
85	2/21/2017 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet
	Additional Text: ORDER
86	2/21/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 5960280 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 02-21-2017:16:57:50
87	3/27/2017 - 2630 - Objection to

Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTION PURSUANT TO NRS 38.231.(3) AND 38.241(1)(E) THAT THERE IS NO AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATE; NOTIFICATION OF OBJECTION TO THE COURT - Transaction 6018228 - Approved By: PMSEWELL : 03-27-2017:12:20:48

88	3/27/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6018254 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 03-27-2017:12:23:25
89	5/23/2017 - 3355 - Ord to Show Cause
	Additional Text: WHY ACTION SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION - Transaction 6113144 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-23-2017:09:29:01
90	5/23/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6113146 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-23-2017:09:30:03
91	5/24/2017 - 3880 - Response
	Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY ACTION SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION UNDER NRCP 41(e) - Transaction 6116178 - Approved By: TBRITTON : 05-24-2017:13:01:42
92	5/24/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6116241 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-24-2017:13:03:30
93	6/7/2017 - 3860 - Request for Submission
	Additional Text: ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY ACTION SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION UNDER NRCP 41(E) FILED 5/24/17 - Transaction 6136674 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 06-07-2017:12:25:49 PARTY SUBMITTING: CARL HEBERT ESQ DATE SUBMITTED: 6/07/17 SUBMITTED BY: CS DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:
94	6/7/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6136953 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 06-07-2017:12:26:36
95	6/30/2017 - 3370 - Order
	Additional Text: Transaction 6176446 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 06-30-2017:15:56:03
96	6/30/2017 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet
	Additional Text: ORDER
97	6/30/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6176450 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 06-30-2017:15:56:53
98	9/18/2017 - 1090 - Amended Complaint
	Additional Text: Transaction 6304598 - Approved By: SWILLIAM : 09-18-2017:15:17:53
99	9/18/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6304731 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 09-18-2017:15:20:52
100	10/11/2017 - 2475 - Mtn to Strike
	Additional Text: Transaction 6341419 - Approved By: PMSEWELL : 10-11-2017:11:18:43
101	10/11/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6341582 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 10-11-2017:11:19:46
102	10/30/2017 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn
	Additional Text: PLAINTGIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STRIKE - Transaction 6370693 - Approved By: MPURDY : 10-30-2017:16:45:00
103	10/30/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6370848 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 10-30-2017:16:45:58
104	11/6/2017 - 3795 - Reply
	Additional Text: DEFENDANTS' REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STRIKE - Transaction 6381324 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 11-06-2017:14:14:08

105 11/6/2017 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: MOTION TO STRIKE FILED 10/11/17 - Transaction 6381331 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 11-06-2017:14:18:25 PARTY SUBMITTING: THOMAS BRADLEY ESQ DATE SUBMITTED: 11/06/17 SUBMITTED BY: CS DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

106 11/6/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 6381525 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 11-06-2017:14:15:06

107 11/6/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 6381540 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 11-06-2017:14:19:28

108 11/13/2017 - 3060 - Ord Granting Mtn ...

Additional Text: DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STRIKE - Transaction 6392831 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 11-13-2017:17:09:07

- 109 11/13/2017 S200 Request for Submission Complet Additional Text: ORDER
- 110 11/13/2017 NEF Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 6392834 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 11-13-2017:17:10:07

111 12/4/2017 - 2175 - Mtn for Reconsideration

Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO RECONSIDER AND MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017 GRANTING "DEFENDANTS' MOTIO TO STRIKE - Transaction 6422162 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 12-04-2017:16:47:58

112 12/4/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 6422366 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-04-2017:16:51:01

113 12/29/2017 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn ...

Additional Text: DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO RECONSIDER AND MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STRIKE - Transaction 6458312 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 12-29-2017:09:56:20

114 12/29/2017 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 6458327 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-29-2017:09:57:19

115 4/9/2018 - 3795 - Reply...

Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO RECONSIDER AND MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION TOF ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STRIKE - Transaction 6618053 -Approved By: YVILORIA : 04-09-2018:10:19:29

116 4/9/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 6618083 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-09-2018:10:20:21

117 4/9/2018 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: Transaction 6618133 - Approved By: CVERA : 04-09-2018:10:42:36 DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER OF 11/13/17 PARTY SUBMITTING: CARL MARTIN HEBERT, ESQ. DATE SUBMITTED: 04/09/18 SUBMITTED BY: CVERA DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

118 4/9/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 6618180 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-09-2018:10:43:22

119 5/31/2018 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet Additional Text: ORDER

120	5/31/2018 - 2842 - Ord Denying Motion
120	Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO RECONSIDER AND MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATIOAN OF ORDER OF
	NOVEMBER 13, 2017 GRANTING "DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STRIKE" - Transaction 6707193 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-31-2018:16:17:39
121	5/31/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6707196 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-31-2018:16:18:24
122	7/22/2018 - 2490 - Motion
	Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO DISQUALIFY ARBITRATOR PRO, VACATE ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND APPOINT NEW ARBITRATOR - Transaction 6789215 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 07-23-2018:08:37:33
123	7/23/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6789404 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 07-23-2018:08:39:25
124	7/26/2018 - 2490 - Motion
	Additional Text: MOTION FOR LIMITED RELIEF FROM STAY TO FILE MOTIO FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND SANCTIONS - Transaction 6797923 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 07-26-2018:14:50:06
125	7/26/2018 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn
	Additional Text: OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISQUALIFY ARBITRATOR PRO, VACATE ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND APPOINT NET ARBITRATOR - Transaction 6797923 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 07-26-2018:14:50:06
126	7/26/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6798047 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 07-26-2018:14:51:24
127	8/28/2018 - 3795 - Reply
	Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISQUALIFY ARBITRATOR - Transaction 6851198 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 08-28-2018:09:05:41
128	8/28/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6851464 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 08-28-2018:09:06:44
129	8/30/2018 - 2650 - Opposition to
	Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' "MOTION FOR LIMITED RELIEF FROM STAY TO FILE MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND SANCTIONS" - Transaction 6856035 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 08-30-2018:08:53:01
130	8/30/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6856241 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 08-30-2018:08:54:02
131	9/17/2018 - 3860 - Request for Submission
	Additional Text: Transaction 6881758 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 09-17-2018:08:39:21 DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO DISQUALIFY ARBITRATOR PRO VACATE ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND APPOINT NEW ARBITRATOR PARTY SUBMITTING: CARL HEBERT ESQ DATE SUBMITTED: SEPT 17, 2018 SUBMITTED BY: YV DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:
132	9/17/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6881801 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 09-17-2018:08:40:25
133	10/3/2018 - 3860 - Request for Submission
	Additional Text: Transaction 6909214 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 10-03-2018:12:01:46 DOCUMENT TITLE: DEFENDANTS MOTION FOR LIMITED RELIEF FROM STAY TO FILE MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND SANCTIONS FILED 7-26-18 PARTY SUBMITTING: THOMAS CHARLES BRADLEY ESQ

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DATE SUBMITTED: OCT 3, 2018

134 10/3/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 6909323 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 10-03-2018:12:03:15

135	10/22/2018 - 2610 - Notice
	Additional Text: NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ARBITRATION HEARING - Transaction 6939329 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 10-22-2018:13:34:05
136	10/22/2018 - 3860 - Request for Submission
	Additional Text: Transaction 6939335 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 10-22-2018:13:42:35 DOCUMENT TITLE: NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ARBITRATION HEARING PARTY SUBMITTING: THOMAS BRADLEY ESQ DATE SUBMITTED: OCT 22, 2018 SUBMITTED BY: YV DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:
137	10/22/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6939553 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 10-22-2018:13:34:58
138	10/22/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6939588 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 10-22-2018:13:43:29
139	11/29/2018 - 2842 - Ord Denying Motion
	Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO DISQUALIFY ARBITRATOR PRO; DENYING MOTION TO VACATE ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR SJ; ORDER DENYING MOTIOON TO APPOINT NEW ARBITRATOR - Transaction 6998027 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 11-29-2018:11:59:56
140	11/29/2018 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet
	Additional Text: ORDER
141	11/29/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 6998028 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 11-29-2018:12:00:52
142	12/10/2018 - 3370 - Order
	Additional Text: RE DEFENDANT - Transaction 7015067 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-10-2018:09:57:38
143	12/10/2018 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet
	Additional Text: ORDER
144	12/10/2018 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet
	Additional Text: ORDER
145	12/10/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7015072 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-10-2018:09:58:40
146	12/12/2018 - 2540 - Notice of Entry of Ord
	Additional Text: Notice of Entry of Order for Order for Order RE Defendants' Motion for Limited Relief from Stay to File Motion for Attorney's Fees and Sanctions - Transaction 7020152 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-12-2018: 11:31:33
147	12/12/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7020156 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-12-2018:11:32:33
148	12/12/2018 - 2540 - Notice of Entry of Ord
	Additional Text: Notice of Entry of Order for Order Deny Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Arbitrator Pro; Order Deny Motion to Vacate Order Deny Motion for Summ Judgment; Order Deny Motion to Appoint New Arbitrator - Transaction 7020171 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-12-2018:11:37:27
149	12/12/2018 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7020180 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 12-12-2018:11:38:59
150	2/28/2019 - 2525 - Notice of Change of Address
	Additional Text: Notice of Change of Address for Thomas C. Bradley, Esq Transaction 7141212 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 02-28-2019:12:28:40

151 2/28/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 7141226 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 02-28-2019:12:29:42 152 4/15/2019 - 3645 - Petition ... Additional Text: DEFENDANTS' PETITION FOR AN ORDER CONFIRMING ARBITRATOR'S FINAL AWARD AND REDUCE AWARD TO JUDGMENT, INCLUDING, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS - Transaction 7218326 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 04-15-2019:11:38:50 153 4/15/2019 - NEE - Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 7218514 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-15-2019:11:40:00 4/22/2019 - 2490 - Motion ... 154 Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S FINAL AWARD - Transaction 7232416 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 04-23-2019:10:16:07 155 4/22/2019 - 2610 - Notice Additional Text: NOTICE OF FILING OF CONTINUATION EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S FINAL AWARD - Transaction 7232445 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 04-23-2019:10:20:27 4/22/2019 - 2610 - Notice .. 156 Additional Text: SECOND NOTICE OF FILING OF CONTINUATION EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S FINAL AWARD - Transaction 7232448 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 04-23-2019:10:26:15 157 4/22/2019 - 2490 - Motion ... Additional Text: Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Attorney's Fees - Transaction 7232452 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 04-23-2019:09:33:45 4/22/2019 - 2490 - Motion 158 Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S MOTIONS TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD OF DENIAL OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND FOR THE COURT TO DECIDE AND GRANT PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT - Transaction 7232457 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 04-23-2019:09:34:30 159 4/23/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 7232702 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-23-2019:09:35:07 160 4/23/2019 - NEE - Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 7232710 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-23-2019:09:35:53 161 4/23/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service Additional Text: Transaction 7232946 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-23-2019:10:18:50 4/23/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service 162 Additional Text: Transaction 7232965 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-23-2019:10:22:46 4/23/2019 - NEE - Proof of Electronic Service 163 Additional Text: Transaction 7232978 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-23-2019:10:27:25 164 4/25/2019 - 2610 - Notice ...

Additional Text: DFX: SUB-EXHIBITS ATTACHED INCORRECTLY - NOTICE OF FILING OF EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTIONS TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD OF DENIAL OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND FOR THE COURT TO DECIDE AND GRANT PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT–PART 1 - Transaction 7238227 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 04-25-2019:14:32:47

165 4/25/2019 - 2610 - Notice ...

Additional Text: DFX: SUB-EXHIBITS ATTACHED INCORRECTLY - NOTICE OF FILING OF EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTIONS TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD OF DENIAL OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND FOR THE COURT TO DECIDE AND GRANT PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT– PART 2 - Transaction 7238461 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 04-25-2019:15:26:13

166 4/25/2019 - 2610 - Notice ...

Additional Text: DFX: SUB-EXHIBITS PRESENTED INCORRECLTY - NOTICE OF FILING OF EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S

MOTIONS TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD OF DENIAL OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND FOR THE COURT TO DECIDE AND GRANT PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT–PART 3- Transaction 7238629 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 04-25-2019:16:28:23

167	4/25/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7238634 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-25-2019:14:34:11
168	4/25/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7238869 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-25-2019:15:30:50
169	4/25/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7239225 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-25-2019:16:31:02
170	4/25/2019 - 2650 - Opposition to
	Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATOR'S AWARD - Transaction 7239477 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 04-26-2019:09:05:29
171	4/26/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7239706 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 04-26-2019:09:10:29
172	5/6/2019 - 3790 - Reply to/in Opposition
	Additional Text: DFX: EX4 SET TO LEVEL 3 DUE TO PERSONAL INFO - DEFENDANTS' REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATOR'S AWARD - Transaction 7255481 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 05-07-2019:08:21:00
173	5/7/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7256064 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-07-2019:08:21:58
174	5/9/2019 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn
	Additional Text: DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S FINAL AWARD - Transaction 7261598 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 05-09-2019:10:35:50
175	5/9/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7261643 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-09-2019:10:36:46
176	5/9/2019 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn
	Additional Text: DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTIONS TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD OF DENIAL OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND FOR THE COURT TO DECIDE AND GRANT PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT - Transaction 7261736 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 05-09-2019:11:26:33
177	5/9/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7261800 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-09-2019:11:27:34
178	5/9/2019 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn
	Additional Text: DEEFNDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' PETITION FOR AN ORDER CONFIRMING ARBITRATOR'S FINAL AWARD AND REDUCE AWARD TO JUDGMENT, INCLUDING, ATTORNEYS - Transaction 7262680 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 05-09-2019:16:11:47
179	5/9/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7263025 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-09-2019:16:12:59
180	5/16/2019 - 2490 - Motion
	Additional Text: MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO FILE EXHIBIT AS CONFIDENTIAL - Transaction 7274242 - Approved By: SWOLFE : 05-17-2019:07:44:22
181	5/17/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7275118 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-17-2019:07:45:11
182	5/20/2019 - 3795 - Reply

Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES & REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' PETITION FOR AN ORDER CONFIRMING ARBITRATOR'S FINAL AWARD & REDUCE AWARD TO JUDGMENT - Transaction 7277526 - Approved By: SWOLFE : 05-20-2019:09:31:05

183 5/20/2019 - 3795 - Reply...

Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTIONS TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD OF DENIAL OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND FOR THE COURT TO DECIDE AND GRANT PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT - Transaction 7277573 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 05-20-2019:11:14:56

184 5/20/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7277638 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-20-2019:09:32:25

185 5/20/2019 - 3795 - Reply...

Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S FINAL AWARD - Transaction 7277660 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 05-20-2019:11:28:46

186 5/20/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7278102 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-20-2019:11:16:12

187 5/20/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7278193 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-20-2019:11:30:03

188 5/20/2019 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: PETITION FOR AN ORDER CONFIRMING ARBITRATORS FINAL AWARD AND REDUCE AWARD TO JUDGMENT, INCLUDING, ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS FILED 4/15/19 - Transaction 7279086 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 05-20-2019:16:54:48 PARTY SUBMITTING: THOMAS BRADLEY ESQ DATE SUBMITTED: 5/20/19 SUBMITTED BY: CS DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

189 5/20/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7279573 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-20-2019:16:56:03

190 5/21/2019 - 3980 - Stip and Order ...

Additional Text: Transaction 7280604 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-21-2019:11:45:15

191 5/21/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7280623 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-21-2019:11:47:42

192 5/22/2019 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: - Transaction 7283565 - Approved By: CSULEZIC : 05-22-2019:15:46:32 DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATORS FINAL AWARD FILED 5/22/19 PARTY SUBMITTING: THOMAS BRADLEY ESQ DATE SUBMITTED: 5/22/19 SUBMITTED BY: CS DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

193 5/22/2019 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION - Transaction 7283621 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 05-22-2019:15:31:25 DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFF'S MOTIONS TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD OF DENIAL OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND FOR THE COURT TO DECIDE AND GRANT PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT PARTY SUBMITTING: THOMAS BRADLEY ESQ DATE SUBMITTED: 5-22-19 SUBMITTED BY: YV DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

194 5/22/2019 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION - Transaction 7283638 - Approved By: YVILORIA : 05-22-2019:15:38:07 DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO VACATE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' PETITION FOR AN ORDER CONFIRMING ARBITRATOR'S FINAL AWARD AND REDUCE AWARD TO JUDGMENT, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS PARTY SUBMITTING: THOMAS BRADLEY ESQ DATE SUBMITTED: 5-22-19 SUBMITTED BY: YV DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

195	5/22/2019 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service
	Additional Text: Transaction 7283829 - Approved By: NOREVIEW : 05-22-2019:15:33:33
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8	GREGORY O. GARMONG, Case No. CV12-01271	
9	Plaintiff, Dept. No. 6	
10	VS.	
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12	WESPAC; GREG CHRISTIAN; DOES 1-10,	
13	inclusive,	
14	Defendants. /	
15 16	ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO DISQUALIFY ARBITRATOR PRO;	
17	ORDER DENYING MOTION TO VACATE ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT;	
18	ORDER DENYING MOTION TO APPOINT NEW ARBITRATOR	
19	Before this Court is Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Arbitrator Pro, Vacate Order	
20	Denying Motion for Summary Judgment and Appoint New Arbitrator ("Motion") filed by	
21	Plaintiff GREGORY O. GARMONG ("Mr. Garmong"), by and through counsel, Carl M.	
22	Hebert, Esq. Defendants WESPAC and GREG CHRISTIAN (collectively "Defendants"	
23 24	unless individually referenced), by and through counsel, Thomas C. Bradley, filed their	
25	Opposition to Motion to Disqualify Arbitrator Pro, Vacate Order Denying Motion for	
26	Summary Judgment and Appoint New Arbitrator ("Opposition"). Mr. Garmong filed Plaintiff's	
27	Reply to Opposition to Motion to Disqualify Arbitrator ("Reply") and the matter was submitted	1
28	for decision thereafter.	
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FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This is an action for breach of contract. Mr. Garmong filed his Complaint on May 9, 2012. On September 19, 2012, Defendants WESPAC and Greg Christian filed their Motion to Dismiss and Compel Arbitration. On December 13, 2012, this Court¹ entered its Order granting Defendants' request to compel arbitration but denying the motion to dismiss. The Court found, "the arbitration agreement contained in paragraph 16 of the Investment Management Agreement' entered into by the parties is not unconscionable and is therefore enforceable." Order, p. 1. Mr. Garmong then filed a motion to reconsider the Court's December 13, 2012 Order. The motion was opposed by Defendants. However, Mr. Garmong did not file a reply and this case was stagnant for nearly a year until January 13, 2014, when this Court entered its Order to Proceed. Mr. Garmong filed his reply on February 3, 2014. The motion for reconsideration was denied on April 2, 2014.

Mr. Garmong then sought writ relief from the Nevada Supreme Court. However, at 16 the time there was no stay of this proceeding entered by this Court or by the Nevada Supreme Court.² On December 18, 2014, the Nevada Supreme Court entered its Order 18 19 Denying Petition for Writ of Mandamus or Prohibition. The Supreme Court next entered its 20 Order Denying Rehearing on March 18, 2015, and, subsequently, entered its Order Denying En Banc Reconsideration on May 1, 2015. During this time, no court-ordered stays tolled 22 the time within which Mr. Garmong must bring this action to trial.³ 23

¹ Judge Brent T. Adams originally presided over this proceeding in Department 6 before his 25 retirement. Judge Lynne K. Simons was sworn in on January 5, 2015, and now presides in Department 6. 26

² A court-ordered stay tolls the time for a plaintiff to bring a case to trial for purposes of NRCP 41. 27 See D.R. Horton, Inc. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct., 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 86, 358 P.3d 925, 929 (2015).

³ This Court subsequently entered its Order Granting Motion to Strike, staying the proceedings pending the outcome of arbitration on November 13, 2017.

After the Nevada Supreme Court's orders were entered, this Court again entered an *Order for Response*, instructing the parties to proceed with this case. *Order*, November 17, 2015. In response, the parties indicated they had initiated an arbitration proceeding with JAMS in Las Vegas. *Notice of Status Report*, December 1, 2015.

On June 8, 2016, Mr. Garmong filed his Motion for a Court-Appointed Arbitrator, arguing Defendants prejudiced the JAMS arbitrators against Mr. Garmong. This matter was fully briefed; and, on July 12, 2016, this Court entered its Order re: Arbitration. The Order re: Arbitration instructed the parties to submit three names each to this Court. The Court would then select an arbitrator. After the parties submitted names, the Court appointed a panel of arbitrators to hear this dispute consistent with the applicable JAMS rules and procedures and in consideration of overall fairness to all parties. Order Appointing Arbitration Panel entered September 13, 2016. The parties then stipulated to select one arbitrator, to reduce costs. Stipulation to Select One Arbitrator, October 17, 2016. In accordance, this Court entered its Order Appointing Arbitrator on October 31, 2016, appointing Michael G. Ornstil, Esq., as arbitrator. After it was determined Mr. Ornstil was unavailable. Mr. Garmong stipulated to the appointment of either retired Judge Phillip M. Pro,⁴ or Lawrence R. Mills. Esq. Pursuant to the parties' stipulation, on February 21, 2017, this Court entered its Order Appointing Arbitrator, appointing Judge Phillip M. Pro ("Judge Pro").

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⁴ Mr. Garmong ironically stipulated to Judge Pro although he previously moved to preclude a judge from serving as an arbitrator.

1 On March 27, 2017, Mr. Garmong filed Plaintiff's Objection Pursuant to NRS 2 38.231(3) and 38.241(e) That There is No Agreement to Arbitrate; Notification of Objection 3 to the Court. Despite prior determinative orders from this Court, Mr. Garmong again 4 objected to arbitration on the basis there was no agreement to arbitrate.⁵ 5 On May 23, 2017, this Court entered its Order to Show Cause Why Action Should not 6 7 be Dismissed for Want of Prosecution Pursuant to NRCP 41(E), finding "Mr. Garmong and 8 Defendants have been ordered numerous times to participate in arbitration as early as 9 December 13, 2012. There is no evidence before this Court the parties have proceeded to 10

arbitration." Order, p. 4. Accordingly, the Court ordered the parties to show cause why the action should not be dismissed for want of prosecution. Order, p. 4.

The parties had their first arbitration conference in April 2017. Arbitrator's Order Re: Summary Judgment ("SJ Order"), p. 1. Seven months later, Mr. Garmong filed his Motion for Partial Summary Judgment ("MSJ") pursuant to NRCP 56. SJ Order, p. 1. On January 25, 2018, Judge Pro entered an Order Re Summary Judgment, denying Mr. Garmong's MSJ. SJ Order, p. 1. On February 12, 2018, Mr. Garmong filed a Motion for Reconsideration of the Order Denying Partial Summary Judgment which was thereafter denied by Judge Pro.

On June 5, 2018, Mr. Garmong moved to disqualify Judge Pro by filing the instant 22 Motion with the JAMS' National Arbitration Committee (the "Committee"), which oversees all 24 appeals through JAMS. Opposition, Exhibit 4. The matter was fully briefed and on June 26, 25 2018 the Committee denied Mr. Garmong's appeal, noting the Committee's decision is the 26 final decision. *Opposition*, Exhibit 4.

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⁵ The Court will consider this objection as Mr. Garmong preserving his rights pursuant to NRS 38.231(2) and NRS 38.241(1)(e).

Mr. Garmong thereafter filed the instant *Motion* requesting the Court disqualify Judge Pro, vacate the arbitration *Order Re Summary Judgment*, and appoint a new arbitrator. First, Mr. Garmong argues Judge Pro must be disqualified because he failed to "honor" the court's decision in <u>Wood v. Safeway, Inc.</u>, 121 Nev. 724, 121 P.3d 1026 (2005). *Motion*, p. 2. Specifically, Mr. Garmong argues Judge Pro denied the MSJ because "the summary judgment papers of the parties consumed 'nearly 100 pages" and there were "allegedly issues of fact and credibility." *Motion*. p. 10. Mr. Garmong further contends Judge Pro's Order was inconsistent with his previous rulings as a United States District Court Judge. *Motion*. p. 16. As such, Mr. Garmong argues, the Order must be both set aside and Judge Pro must be disqualified because "[t]here is no reason to believe. . . [Judge] Pro will not take the same approach of disregarding the established facts and disregarding Nevada law in subsequent proceedings in this arbitration." *Motion*. p. 23.

Mr. Garmong further contends Judge Pro failed to disclose that he was "heavily involved in another, much larger arbitration of cigarette-industry cases," and, therefore, he has an undisclosed conflict which "interferes with his conduct of the arbitration." *Motion.* p. 24. Moreover, Mr. Garmong maintains Judge Pro showed "partiality" to Defendants. *Motion.* p. 26. In support, Mr. Garmong asserts "[b]y refusing to decide plaintiff's MSJ according to NRCP 56 . . . [Judge] Pro expressed partiality in favor of the [D]efendants." *Motion.* P. 26.

In its *Opposition*, Defendants oppose the *Motion* on six grounds. First, Defendants maintain the Arbitration Committee's decision that the instant *Motion* should be denied was final pursuant to JAMS Rule 15(i), which states in pertinent part, "JAMS shall make the final determination [of an appeal]. Such determination shall take into account the materiality of

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the facts and any prejudice to the Parties. That decision will be final." *Opposition*, p. 5. Accordingly, Defendants conclude Mr. Garmong's *Motion* is improper because he seeks to appeal a final order rendered by the JAMS Appeals Panel. *Opposition*, p. 5.

Second, Defendants argue Mr. Garmong blatantly disregarded this Court's Order Granting Motion to Strike and Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Reconsider and Motion for Reconsideration of Order of November 13, 2017, when he filed the instant Motion during the pendency of a stay "solely for the purpose of harassing Defendants and delaying the October 2018 arbitration hearing." *Opposition*, p. 6. As such, Defendants argue the Court should *sua sponte* deny the *Motion*.

Third, Defendants contend Mr. Garmong's allegations that Judge Pro is impartial and has a conflict of interest is without merit. *Opposition*, p. 7. Defendants assert Mr. Garmong's claim that Judge Pro did not follow Nevada law because he asserted certain facts were "undisputed" mischaracterizes his Order. *Opposition*, p. 7. Specifically, Judge Pro was referring to non-material facts which were not in dispute. *Opposition*, p. 7. Further, Judge Pro is not required to recite every single argument in his Order, as asserted by Mr. Garmong. *Opposition*, p. 9

Next, Defendants maintain Judge Pro has no undisclosed conflict of interest. *Opposition*, p. 9. Defendants argue Judge Pro is not limited to presiding over only one arbitration at a time. *Opposition*, p. 9. Defendants assert any allegation that Judge Pro's caseload was too voluminous to handle the instant arbitration is nothing more than speculation and, regardless, does not amount to a conflict. *Opposition*, p. 9.

Additionally, Defendants maintain there is no actual evidence of bias. *Opposition*, p. 10. Instead, Mr. Garmong is "simply unhappy with the ruling of Judge Pro. 'However, ruling

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and actions of a judge during the course of official judicial proceedings do[es] not establish bias sufficient to disqualify a district court judge." *Opposition*, p. 10; citing <u>City of Las Vegas</u> <u>Downtown Redevelopment Agency v. Hecht</u>, 113 Nev. 644, 940 P.2d 134 (1997). Moreover, Defendants contend Judge Pro does not meet the requirements for disgualification pursuant to NCJC Canon 3E(1). *Opposition*, p. 12.

Defendants further assert Mr. Garmong's *Motion* is untimely. *Opposition*, p. 12. Specifically, "[g]rounds for disqualifying a judge *can be waived by failure to timely assert such grounds*." *Opposition*, p. 12; citing <u>City of Las Vegas Downtown Redevelopment</u> <u>Agency v. Hecht</u>, 113 Nev. at 651, 940 P.2d at 139. Because Mr. Garmong did not file his *Motion* for seven months after Judge Pro entered his Order denying Mr. Garmong's *Motion for Summary Judgment*, he waived his right to now object. *Opposition*, p. 12. Should Judge Pro be disqualified, Defendants argue the purpose of arbitration would be defeated. *Opposition*, p. 12.

Lastly, Defendants assert Mr. Garmong "has a history of filing meritless motions to disqualify when judges do not rule in his favor." *Opposition*, p. 13; citing *e.g., Judge Flanagan's Order Denying Motion to Disqualify Judge Freeman*, filed in <u>Garmong v. Gary Silverman et al.</u>, CV11-00741; *Petition for Writ of Mandamus*, filed in <u>Garmong v. Patrick Flanagan et al.</u>, NV S.Ct. Case 62565, Doc. 13-03795.

In his *Reply*, Mr. Garmong reiterates that Judge Pro "disregarded the law of Nevada in the arbitration." *Reply*, p. 2. Specifically, the "technicality" of Rule 37 was disregarded. *Reply*, p. 5. Mr. Garmong further reiterates Judge Pro had a conflict of interest and asserts the *Motion* was not previously filed, argued, and denied as Defendant claims. *Reply*, p. 7. Moreover, Mr. Garmong denies he violated this Court's Order by filing the instant *Motion*

because "the arbitration has continued" and the *Motion* "deals with the arbitrator's disregard of the law of Nevada . . ." *Reply*, p. 7. Mr. Garmong further asserts "[m]uch of the Opposition's argument approaches silliness, but that does not stop Defendants from making the arguments." *Reply*, p. 10.

Mr. Garmong further contends the *Motion* is timely because "Defendants have identified no prejudice to their case by any alleged delay." *Reply*, p. 13. Mr. Garmong additionally contends Defendants have a history of "fraud and deception" including filing false affidavits. *Reply*, p. 14.

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LAW AND ANALYSIS

JAMS Optional Appeal Procedure Rule (f) allows a party to appeal a *final arbitration award* rendered by a JAMS Arbitrator or appeals panel to a district court.⁶ JAMS Optional *Appeal Procedure Rule (f)* ("upon service of the Appeal Panel decision, the [Arbitration] Award will be final for purposes of judicial review."). However, the Court finds no supporting authority which allows this Court to consider appeals of an arbitrator's decision on a motion for summary disposition of claims. <u>See</u> JAMS Comprehensive Rules & Procedures Rule 18. Further, this Court expressly lacks authority to consider a JAMS decision regarding a challenge to the continued service of an arbitrator. JAMS Comprehensive Rules & Procedures Rule 15(i).

Here, Mr. Garmong does not seek judicial review of a final arbitration award. Instead, Mr. Garmong is asking this Court to challenge the continued service of Judge Pro and vacate Judge Pro's Order regarding summary judgment. Mr. Garmong makes this *Motion* after making an identical request to the JAMS Arbitration Appeals Committee, which was denied. As set forth, "[JAMS] will make the final determination as to whether an Arbitrator is

⁶ Notice of Completion of Arbitration was filed on October 22, 2018.

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1	unable to fulfill his or her duties, and that decision shall be final." JAMS Comprehensive
2	Rules & Procedures Rule 15(i). Accordingly, this Court will not interfere to supersede the
3	Committee's final determination regarding the continued service of an arbitrator and
4 5	declines to consider an appeal of a motion for summary disposition of claims. Mr. Garmong
6	will have the opportunity to appeal the final arbitration award to this Court in accordance
7	with JAMS rules, should he wish to do so.
8	Accordingly, the Court denies Mr. Garmong's Motion.
9	IT IS SO ORDERED Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Arbitrator Pro, Vacate Order
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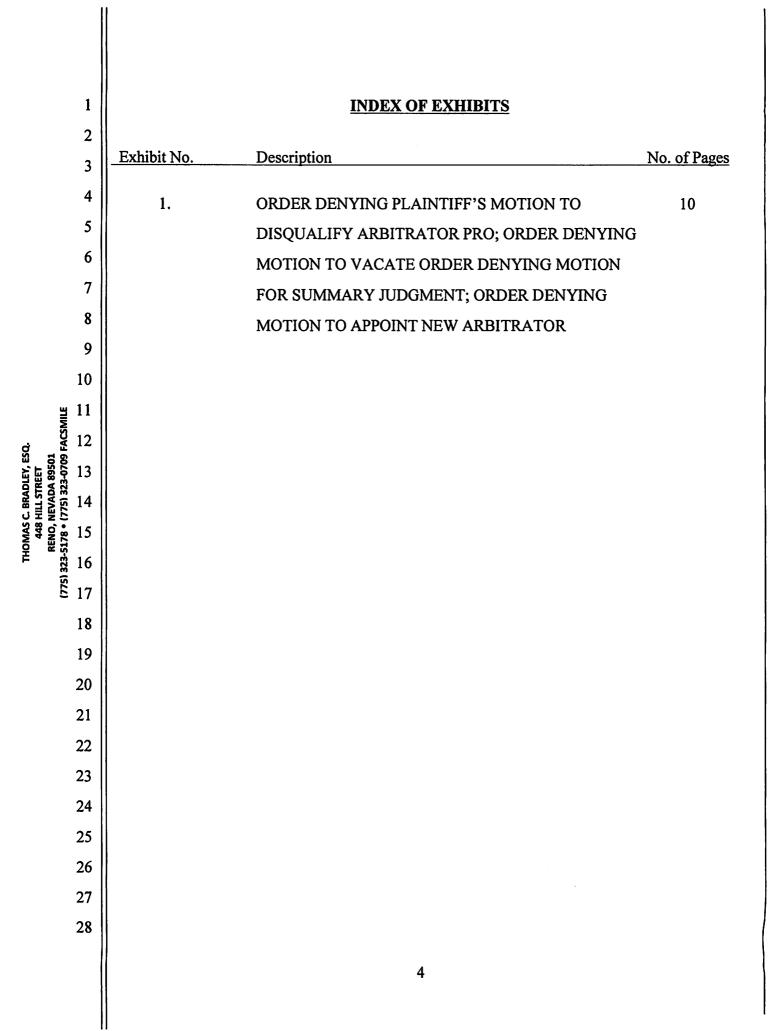
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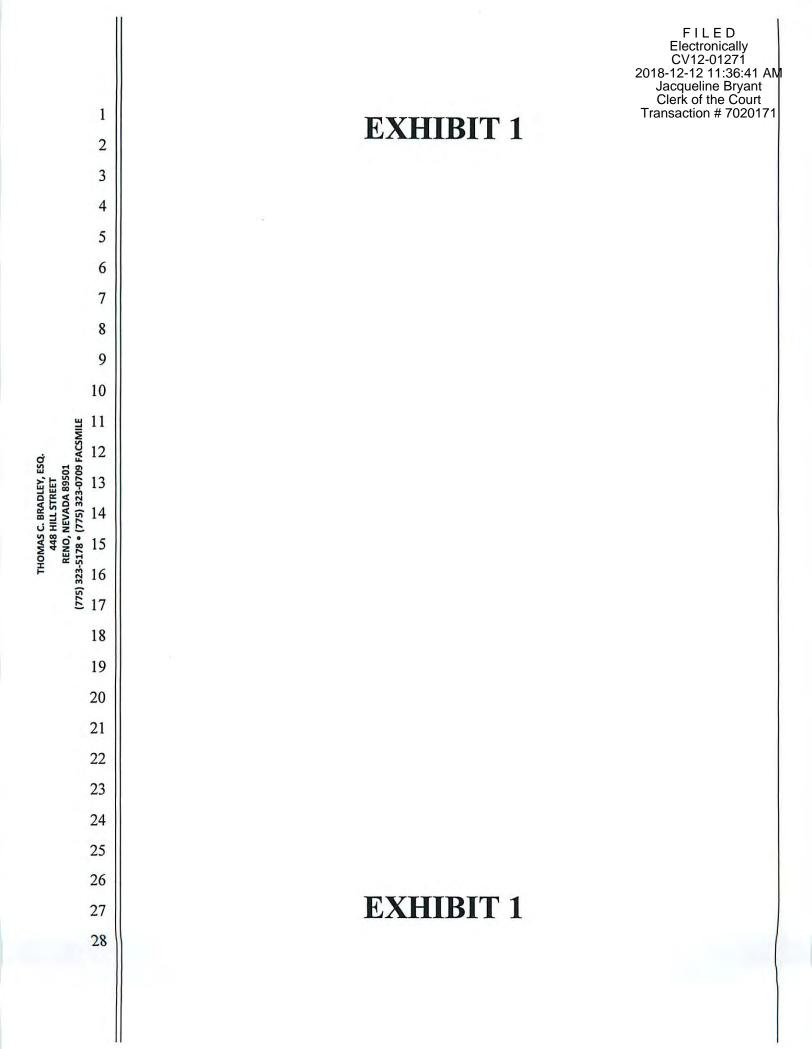
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 <u>See D.R. Horton, Inc. v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct.</u>, 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 86, 358 P.3d 925, 929 (2015).

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13 The parties had their first arbitration conference in April 2017. Arbitrator's Order Re: 14 Summary Judgment ("SJ Order"), p. 1. Seven months later, Mr. Garmong filed his Motion 15 for Partial Summary Judgment ("MSJ") pursuant to NRCP 56. SJ Order, p. 1. On January 16 25, 2018, Judge Pro entered an Order Re Summary Judgment, denying Mr. Garmong's 17 MSJ. SJ Order, p. 1. On February 12, 2018, Mr. Garmong filed a Motion for 18 19 Reconsideration of the Order Denving Partial Summary Judgment which was thereafter 20 denied by Judge Pro.

21 On June 5, 2018, Mr. Garmong moved to disgualify Judge Pro by filing the instant 22 Motion with the JAMS' National Arbitration Committee (the "Committee"), which oversees all 23 24 appeals through JAMS. Opposition, Exhibit 4. The matter was fully briefed and on June 26, 25 2018 the Committee denied Mr. Garmong's appeal, noting the Committee's decision is the 26 final decision. Opposition, Exhibit 4. 27

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⁵ The Court will consider this objection as Mr. Garmong preserving his rights pursuant to NRS 38.231(2) and NRS 38.241(1)(e).

Mr. Garmong thereafter filed the instant Motion requesting the Court disqualify Judge 1 2 Pro, vacate the arbitration Order Re Summary Judgment, and appoint a new arbitrator. 3 First, Mr. Garmong argues Judge Pro must be disqualified because he failed to "honor" the 4 court's decision in Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 121 P.3d 1026 (2005). Motion, p. 5 2. Specifically, Mr. Garmong argues Judge Pro denied the MSJ because "the summary 6 judgment papers of the parties consumed 'nearly 100 pages'" and there were "allegedly 7 8 issues of fact and credibility." Motion. p. 10. Mr. Garmong further contends Judge Pro's 9 Order was inconsistent with his previous rulings as a United States District Court Judge. 10 Motion. p. 16. As such, Mr. Garmong argues, the Order must be both set aside and Judge 11 Pro must be disqualified because "[t]here is no reason to believe. . . [Judge] Pro will not take 12 the same approach of disregarding the established facts and disregarding Nevada law in 13 14 subsequent proceedings in this arbitration." Motion. p. 23.

15 Mr. Garmong further contends Judge Pro failed to disclose that he was "heavily 16 involved in another, much larger arbitration of cigarette-industry cases," and, therefore, he 17 has an undisclosed conflict which "interferes with his conduct of the arbitration." Motion. p. 18 19 24. Moreover, Mr. Garmong maintains Judge Pro showed "partiality" to Defendants. 20 Motion. p. 26. In support, Mr. Garmong asserts "[b]y refusing to decide plaintiff's MSJ 21 according to NRCP 56 . . . [Judge] Pro expressed partiality in favor of the [D]efendants." 22 Motion. P. 26. 23

In its *Opposition*, Defendants oppose the *Motion* on six grounds. First, Defendants
 maintain the Arbitration Committee's decision that the instant *Motion* should be denied was
 final pursuant to JAMS Rule 15(i), which states in pertinent part, "JAMS shall make the final
 determination [of an appeal]. Such determination shall take into account the materiality of

the facts and any prejudice to the Parties. That decision will be final." *Opposition*, p. 5. Accordingly, Defendants conclude Mr. Garmong's *Motion* is improper because he seeks to appeal a final order rendered by the JAMS Appeals Panel. *Opposition*, p. 5.

Second, Defendants argue Mr. Garmong blatantly disregarded this Court's Order Granting Motion to Strike and Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Reconsider and Motion for Reconsideration of Order of November 13, 2017, when he filed the instant Motion during the pendency of a stay "solely for the purpose of harassing Defendants and delaying the October 2018 arbitration hearing." *Opposition*, p. 6. As such, Defendants argue the Court should *sua sponte* deny the Motion.

Third, Defendants contend Mr. Garmong's allegations that Judge Pro is impartial and
 has a conflict of interest is without merit. *Opposition*, p. 7. Defendants assert Mr.
 Garmong's claim that Judge Pro did not follow Nevada law because he asserted certain
 facts were "undisputed" mischaracterizes his Order. *Opposition*, p. 7. Specifically, Judge
 Pro was referring to non-material facts which were not in dispute. *Opposition*, p. 7. Further,
 Judge Pro is not required to recite every single argument in his Order, as asserted by Mr.
 Garmong. *Opposition*, p. 9

Next, Defendants maintain Judge Pro has no undisclosed conflict of interest.
 Opposition, p. 9. Defendants argue Judge Pro is not limited to presiding over only one
 arbitration at a time. *Opposition*, p. 9. Defendants assert any allegation that Judge Pro's
 caseload was too voluminous to handle the instant arbitration is nothing more than
 speculation and, regardless, does not amount to a conflict. *Opposition*, p. 9.

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Additionally, Defendants maintain there is no actual evidence of bias. *Opposition*, p. 10. Instead, Mr. Garmong is "simply unhappy with the ruling of Judge Pro. 'However, ruling

and actions of a judge during the course of official judicial proceedings do[es] not establish
bias sufficient to disqualify a district court judge." *Opposition*, p. 10; citing <u>City of Las Vegas</u>
<u>Downtown Redevelopment Agency v. Hecht</u>, 113 Nev. 644, 940 P.2d 134 (1997).
Moreover, Defendants contend Judge Pro does not meet the requirements for
disqualification pursuant to NCJC Canon 3E(1). *Opposition*, p. 12.

Defendants further assert Mr. Garmong's Motion is untimely. Opposition, p. 12. 7 8 Specifically, "[g]rounds for disqualifying a judge can be waived by failure to timely assert 9 such grounds." Opposition, p. 12; citing City of Las Vegas Downtown Redevelopment 10 Agency v. Hecht, 113 Nev. at 651, 940 P.2d at 139. Because Mr. Garmong did not file his 11 Motion for seven months after Judge Pro entered his Order denying Mr. Garmong's Motion 12 for Summary Judgment, he waived his right to now object. Opposition, p. 12. Should Judge 13 14 Pro be disqualified, Defendants argue the purpose of arbitration would be defeated. 15 Opposition, p. 12. 16

Lastly, Defendants assert Mr. Garmong "has a history of filing meritless motions to
 disqualify when judges do not rule in his favor." *Opposition*, p. 13; citing *e.g.*, *Judge Flanagan's Order Denying Motion to Disqualify Judge Freeman*, filed in <u>Garmong v. Gary</u>
 <u>Silverman et al.</u>, CV11-00741; *Petition for Writ of Mandamus*, filed in <u>Garmong v. Patrick</u>
 <u>Flanagan et al.</u>, NV S.Ct. Case 62565, Doc. 13-03795.

In his *Reply*, Mr. Garmong reiterates that Judge Pro "disregarded the law of Nevada
in the arbitration." *Reply*, p. 2. Specifically, the "technicality" of Rule 37 was disregarded. *Reply*, p. 5. Mr. Garmong further reiterates Judge Pro had a conflict of interest and asserts
the *Motion* was not previously filed, argued, and denied as Defendant claims. *Reply*, p. 7.
Moreover, Mr. Garmong denies he violated this Court's Order by filing the instant *Motion*

because "the arbitration has continued" and the Motion "deals with the arbitrator's disregard 2 of the law of Nevada . . ." Reply, p. 7. Mr. Garmong further asserts "[m]uch of the 3 Opposition's argument approaches silliness, but that does not stop Defendants from making 4 the arguments." *Reply*, p. 10. 5

Mr. Garmong further contends the Motion is timely because "Defendants have 6 7 identified no prejudice to their case by any alleged delay." Reply, p. 13. Mr. Garmong 8 additionally contends Defendants have a history of "fraud and deception" including filing 9 false affidavits. Reply, p. 14.

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LAW AND ANALYSIS

JAMS Optional Appeal Procedure Rule (f) allows a party to appeal a final arbitration 12 13 award rendered by a JAMS Arbitrator or appeals panel to a district court.⁶ JAMS Optional 14 Appeal Procedure Rule (f) ("upon service of the Appeal Panel decision, the [Arbitration] 15 Award will be final for purposes of judicial review."). However, the Court finds no supporting 16 authority which allows this Court to consider appeals of an arbitrator's decision on a motion 17 for summary disposition of claims. See JAMS Comprehensive Rules & Procedures Rule 18. 18 19 Further, this Court expressly lacks authority to consider a JAMS decision regarding a 20 challenge to the continued service of an arbitrator. JAMS Comprehensive Rules & 21 Procedures Rule 15(i). 22

Here, Mr. Garmong does not seek judicial review of a final arbitration award. Instead, 23 24 Mr. Garmong is asking this Court to challenge the continued service of Judge Pro and 25 vacate Judge Pro's Order regarding summary judgment. Mr. Garmong makes this Motion 26 after making an identical request to the JAMS Arbitration Appeals Committee, which was 27 denied. As set forth, "[JAMS] will make the final determination as to whether an Arbitrator is 28 ⁶ Notice of Completion of Arbitration was filed on October 22, 2018.

1	unable to fulfill his or her duties, and that decision shall be final." JAMS Comprehensive
2	Rules & Procedures Rule 15(i). Accordingly, this Court will not interfere to supersede the
3	Committee's final determination regarding the continued service of an arbitrator and
4 5	declines to consider an appeal of a motion for summary disposition of claims. Mr. Garmong
6	will have the opportunity to appeal the final arbitration award to this Court in accordance
7	with JAMS rules, should he wish to do so.
8	Accordingly, the Court denies Mr. Garmong's Motion.
9	IT IS SO ORDERED Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify Arbitrator Pro, Vacate Order
10 11	Denying Motion for Summary Judgment and Appoint New Arbitrator is DENIED in its
12	entirety.
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Completion of Arbitration and determined there are no additional decisions to be rendered regarding the Notice.

PENDING MOTIONS. 11.

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Motion to Confirm Final Award

In its Motion to Confirm Final Award, Defendants petition the Court for an order confirming the arbitration award pursuant to Rule 38.239 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. Motion to Confirm Final Award, p. 5. Defendants assert the arbitration Final Award in JAMS Arbitration Case No. 1260003474 was entered April 11, 2019, in favor of Defendants and against Mr. Garmong in the total sum of \$111,649.96, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs. Defendants further request interest accrued on the total sum at the legal rate of 7.5% per annum, from the date this Court enters judgment until the date judgment is satisfied in full. Motion to Confirm Final Award, p. 5.

15 Mr. Garmong opposed the Motion to Confirm Final Award on the grounds he did not 16 enter into a "binding contract including an agreement providing for arbitration" as required 17 by NRS 38.221(1). Opposition to Motion to Confirm Final Award, p. 1. Mr. Garmong argues 18 if Defendants "cannot identify one, and only one, true, complete, correct, certain, 19 20 unambiguous, definite, verified and binding Contract in the record as it now exists, the 21 arbitrator's Final Award cannot be confirmed because there was no agreement to arbitrate." 22 Opposition to Motion to Confirm Final Award, p. 2. Mr. Garmong further argues Defendants' 23 Motion to Confirm Final Award must be denied because Defendants perpetrated fraud upon 24 the Court, arbitrator, and Plaintiff by falsely representing the first version of the Investment 25 26 Management Agreement was correct.

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In their Reply, Defendants assert the parties entered into a valid and enforceable

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Investment Management Agreement (the "Agreement"), the final version of which was executed on August 31, 2005. *Reply to Motion to Confirm Final Award*, p. 5. Defendants maintain the Arbitration Clause is included in the Agreement at paragraph 16, pages 17 and 18. *Reply to Motion to Confirm Final Award*, p. 5. Moreover, the fully executed Agreement was submitted in support of Defendants' *Motion to Dismiss and to Compel Arbitration*, and is therefore part of the record. *Reply to Motion to Confirm Final Award*, p. 9.

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Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award

In his Motion to Vacate Final Award, Mr. Garmong first maintains the Final Award must be vacated pursuant to NRS 38.241(1) because there is no agreement to arbitrate. Motion to Vacate Final Award, p. 5. Second, Mr. Garmong contends the arbitration provision contained in the Agreement is void pursuant to NRS 597.995 because it has no "specific authorization." Motion to Vacate Final Award, p. 8. Mr. Garmong argues the arbitration provision is also void because it is not conspicuous and does not warn the consumer he is foregoing important rights under Nevada law. Motion to Vacate Final Award, p. 9.

Mr. Garmong further contends the award was procured by corruption, fraud or other
 undue means. *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, p. 10. Additionally, Mr. Garmong maintains
 the arbitrator refused to consider evidence material to the controversy and that the arbitrator
 showed partiality. *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, p. 15. Lastly, Mr. Garmong contends the
 Final Award may be vacated on nonstatutory grounds, such as disregard of facts or
 manifest disregard of legal authority. *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, p. 43.

C. Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision

In his Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision, Mr. Garmong requests an order from this

in the course of arbitration, and to further consider the Motion for Partial Summary 3 Judgment and grant it de novo. Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision, p.1. In support, Mr. 4 Garmong contends Judge Pro disregarded the applicable substantive legal principles. 5 Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision, generally. 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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There is no dispute that the issues in this case are governed by Nevada law, and procedurally by JAMS Rules and the provisions of the Nevada Rules of

Defendants oppose the Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision on the following grounds: First, Defendants argue it is well established that an order denying summary judgment is not appealable after a hearing on the merits because it is not a final judgment. Opposition to Motion to Vacate MSJ, p. 2. Second, Defendants assert Judge Pro properly denied Mr. Garmong's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision, p. 5. Lastly, Defendants assert Judge Pro did not evaluate witness credibility when he ruled on

Court vacating Judge Pro's decision denying his Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, filed

the MSJ. Opposition to Motion to Vacate MSJ, p. 6.

Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Attorney's Fees

In his Motion to Vacate Award of Fees, Mr. Garmong argues Rule 68 of the Nevada Revised Statutes does not apply to this case because the parties did not agree it would apply. Motion to Vacate Award of Fees, p. 5. In support, Mr. Garmong argues JAMS Rule 24 provides the award of the arbitrator may include attorney's fees if agreed to by the parties. Motion to Vacate Award of Fees, p. 6. Moreover, Mr. Garmong argues the award

was procured by corruption, fraud, or other undue means.

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award of attorney's fees and costs was proper pursuant to NRCP Rule 68 and JAMS Rule 24(g). Defendants assert, Judge Pro set forth:

In their Opposition to Motion to Vacate Fees, Defendants maintains Judge Pro's

Civil Procedure enumerated in the Stipulation for arbitration entered by the Parties on February 8, 2017. However, the agreement of the Parties to specific NRCP rules relating to discovery does not automatically exclude the applicability of others, particularly where the Arbitrator determines that necessary.

Opposition to Motion to Vacate Award of Fees, p. 3; citing Arbitrator's Final Award.

In addition to arguing the award is proper under NRCP Rule 68 and JAMS Rule 24(g), Defendants argue the evidence supports Judge Pro's determination that the fees are reasonable. *Opposition to Motion to Vacate Award of Fees*, p. 14.

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Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential

Defendants filed their *Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential* asking this Court for an Order to File Exhibit "4" to Defendants' *Reply to Motion to Confirm Final Award*, filed May 6, 2019, as confidential. Defendants assert after filing their *Reply to Motion to Confirm Final Award*, Mr. Garmong informed Defendants' counsel Exhibit 4 contained his social security number. *Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential*, p. 2. Defendants maintain they immediately apologized for the inadvertent error and hand delivered a Stipulation to file the Exhibit as confidential to Mr. Garmong's counsel. *Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential*, p. 2. Defendants additionally called the Second Judicial District Court Clerk's office and requested the Exhibit be marked and filed as confidential. However, Defendants assert Mr. Garmong refused to sign the Stipulation. *Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential*, p. 2.

Mr. Garmong opposed the *Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential* on the grounds that he "seeks protection from the exposure by the Defendants and their attorney to potential identity or financial theft, but opposes the requested relief as insufficient and having no basis in law." *Opposition to Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential*, p. 3. Mr. Garmong further 1 maintains he "needs the Court's help in protecting his sensitive personal and financial

information" Opposition to Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential, p. 3.

III. APPLICABLE LAW AND ANALYSIS.

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A. Motion to Confirm Final Award

Section 38.239 of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides,

After a party to an arbitral proceeding receives notice of an award, the party may make a motion to the court for an order confirming the award at which time the court shall issue a confirming order unless the award is modified or corrected pursuant to NRS 38.237 or 38.242 or is vacated pursuant to NRS 38.241.

NRS 38.239. "[T]he scope of judicial review of an arbitration award is limited and is nothing like the scope of an appellate court's review of a trial court's decision." <u>Health Plan of</u>

Nevada v. Rainbow Med., 120 Nev. 689, 695, 100 P.3d 172, 177 (2004). "A 'reviewing court

should not concern itself with the "correctness" of an arbitration award' and thus does not

15 review the merits of the dispute." <u>Bohlmann v. Byron John Printz</u>, 120 Nev. at 547, 96 P.3d

17 1158 (2004) (quoting <u>Thompson v. Tega-Rand Intern</u>., 740 F.2d 762, 763 (9th Cir.1984));

18 see also Clark Ctv. Educ. Ass'n v. Clark Cty. Sch. Dist., 122 Nev. 337, 342, 131 P.3d 5, 8

¹⁹ (2006). Thus, "(a) party seeking to vacate an arbitration award based on manifest disregard

of the law may not merely object to the results of the arbitration." <u>Clark Ctv. Edu. Ass'n</u>,

122 Nev. at 342, 131 P.3d at 8 (quoting <u>Bohlmann</u>, 120 Nev. at 547, 96 P.3d at 1158).

23 Rather, "[t]he party seeking to attack the validity of an arbitration award has the burden of

²⁴ proving, by clear and convincing evidence, the statutory or common-law ground relied upon

²⁵ for challenging the award." <u>Rainbow Med.</u>, 120 Nev. at 695, 100 P.3d at 176.

Here, Mr. Garmong argues the arbitration award must be set aside pursuant to NRS
 38.221 because Defendants "cannot identify one, and only one, true, complete, correct,

certain, unambiguous, definite, verified and binding Contract <u>in the record as it now exists;</u>" and, therefore, "the arbitrator's Final Award cannot be confirmed because there was no agreement to arbitrate." *Opposition to Motion to Confirm Final Award*, p. 2.

This Court has repeatedly ruled, unequivocally, that an enforceable agreement to arbitrate exists in the record and that the parties were properly ordered to arbitrate pursuant to NRS 38.221. <u>See Order</u>, December 13, 2012 (holding the arbitration agreement contained in paragraph 16 of the Agreement is not unconscionable and is enforceable); Order, April 2, 2014 (denying motion for reconsideration, and again holding arbitration agreement to be enforceable, based on identical arguments as raised in in Mr. Garmong's *Motion to Vacate Final Award*); Order to Show Cause Why Action Should not be Dismissed for Want of Prosecution Pursuant to NRCP 41(E)) (holding Mr. Garmong was ordered numerous times to participate in arbitration.

In accordance with this Court's prior Orders, the record in this case, and the pending *Motion*, the Court, again, holds a valid and enforceable agreement exists. As such, this Court grants Defendants *Motion to Confirm Final Award* pursuant to NRS 38.239.

B. Motion to Vacate Final Award; Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision

Rule 13 of the District Court Rules for the State of Nevada provides, "No motion once heard and disposed of shall be renewed in the same cause, nor shall the same matters therein embraced be reheard, unless by leave of the court granted upon motion therefor, after notice of such motion to the adverse parties." DCR 13(7).

Well-established authority in this State governs reconsideration of previously-decided issues. In <u>Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n of S. Nevada v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth, Ltd.</u>, the Nevada Supreme Court held:

A district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous. See Little Earth of United Tribes v. Department of Housing, 807 F.2d 1433, 1441 (8th Cir.1986); see also Moore v. City of Las Vegas, 92 Nev. 402, 405, 551 P.2d 244, 246 (1976) ("Only in very rare instances in which new issues of fact or law are raised supporting a ruling contrary to the ruling already reached should a motion for rehearing be granted.") (Emphasis added).

113 Nev. 737, 741, 941 P.2d 486, 489 (1997) (alterations and citations in original). In
Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n, the Nevada Supreme Court upheld a district court's
reconsideration of a previously decided issue in light of new clarifying case law. Id.
Because of new case law, the decision by the prior district judge was properly determined to
be "clearly erroneous." Id. When a motion for reconsideration raises "no new issues of law
and [makes] reference to no new or additional facts," reconsideration is "superfluous" and
constitutes an "abuse of discretion" by the district court to entertain such a motion. Moore v.
City of Las Vegas, 92 Nev. 402, 405, 551 P.2d 244, 246 (1976). Such motions are granted
in "rare instances." Id. Further, it is well settled the decision of whether to grant
reconsideration is within "the sound discretion of the court." Navajo Nation v. Confederated
Tribes & Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation, 331 F.3d 1041, 1046 (9th Cir. 2003); see also
Riger v. Hometown Mortg., LLC, 104 F. Supp. 3d 1092, 1095 (D. Nev. 2015) (district court's

Mr. Garmong filed two *Motions*, the subject of which have been previously decided by
 this Court and for which he does not raise new issues of law or fact. First, Mr. Garmong
 filed his *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, in which he argues the Final Award must be vacated
 pursuant to NRS 38.241(1) because there is no agreement to arbitrate. *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, p. 5. However, as stated, this Court has previously held a valid and
 enforceable arbitration agreement exists in the record pursuant to NRS 38.241. Moreover,

Mr. Garmong does not raise new issues of law or fact. <u>See</u> Order, December 13, 2012 (holding the arbitration agreement contained in paragraph 16 of the Agreement is not unconscionable and is enforceable); Order, April 2, 2014 (denying motion for reconsideration and again holding arbitration agreement to be enforceable based on identical arguments as raised in in Mr. Garmong's *Motion to Vacate Final Award*); Order to *Show Cause Why Action Should not be Dismissed for Want of Prosecution Pursuant to NRCP 41(E)* (holding Mr. Garmong was ordered numerous time to participate in arbitration).

Second, Mr. Garmong filed his *Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision*, arguing the arbitrator disregarded the applicable substantive legal principles. Again, this Court previously considered and decided this issue. <u>See</u> Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify *Arbitrator Pro; Order Denying Motion to Vacate Order Denying Motion for Summary Judgment; Order Denying Motion to Appoint New Arbitrator*, entered September 29, 2018.

Accordingly, Mr. Garmong did not properly move to renew the *Motions* pursuant to DCR 13(7). Moreover, Mr. Garmong does not present the Court with any new issues of law or fact; and as such, his *Motion to Vacate Final Award* based on a lack of enforceable agreement, and his *Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision* are meritless and should be denied.

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C. Motion to Vacate Attorney's Fees

Rule 24(g) of JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures (JAMS Rule) provides an arbitrator may award attorney's fees, expenses, and interest if provided by the Parties' Agreement **or allowed by applicable law**. JAMS Rule 24(g). Defendants made an Offer of Judgment in the amount of \$10,000 on February 12, 2017. *Final Award*, p. 10.

1	Rule 68 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure provides, in pertinent part:
2	(a) The Offer. At any time more than 10 days before trial, any party may
3	serve an offer in writing to allow judgment to be taken in accordance with its terms and conditions.
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5	(e) Failure to Accept OfferAny offeree who fails to accept the offer may be subject to the penalties of this rule.
6	(f) Penalties for Rejection of Offer. If the offeree rejects an offer and fails to
7	obtain a more favorable judgment,
8	(1) the offeree cannot recover any costs or attorney's fees and shall
9 10	not recover interest for the period after the service of the offer and before the judgment; and
	(2) the offeree shall pay the offeror's post-offer costs, applicable
11	interest on the judgment from the time of the offer to the time of entry of the
12 13	judgment and reasonable attorney's fees, if any be allowed, actually incurred by the offeror from the time of the offer.
13	NRCP 68. An award of fees pursuant to NRCP 68 is discretionary with the Court and will
15	not be disturbed absent clear abuse. Bidart v. American Title Ins. Co., 103 Nev. 175, 734
16	P.2d 732 (1987).
17	Mr. Garmong argues Judge Pro's award of attorney's fees should be vacated
18 19	because the Scheduling Order entered in Arbitration between the parties on August 11,
20	2017 enumerated specific provisions of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as applicable
21	to discovery in Arbitration, but omitted any reference to NRCP 68.
22	However, as Judge Pro properly found, there is no dispute that the issues in this case
23 24	are governed by Nevada law, and procedurally by JAMS Rules. The agreement of the
24 25	Parties to specific NRCP rules relating to discovery does not automatically exclude the
25	applicability of others to the matter, particularly where the Arbitrator determines it necessary.
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27 28	Moreover, although Mr. Garmong argued the award was procured by corruption,
20	fraud, or other undue means, no evidence exists to support this assertion. Accordingly, the

Court finds Judge Pro awarded attorney's fees, interest, and expenses in accordance with NRCP 68 and JAMS Rule 24(g).

Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential

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Section 205.4605(1) of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides, a person shall not willfully and intentionally post or display in any public manner the social security number of another person unless the person is authorized or required to do so by law. NRS 205.4605(1). Here, it is clear that Defendants filed Mr. Garmong's social security number in their moving papers and took immediate steps to remedy the disclosure.

Mr. Garmong opposes the Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential on the grounds the request is insufficient to protect his identity and has no basis in law. However, Mr. Garmong refused to sign the Stipulation which would provide for protection of his personal information. The Court further notes Mr. Garmong has offered no remedy for a clearly inadvertent disclosure of his social security number. It is clear from the parties' communications that Defendants were not aware of the disclosure and took all necessary steps to remedy the disclosure at the time they gained knowledge of such. See Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential, Exhibit 1-3. The Court finds this was not a willful and intentional disclosure. Moreover, the Court finds the inadvertent disclosure is remedied by ordering the Exhibit filed as confidential.

IV.

CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Accordingly, and good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Defendants' Petition for an Order Confirming Arbitrator's Final Award and 1. Reduce Award to Judgment, Including, Attorneys' Fees and Costs is GRANTED; 28

1	2.	Defendants are directed to submit a proposed judgment within ten (14) days
2	from the ent	ry of this Order;
3	3.	Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award is DENIED;
4	4.	Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Attorney's Fees is DENIED;
5	5.	Plaintiff's Motions to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Denial of Plaintiff's Motion
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7		ummary Judgment and for the Court to Decide and Grant Plaintiff's Motion for
8 9	Partial Sum	mary Judgment is DENIED;
9 10	6.	Defendants' Motion for an Order to File Exhibit as Confidential is GRANTED.
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18	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an ORDER was entered in the above-referenced case on
19	August 8, 2019, a copy of which is attached.
20	Affirmation: The undersigned verifies that this document does not contain the personal
21	information of any person.
22	DATED this 8th day of August, 2019.
23	<u>/s/ Thomas C. Bradley</u> THOMAS C. BRADLEY, ESQ.
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2	Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of Thomas C. Bradley, Esq., and the
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17	ORDER RE MOTIONS	
18	Five related motions are pending before this Court.	
19	First pending is Defendants' Petition for an Order Confirming Arbitrator's Final	
20 21	Award and Reduce Award to Judgment, Including, Attorneys' Fees and Costs ("Motion	
22	Confirm Final Award"), filed by Defendant WESPAC and GREG CHRISTIAN (collectively	
23	"Defendants" unless individually referenced), by and through their attorney of record,	
24	Thomas C. Bradley, Esq. Plaintiff GREGORY GARMONG ("Mr. Garmong") filed Plaintiff's	
25	Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Confirm Arbitrator's Award ("Opposition to Motion to	
26	<i>Confirm Final Award</i> "), by and through his attorney of record, Carl M. Herbert, Esq.	
27	Defendants filed Defendants' Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion to	
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Confirm Arbitrator's Award ("Reply to Motion to Confirm Final Award") and the matter was submitted for decision thereafter.

Second pending is Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award ("Motion to Vacate Final Award"), filed by Mr. Garmong. Defendants filed Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award (Opposition to Motion to Vacate"). Mr. Garmong filed Plaintiff's Reply to Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award ("Reply to Motion to Vacate") and the matter was submitted for decision thereafter.

Third pending is Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Attorney's Fees ("Motion to Vacate Award of Fees"), filed by Mr. Garmong. Defendants filed Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Attorney's Fees and Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Petition for Order Confirming Arbitrator's Final Award and Reduce Award to Judgment, <u>Including, Attorneys' Fees and Costs</u> ("Opposition to Motion to Vacate Award of Fees"). Mr. Garmong filed Plaintiff's Reply to Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Attorney's Fees and Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Petition for an Order Confirming Arbitrator's Final Award and Reduce Award to Judgment, Including, Attorneys' Fees and Costs ("Reply to Motion to Vacate Award of Fees") and the matter was submitted for decision thereafter.

Fourth pending is the combined Plaintiff's Motions to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Denial of Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and for the Court to Decide and Grant Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment ("Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision"), filed by Mr. Garmong. Defendants filed Defendants' Opposition to

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Plaintiff's Motions to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Denial of Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and for the Court to Decide and Grant Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment ("Opposition to Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision"). Mr. Garmong filed Plaintiff's Reply to Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motions to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Denial of Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and for the Court to Decide and Grant Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment ("Reply to Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision") and the matter was submitted for decision thereafter.

Fifth pending is Defendants' Motion for an Order to File Exhibit as Confidential ("Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential"), filed by Defendants. Mr. Garmong filed Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion for an Order to File Exhibit as Confidential ("Opposition to Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential"). Defendants filed their Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion for an Order to File Exhibit as Confidential ("Reply to Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential"), and the matter was submitted for decision thereafter.

FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY.

This is an action for breach of contract. Mr. Garmong filed his Complaint on May 9, 2012. On September 19, 2012, Defendants filed their *Motion to Dismiss and Compel Arbitration*. On December 13, 2012, this Court¹ entered its *Order* granting Defendants' request to compel arbitration but denying the motion to dismiss. Mr. Garmong then filed a motion to reconsider the Court's December 13, 2012 Order. The motion was opposed by Defendants. However, Mr. Garmong did not file a reply and this case was stagnant for nearly a year until January 13, 2014, when this Court entered its *Order to Proceed*. Mr.

¹ Judge Brent T. Adams originally presided over this proceeding in Department 6 before his retirement. Judge Lynne K. Simons was sworn in on January 5, 2015, and now presides in Department 6.

Garmong filed his reply on February 3, 2014. The motion for reconsideration was denied on April 2, 2014.

3 Mr. Garmong then sought writ relief from the Nevada Supreme Court. On December 18, 2014, the Nevada Supreme Court entered its Order Denying Petition for Writ of Mandamus or Prohibition. The Supreme Court next entered its Order Denying Rehearing 7 on March 18, 2015, and, subsequently, entered its Order Denying En Banc Reconsideration 8 on May 1, 2015.

After the Nevada Supreme Court's orders were entered, this Court again entered an 10 Order for Response, instructing the parties to proceed with this case. Order, November 17, 11 2015. In response, the parties indicated they had initiated an arbitration proceeding with 12 13 JAMS in Las Vegas. Notice of Status Report, December 1, 2015.

14 On June 8, 2016, Mr. Garmong filed his Motion for a Court-Appointed Arbitrator, 15 arguing Defendants prejudiced the JAMS arbitrators against Mr. Garmong. This matter was 16 fully briefed; and, on July 12, 2016, this Court entered its Order re: Arbitration. The parties 17 18 then stipulated to select one arbitrator, to reduce costs. Stipulation to Select One Arbitrator, 19 October 17, 2016. In accordance, this Court entered its Order Appointing Arbitrator on 20 October 31, 2016, appointing Michael G. Ornstil, Esq., as arbitrator. After it was determined 21 Mr. Ornstil was unavailable, Mr. Garmong stipulated to the appointment of either retired 22 Judge Phillip M. Pro,² or Lawrence R. Mills. Esq. 23

24 On November 13, 2016, this Court entered its Order Granting Motion to Strike, which 25 stayed the proceeding pending the outcome of the arbitration. Order Granting Motion to 26

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² Mr. Garmong stipulated to Judge Pro although he previously moved to preclude a judge from 28 serving as an arbitrator.

Strike, p. 2. On February 21, 2017, this Court entered its Order Appointing Arbitrator, appointing Judge Phillip M. Pro ("Judge Pro").

On March 27, 2017, Mr. Garmong filed *Plaintiff's Objection Pursuant to NRS* 38.231(3) and 38.241(e) That There is No Agreement to Arbitrate; Notification of Objection to the Court. Despite prior determinative orders from this Court, Mr. Garmong again objected to arbitration on the basis there was no agreement to arbitrate.

On May 23, 2017, this Court entered its Order to Show Cause Why Action Should not
 be Dismissed for Want of Prosecution Pursuant to NRCP 41(E), finding "Mr. Garmong and
 Defendants were ordered numerous times to participate in arbitration as early as December
 13, 2012. The Court held no evidence was presented establishing the parties had
 proceeded to arbitration as ordered. Order, p. 4. Accordingly, the Court ordered the parties
 to show cause why the action should not be dismissed for want of prosecution. Order, p. 4.

The parties had their first arbitration conference in April 2017. On June 22, 2018, without asking for leave of Court, Mr. Garmong filed his *Motion to Disqualify Arbitrator Pro, Vacate Order Denying Motion for Summary Judgment and Appoint New Arbitrator* ("Motion to Disqualify").

Defendants thereafter filed the Defendants' Motion for Limited Relief From Stay to
 File Motion for Attorney's Fees and Sanctions ("Motion for Sanctions") requesting limited
 relief from this Court's order staying the proceeding pending the outcome of arbitration.
 However, on October 22, 2018, Defendants filed their Notice of Completion of Arbitration
 Hearing. The Court held that, with completion of the arbitration, Defendants' Motion for
 Sanctions was moot. Additionally, the Court took notice of Defendants' Notice of

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Completion of Arbitration and determined there are no additional decisions to be rendered regarding the Notice.

PENDING MOTIONS. II.

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Α. Motion to Confirm Final Award

In its Motion to Confirm Final Award, Defendants petition the Court for an order confirming the arbitration award pursuant to Rule 38.239 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. Motion to Confirm Final Award, p. 5. Defendants assert the arbitration Final Award in JAMS Arbitration Case No. 1260003474 was entered April 11, 2019, in favor of Defendants and against Mr. Garmong in the total sum of \$111,649.96, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs. Defendants further request interest accrued on the total sum at the legal rate of 7.5% per annum, from the date this Court enters judgment until the date judgment is satisfied in full. Motion to Confirm Final Award, p. 5.

Mr. Garmong opposed the Motion to Confirm Final Award on the grounds he did not 16 enter into a "binding contract including an agreement providing for arbitration" as required 17 18 by NRS 38.221(1). Opposition to Motion to Confirm Final Award, p. 1. Mr. Garmong argues 19 if Defendants "cannot identify one, and only one, true, complete, correct, certain, 20 unambiguous, definite, verified and binding Contract in the record as it now exists, the arbitrator's Final Award cannot be confirmed because there was no agreement to arbitrate." 22 Opposition to Motion to Confirm Final Award, p. 2. Mr. Garmong further argues Defendants' 23 24 Motion to Confirm Final Award must be denied because Defendants perpetrated fraud upon 25 the Court, arbitrator, and Plaintiff by falsely representing the first version of the Investment 26 Management Agreement was correct. 27

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In their *Reply*, Defendants assert the parties entered into a valid and enforceable

Investment Management Agreement (the "Agreement"), the final version of which was executed on August 31, 2005. *Reply to Motion to Confirm Final Award*, p. 5. Defendants maintain the Arbitration Clause is included in the Agreement at paragraph 16, pages 17 and 18. *Reply to Motion to Confirm Final Award*, p. 5. Moreover, the fully executed Agreement was submitted in support of Defendants' *Motion to Dismiss and to Compel Arbitration*, and is therefore part of the record. *Reply to Motion to Confirm Final Award*, p. 9.

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Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award

In his *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, Mr. Garmong first maintains the Final Award must be vacated pursuant to NRS 38.241(1) because there is no agreement to arbitrate. *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, p. 5. Second, Mr. Garmong contends the arbitration provision contained in the Agreement is void pursuant to NRS 597.995 because it has no "specific authorization." *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, p. 8. Mr. Garmong argues the arbitration provision is also void because it is not conspicuous and does not warn the consumer he is foregoing important rights under Nevada law. *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, p. 9.

Mr. Garmong further contends the award was procured by corruption, fraud or other undue means. *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, p. 10. Additionally, Mr. Garmong maintains the arbitrator refused to consider evidence material to the controversy and that the arbitrator showed partiality. *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, p. 15. Lastly, Mr. Garmong contends the Final Award may be vacated on nonstatutory grounds, such as disregard of facts or manifest disregard of legal authority. *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, p. 43.

Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision

In his Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision, Mr. Garmong requests an order from this

Court vacating Judge Pro's decision denying his Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, filed in the course of arbitration, and to further consider the Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and grant it de novo. Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision, p.1. In support, Mr. Garmong contends Judge Pro disregarded the applicable substantive legal principles. Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision, generally.

Defendants oppose the *Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision* on the following grounds: First, Defendants argue it is well established that an order denying summary judgment is not appealable after a hearing on the merits because it is not a final judgment. Opposition to Motion to Vacate MSJ, p. 2. Second, Defendants assert Judge Pro properly denied Mr. Garmong's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision, p. 5. Lastly, Defendants assert Judge Pro did not evaluate witness credibility when he ruled on the MSJ. Opposition to Motion to Vacate MSJ, p. 6.

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Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Attorney's Fees

In his Motion to Vacate Award of Fees, Mr. Garmong argues Rule 68 of the Nevada Revised Statutes does not apply to this case because the parties did not agree it would apply. Motion to Vacate Award of Fees, p. 5. In support, Mr. Garmong argues JAMS Rule 24 provides the award of the arbitrator may include attorney's fees if agreed to by the parties. Motion to Vacate Award of Fees, p. 6. Moreover, Mr. Garmong argues the award was procured by corruption, fraud, or other undue means.

24 In their Opposition to Motion to Vacate Fees, Defendants maintains Judge Pro's award of attorney's fees and costs was proper pursuant to NRCP Rule 68 and JAMS Rule 26 24(g). Defendants assert, Judge Pro set forth:

There is no dispute that the issues in this case are governed by Nevada law, and procedurally by JAMS Rules and the provisions of the Nevada Rules of

Civil Procedure enumerated in the Stipulation for arbitration entered by the Parties on February 8, 2017. However, the agreement of the Parties to specific NRCP rules relating to discovery does not automatically exclude the applicability of others, particularly where the Arbitrator determines that necessary.

Opposition to Motion to Vacate Award of Fees, p. 3; citing Arbitrator's Final Award.

In addition to arguing the award is proper under NRCP Rule 68 and JAMS Rule 24(g), Defendants argue the evidence supports Judge Pro's determination that the fees are reasonable. *Opposition to Motion to Vacate Award of Fees*, p. 14.

E. Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential

Defendants filed their *Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential* asking this Court for an Order to File Exhibit "4" to Defendants' *Reply to Motion to Confirm Final Award*, filed May 6, 2019, as confidential. Defendants assert after filing their *Reply to Motion to Confirm Final Award*, Mr. Garmong informed Defendants' counsel Exhibit 4 contained his social security number. *Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential*, p. 2. Defendants maintain they immediately apologized for the inadvertent error and hand delivered a Stipulation to file the Exhibit as confidential to Mr. Garmong's counsel. *Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential*, p. 2. Defendants additionally called the Second Judicial District Court Clerk's office and requested the Exhibit be marked and filed as confidential. However, Defendants assert Mr. Garmong refused to sign the Stipulation. *Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential*, p. 2.

Mr. Garmong opposed the *Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential* on the grounds that he "seeks protection from the exposure by the Defendants and their attorney to potential identity or financial theft, but opposes the requested relief as insufficient and having no basis in law." *Opposition to Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential*, p. 3. Mr. Garmong further

1 maintains he "needs the Court's help in protecting his sensitive personal and financial

information" Opposition to Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential, p. 3.

III. APPLICABLE LAW AND ANALYSIS.

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A. Motion to Confirm Final Award

Section 38.239 of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides,

After a party to an arbitral proceeding receives notice of an award, the party may make a motion to the court for an order confirming the award at which time the court shall issue a confirming order unless the award is modified or corrected pursuant to NRS 38.237 or 38.242 or is vacated pursuant to NRS 38.241.

NRS 38.239. "[T]he scope of judicial review of an arbitration award is limited and is nothing 11 like the scope of an appellate court's review of a trial court's decision." Health Plan of 12 13 Nevada v. Rainbow Med., 120 Nev. 689, 695, 100 P.3d 172, 177 (2004). "A 'reviewing court 14 should not concern itself with the "correctness" of an arbitration award' and thus does not 15 review the merits of the dispute." Bohlmann v. Byron John Printz, 120 Nev. at 547, 96 P.3d 16 1158 (2004) (quoting Thompson v. Tega-Rand Intern., 740 F.2d 762, 763 (9th Cir.1984)); 17 18 see also Clark Ctv. Educ. Ass'n v. Clark Cty. Sch. Dist., 122 Nev. 337, 342, 131 P.3d 5, 8 19 (2006). Thus, "[a] party seeking to vacate an arbitration award based on manifest disregard 20 of the law may not merely object to the results of the arbitration." Clark Ctv. Edu. Ass'n, 21 122 Nev. at 342, 131 P.3d at 8 (quoting Bohlmann, 120 Nev. at 547, 96 P.3d at 1158). 22 Rather, "[t]he party seeking to attack the validity of an arbitration award has the burden of 23 24 proving, by clear and convincing evidence, the statutory or common-law ground relied upon 25 for challenging the award." Rainbow Med., 120 Nev. at 695, 100 P.3d at 176.

Here, Mr. Garmong argues the arbitration award must be set aside pursuant to NRS
 38.221 because Defendants "cannot identify one, and only one, true, complete, correct,

certain, unambiguous, definite, verified and binding Contract in the record as it now exists;" and, therefore, "the arbitrator's Final Award cannot be confirmed because there was no agreement to arbitrate." Opposition to Motion to Confirm Final Award, p. 2.

This Court has repeatedly ruled, unequivocally, that an enforceable agreement to 5 arbitrate exists in the record and that the parties were properly ordered to arbitrate pursuant 6 7 to NRS 38.221. See Order, December 13, 2012 (holding the arbitration agreement 8 contained in paragraph 16 of the Agreement is not unconscionable and is enforceable); Order, April 2, 2014 (denying motion for reconsideration, and again holding arbitration 10 agreement to be enforceable, based on identical arguments as raised in in Mr. Garmong's 12 Motion to Vacate Final Award); Order to Show Cause Why Action Should not be Dismissed 13 for Want of Prosecution Pursuant to NRCP 41(E)) (holding Mr. Garmong was ordered 14 numerous times to participate in arbitration. 15

In accordance with this Court's prior Orders, the record in this case, and the pending 16 Motion, the Court, again, holds a valid and enforceable agreement exists. As such, this 17 18 Court grants Defendants Motion to Confirm Final Award pursuant to NRS 38.239.

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Β. Motion to Vacate Final Award; Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision

Rule 13 of the District Court Rules for the State of Nevada provides, "No motion once heard and disposed of shall be renewed in the same cause, nor shall the same matters therein embraced be reheard, unless by leave of the court granted upon motion therefor, after notice of such motion to the adverse parties." DCR 13(7).

25 Well-established authority in this State governs reconsideration of previously-decided 26 issues. In Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n of S. Nevada v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth, Ltd., the 27 Nevada Supreme Court held: 28

A district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous. See Little Earth of United Tribes v. Department of Housing, 807 F.2d 1433, 1441 (8th Cir.1986); see also Moore v. City of Las Vegas, 92 Nev. 402, 405, 551 P.2d 244, 246 (1976) ("Only in very rare instances in which new issues of fact or law are raised supporting a ruling contrary to the ruling already reached should a motion for rehearing be granted.") (Emphasis added).

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6 113 Nev. 737, 741, 941 P.2d 486, 489 (1997) (alterations and citations in original). In 7 Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n, the Nevada Supreme Court upheld a district court's 8 reconsideration of a previously decided issue in light of new clarifying case law. Id. 9 10 Because of new case law, the decision by the prior district judge was properly determined to 11 be "clearly erroneous." Id. When a motion for reconsideration raises "no new issues of law 12 and [makes] reference to no new or additional facts," reconsideration is "superfluous" and 13 constitutes an "abuse of discretion" by the district court to entertain such a motion. Moore v. 14 15 <u>City of Las Vegas</u>, 92 Nev. 402, 405, 551 P.2d 244, 246 (1976). Such motions are granted 16 in "rare instances." Id. Further, it is well settled the decision of whether to grant 17 reconsideration is within "the sound discretion of the court." Navajo Nation v. Confederated 18 Tribes & Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation, 331 F.3d 1041, 1046 (9th Cir. 2003); see also 19 Riger v. Hometown Mortg., LLC, 104 F. Supp. 3d 1092, 1095 (D. Nev. 2015) (district court's 20 21 decision to grant reconsideration after entry of an order is within its discretion).

Mr. Garmong filed two *Motions*, the subject of which have been previously decided by
this Court and for which he does not raise new issues of law or fact. First, Mr. Garmong
filed his *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, in which he argues the Final Award must be vacated
pursuant to NRS 38.241(1) because there is no agreement to arbitrate. *Motion to Vacate Final Award*, p. 5. However, as stated, this Court has previously held a valid and
enforceable arbitration agreement exists in the record pursuant to NRS 38.241. Moreover,

Mr. Garmong does not raise new issues of law or fact. <u>See</u> Order, December 13, 2012 (holding the arbitration agreement contained in paragraph 16 of the Agreement is not unconscionable and is enforceable); Order, April 2, 2014 (denying motion for reconsideration and again holding arbitration agreement to be enforceable based on identical arguments as raised in in Mr. Garmong's *Motion to Vacate Final Award*); Order to *Show Cause Why Action Should not be Dismissed for Want of Prosecution Pursuant to NRCP 41(E)* (holding Mr. Garmong was ordered numerous time to participate in arbitration).

Second, Mr. Garmong filed his *Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision*, arguing the arbitrator
 disregarded the applicable substantive legal principles. Again, this Court previously
 considered and decided this issue. <u>See</u> Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion to Disqualify
 Arbitrator Pro; Order Denying Motion to Vacate Order Denying Motion for Summary Judgment; Order Denying Motion to Appoint New Arbitrator, entered September 29, 2018.

Accordingly, Mr. Garmong did not properly move to renew the *Motions* pursuant to DCR 13(7). Moreover, Mr. Garmong does not present the Court with any new issues of law or fact; and as such, his *Motion to Vacate Final Award* based on a lack of enforceable agreement, and his *Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision* are meritless and should be denied.

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C. Motion to Vacate Attorney's Fees

Rule 24(g) of JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures (JAMS Rule) provides an arbitrator may award attorney's fees, expenses, and interest if provided by the Parties' Agreement <u>or allowed by applicable law</u>. JAMS Rule 24(g). Defendants made an Offer of Judgment in the amount of \$10,000 on February 12, 2017. *Final Award*, p. 10.

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1 Rule 68 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure provides, in pertinent part: 2 (a) The Offer. At any time more than 10 days before trial, any party may serve an offer in writing to allow judgment to be taken in accordance with its 3 terms and conditions. 4 (e) Failure to Accept Offer...Any offeree who fails to accept the offer may be 5 subject to the penalties of this rule. 6 (f) Penalties for Rejection of Offer. If the offeree rejects an offer and fails to 7 obtain a more favorable judgment, 8 the offeree cannot recover any costs or attorney's fees and shall not recover interest for the period after the service of the offer and before the 9 judgment; and 10 (2) the offeree shall pay the offeror's post-offer costs, applicable 11 interest on the judgment from the time of the offer to the time of entry of the judgment and reasonable attorney's fees, if any be allowed, actually incurred 12 by the offeror from the time of the offer. 13 NRCP 68. An award of fees pursuant to NRCP 68 is discretionary with the Court and will 14 15 not be disturbed absent clear abuse. Bidart v. American Title Ins. Co., 103 Nev. 175, 734 16 P.2d 732 (1987). 17 Mr. Garmong argues Judge Pro's award of attorney's fees should be vacated 18 because the Scheduling Order entered in Arbitration between the parties on August 11, 19 2017 enumerated specific provisions of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as applicable 20 21 to discovery in Arbitration, but omitted any reference to NRCP 68. 22 However, as Judge Pro properly found, there is no dispute that the issues in this case 23 are governed by Nevada law, and procedurally by JAMS Rules. The agreement of the 24 Parties to specific NRCP rules relating to <u>discovery</u> does not automatically exclude the 25 26 applicability of others to the matter, particularly where the Arbitrator determines it necessary. 27 Moreover, although Mr. Garmong argued the award was procured by corruption, 28 fraud, or other undue means, no evidence exists to support this assertion. Accordingly, the

Court finds Judge Pro awarded attorney's fees, interest, and expenses in accordance with NRCP 68 and JAMS Rule 24(g).

Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential

Section 205.4605(1) of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides, a person shall not <u>willfully and intentionally</u> post or display in any public manner the social security number of another person unless the person is authorized or required to do so by law. NRS 205.4605(1). Here, it is clear that Defendants filed Mr. Garmong's social security number in their moving papers and took immediate steps to remedy the disclosure.

Mr. Garmong opposes the Motion to File Exhibit as Confidential on the grounds the 11 request is insufficient to protect his identity and has no basis in law. However, Mr. Garmong 12 13 refused to sign the Stipulation which would provide for protection of his personal 14 information. The Court further notes Mr. Garmong has offered no remedy for a clearly 15 inadvertent disclosure of his social security number. It is clear from the parties' 16 communications that Defendants were not aware of the disclosure and took all necessary 17 18 steps to remedy the disclosure at the time they gained knowledge of such. See Motion to 19 File Exhibit as Confidential, Exhibit 1-3. The Court finds this was not a willful and intentional 20 disclosure. Moreover, the Court finds the inadvertent disclosure is remedied by ordering the 21 Exhibit filed as confidential. 22

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CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Accordingly, and good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Defendants' Petition for an Order Confirming Arbitrator's Final Award and
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1	2. Defendants are directed to submit a proposed judgment within ten (14) days
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3	3. Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award is DENIED;
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6	5. Plaintiff's Motions to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Denial of Plaintiff's Motion
7	for Partial Summary Judgment and for the Court to Decide and Grant Plaintiff's Motion for
8 9	Partial Summary Judgment is DENIED;
3 10	6. Defendants' Motion for an Order to File Exhibit as Confidential is GRANTED.
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18	August 8, 2019 ("Motion") filed by Plaintiff GREGORY GARMONG ("Mr. Garmong") through
19 20	his attorney of record, Carl M. Herbert, Esq. Defendants WESPAC and GREG CHRISTIAN
21	(collectively "Defendants" unless individually referenced), through their attorney of record,
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FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY.

This is an action for breach of contract. Mr. Garmong filed his *Complaint* on May 9, 2012. On September 19, 2012, Defendants filed their *Motion to Dismiss and Compel Arbitration.* On December 13, 2012, this Court¹ entered its *Order* granting Defendants' request to compel arbitration but denying the motion to dismiss. Mr. Garmong then filed his *Combined Motions for Leave to Rehear and for Rehearing of the Order of December 13, 2012 Compelling Arbitration* (*"Reconsider Motion"*). The motion was opposed by Defendants. Mr. Garmong did not file a reply and this case was stagnant for nearly a year until January 13, 2014, when this Court entered its *Order to Proceed*. Mr. Garmong filed his reply on February 3, 2014. The *Reconsider Motion* was denied on April 2, 2014.

Mr. Garmong then sought writ relief from the Nevada Supreme Court. On December
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18, 2014, the Nevada Supreme Court entered its Order Denying Petition for Writ of
Mandamus or Prohibition. The Supreme Court next entered its Order Denying Rehearing
on March 18, 2015, and, subsequently, entered its Order Denying En Banc Reconsideration
on May 1, 2015.

After the Nevada Supreme Court's orders were entered, this Court again entered an Order for Response, instructing the parties to proceed with this case. Order, November 17, 2015. In response, the parties indicated they had initiated an arbitration proceeding with JAMS in Las Vegas. Notice of Status Report, December 1, 2015.

On June 8, 2016, Mr. Garmong filed his *Motion for a Court-Appointed Arbitrator*,
 arguing the JAMS arbitrators were prejudiced against Mr. Garmong. This matter was fully

 ¹ Judge Brent T. Adams originally presided over this proceeding in Department 6 before his retirement. Judge Lynne K. Simons was sworn in on January 5, 2015, and now presides in Department 6.

briefed; and, on July 12, 2016, this Court entered its Order re: Arbitration requiring three arbitrators. The parties then stipulated to select one arbitrator, to reduce costs. Stipulation to Select One Arbitrator, October 17, 2016. In accordance, this Court entered its Order Appointing Arbitrator on October 31, 2016, appointing Michael G. Ornstil, Esq., as arbitrator. After it was determined Mr. Ornstil was unavailable, Mr. Garmong stipulated to the appointment of either retired Judge Phillip M. Pro,² or Lawrence R. Mills. Esq.

On November 13, 2017, this Court entered its Order Granting Motion to Strike, which stayed the proceeding pending the outcome of the arbitration, and directed the parties to file an amended complaint and other responsive papers at the direction of Judge Phillip M. Pro. Order Granting Motion to Strike, p. 2. On February 21, 2017, this Court entered its Order Appointing Arbitrator, appointing Judge Phillip M. Pro ("Judge Pro").

On March 27, 2017, Mr. Garmong filed Plaintiff's Objection Pursuant to NRS 38.231(3) and 38.241(e) That There is No Agreement to Arbitrate; Notification of Objection to the Court. Despite prior determinative orders from this Court, Mr. Garmong again objected to arbitration on the basis there was no agreement to arbitrate.

On May 23, 2017, this Court entered its Order to Show Cause Why Action Should not be Dismissed for Want of Prosecution Pursuant to NRCP 41(E), finding "Mr. Garmong and Defendants were ordered numerous times to participate in arbitration as early as December 13, 2012." The Court held the file did not contain any evidence the parties had proceeded to arbitration as ordered. Order, p. 4. Accordingly, the Court ordered the parties to show cause why the action should not be dismissed for want of prosecution. Order, p. 4.

² Mr. Garmong stipulated to Judge Pro although he previously moved to preclude a judge from 28 serving as an arbitrator.

The parties had their first arbitration conference in April, 2017. On June 22, 2018, without asking for leave of Court because the matter was stayed, Mr. Garmong filed his *Motion to Disqualify Arbitrator Pro, Vacate Order Denying Motion for Summary Judgment and Appoint New Arbitrator* ("Motion to Disqualify").

Defendants thereafter filed *Defendants' Motion for Limited Relief From Stay to File Motion for Attorney's Fees and Sanctions* ("*Motion for Sanctions*") requesting limited relief from this Court's order staying the proceeding pending the outcome of arbitration. While the *Motion for Sanctions* was under consideration, Defendants filed their *Notice of Completion of Arbitration Hearing* on October 22, 2018. The Court therefore held, with completion of the arbitration, Defendants' *Motion for Sanctions* was moot. Additionally, the Court took notice of Defendants' *Notice of Completion of Arbitration* and determined there were additional decisions to be rendered regarding the *Notice*.

Judge Pro found Mr. Garmong's claims for (1) Breach of Contract; (2) Breach of Implied Warranty; (3) Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing; (4) Nevada's Deceptive Trade Practices Act; (5) Breach of Fiduciary Duty of Full Disclosure; (6) Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress; and, (7) Unjust Enrichment all failed as a matter of law because Mr. Garmong did not establish his claims by a preponderance of the evidence. *Final Award*, p. 8-9. Furthermore, after weighing the necessary factors required by <u>Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank</u>, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969), Judge Pro found Defendants were entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees in the total sum of \$111,649.96. *Final Award*, p. 11.

The litigation proceeded with several filings. On August 8, 2019, this Court entered its Order Re Motions ("ORM"): (1) granting Defendants' Petition for an Order Confirming Arbitrator's Final Award and Reducing Award to Judgment, Including, Attorneys' Fees and Costs; (2) denying Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award; (3) denying Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Attorneys' Fees; (4) denying Plaintiff's Motions to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Denial of Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and for the Court to Decide and Grant Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment ("Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision"); and, (5) granting Defendants' Motion for an Order to File Exhibit as Confidential. ORM, p. 15-16.

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On August 27, 2019, this Court entered its Order directing: (1) WESPAC to file an 10 Amended Motion for the Award of Attorneys' Fees; (2) allowing Mr. Garmong the standard response time to file and serve his opposition to Defendants' Amended Motion for the 12 Award of Attorneys' Fees; and, (3) providing WESPAC would not be required to file a 13 Proposed Final Judgment until ten (10) days following this Court's ruling on WESPAC's 14 15 Amended Motion for the Award of Attorneys' Fees. Order, p. 1. 16

In his present Motion, Mr. Garmong contends this Court has a duty to review Judge 17 Pro's actions and rulings to determine whether he disregarded facts, or manifestly 18 disregarded the law. Motion, p. 2-3. Further, Mr. Garmong claims Judge Adams allegedly 19 20 relied on Version 1 of the Contract, instead of Version 2 of the Contract, which was 21 fraudulently used to compel arbitration between the parties. Motion, p. 6-13. As a result, 22 Version 2 of the Contract constitutes "previously unavailable evidence" which should, inter 23 alia, be used to identify the validity of the arbitration agreement and the final award. Motion, 24 p. 7-12. Additionally, Mr. Garmong argues DCR 13(7) does not apply to his precluded 25 26 claims because the Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision was not decided on substantive merits. 27 Motion, p. 14-15. Mr. Garmong also claims there was no valid offer of judgment for 28

attorneys' fees because, in short, NRCP 68 was not a governing rule of arbitration under Judge Pro's Discovery Plan. *Motion*, p. 20-26. Finally, Mr. Garmong claims his due process rights were violated after failing to receive proper notice regarding the offer of judgment and attorneys' fees award. *Motion*, p. 25-26.

In their Opposition, Defendants contend Mr. Garmong fails to identify a clear error, or a fundamental miscarriage of justice, because Judge Pro provided an eleven (11) page explanation of his factual findings supported by law. Opposition, p. 3-4. Defendants also argue Mr. Garmong's Motion seeks to relitigate old matters which provide no basis for relief under NRCP 59. Opposition, p. 5. Defendants emphasize this Court is only obligated to "consider [and] not address" every argument posited by Mr. Garmong. Opposition, p. 2, 5. Moreover, Defendants maintain Judge Pro properly found they were entitled to attorneys' fees after weighing the necessary factors required by Brunzell, 455 P.2d at 33. Opposition, p. 6. More importantly, Defendants purport Mr. Garmong's allegations regarding the differing versions of the Contract does not constitute "new evidence" because Mr. Garmong raised the same arguments to Judge Pro before the final decision on the arbitration award, and to the Court through his previous papers. Opposition, p. 6 citing Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Confirm Arbitrator's Award, p. 4:16–15:16; Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award, p. 3:3-4:21. Defendants contend Mr. Garmong continues to raise the same arguments in his Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision. Opposition, p. 7. Additionally, Defendants argue Mr. Garmong failed to timely raise his due process arguments because he could have raised them in any of the motions or oppositions filed during arbitration, or before this Court previously. Opposition, p. 7-8. Finally, Defendants state there is no

evidence Judge Pro was biased and agree the argument has been raised and rejected many times before. *Opposition*, p. 9.

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In his *Reply*, Mr. Garmong re-asserts this Court failed to fulfill its obligation of reviewing the arbitrator's award because the Court did not consider the differing versions of the Contract. *Reply*, p. 5-10. In addition, Mr. Garmong re-emphasizes DCR 13(7) is inapplicable to the claims set forth in his *Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision* because the claims were not substantively addressed on the merits. *Reply*, p. 10-13. Finally, Mr. Garmong stresses there was no valid offer of judgment for attorneys' fees because, in short, NRCP 68 was not a governing rule of arbitration under Judge Pro's Discovery Plan, and Judge Pro failed to address the factors mandated by <u>Beattie v. Thomas</u>, 99 Nev. 579, 668 P.2d 268 (1983) and <u>Brunzell</u>, 455 P.2d at 33 to award attorneys' fees. *Reply*, p. 13-17.

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APPLICABLE LAW AND ANALYSIS.

Pursuant to NRCP 59(e), a motion to alter or amend a judgment must be filed no later than twenty-eight (28) days after service of written notice of entry of judgment. A motion to alter or amend judgment may not be used to relitigate old matters, or to raise arguments or present evidence that could have been raised prior to the entry of judgment. Stevo Design, Inc. v. SBR Mktg. Ltd., 919 F. Supp. 2d 1112, 1117 (D. Nev. 2013). The basic grounds for granting a NRCP 59(e) motion include "correct[ing] manifest errors of law or fact," "newly discovered or previously unavailable evidence," the need "to prevent manifest injustice," or a "change in controlling law." AA Primo Builders, LLC v. Washington, 126 Nev. 578, 582, 245 P.3d 1190, 1193 (2010). Nevada courts may consult federal law in interpreting NRCP 59(e) due to its similarity to the federal standard. Id.

The Nevada Supreme Court will not disturb a judgment sustained by substantial evidence when the moving party cannot specify, and when the court cannot find anything in the record from which the Court could conclude that it is clear that a wrong conclusion had been reached in judgment. <u>Brechan v. Scott</u>, 1976, 555 P.2d 1230, 92 Nev. 633 (interpreting NRCP 52(b) and 59(e)). A motion to alter or amend judgment under Rule 59(e) is "an extraordinary remedy which should be used sparingly." <u>Stevo Design, Inc. v. SBR</u> <u>Mktg. Ltd.</u>, 919 F. Supp. 2d 1112, 1117 (D. Nev. 2013). Motions made under Rule 59(e) "should not be granted absent highly unusual circumstances." <u>389 Orange St. Partners v.</u> <u>Arnold</u>, 179 F.3d 656, 665 (9th Cir. 1999).

A. Defendants' Motion to Confirm Final Award.

As discussed *supra*, Mr. Garmong claims Judge Adams relied on Version 1 of the Contract, which was fraudulently utilized to compel arbitration between the parties, instead of relying on Version 2 of the Contract. *Motion*, p. 6-13.

"[T]he scope of judicial review of an arbitration award is limited and is nothing like the scope of an appellate court's review of a trial court's decision." <u>Health Plan of Nevada v.</u> <u>Rainbow Med.</u>, 120 Nev. 689, 695, 100 P.3d 172, 177 (2004). "A 'reviewing court should not concern itself with the "correctness" of an arbitration award' and thus does not review the merits of the dispute." <u>Bohlmann v. Byron John Printz</u>, 120 Nev. at 547, 96 P.3d 1158 (2004) (quoting <u>Thompson v. Tega–Rand Intern.</u>, 740 F.2d 762, 763 (9th Cir.1984)); *see also* <u>Clark Ctv. Educ. Ass'n v. Clark Cty. Sch. Dist.</u>, 122 Nev. 337, 342, 131 P.3d 5, 8 (2006). Rather, "[t]he party seeking to attack the validity of an arbitration award has the burden of proving, **by clear and convincing evidence**, the statutory or common-law ground relied upon for challenging the award." Rainbow Med., 120 Nev. at 695, 100 P.3d at 176 (emphasis added).

After considering this matter pursuant to the present papers filed, the Court finds Mr. Garmong has failed to provide clear and convincing evidence to challenge the award. Moreover, Mr. Garmong has failed to provide clear and convincing evidence Defendants fraudulently induced Judge Adams and the Nevada Supreme Court to compel arbitration.

Notably, Mr. Garmong does not cite to anything in the record with specificity to substantiate his claims in the Reconsider Motion. Instead, Mr. Garmong rehashes his same argument, the Contract is not "true, complete and correct." Compare Motion, p. 6, 7, 13, with Opposition to Motion to Confirm Final Award, p. 2. Despite this, the Court finds no grounds to change its prior ruling that an enforceable agreement to arbitrate exists in the record, and the parties were properly ordered to arbitrate. See ORM, p. 11; see also Order, 15 December 13, 2012 (holding the arbitration agreement contained in paragraph 16 of the Agreement is not unconscionable and is enforceable); Order, April 2, 2014 (denying motion 17 for reconsideration, and again holding arbitration agreement to be enforceable, based on 18 identical arguments as raised in in Mr. Garmong's Motion to Vacate Final Award); Order to 19 20 Show Cause Why Action Should not be Dismissed for Want of Prosecution Pursuant to 21 NRCP 41(E)) (holding Mr. Garmong was ordered numerous times to participate in 22 arbitration). 23

Therefore, this Court rejects Mr. Garmong's arguments and denies his request to 24 25 amend the Court's findings regarding the confirmation of the award.

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Mr. Garmong's Motion to Vacate Final Award argues the Final Award must be vacated pursuant to NRS 38.241(1) because there was no agreement to arbitrate, and even 6 arguendo if there was an agreement to arbitrate, it is invalid based on statutory and non-7 statutory grounds. Motion to Vacate Final Award, p. 5-9. However, as stated, this Court 8 9 has previously held a valid and enforceable arbitration agreement exists in the record 10 pursuant to NRS 38.241 on numerous occasions. See ORM, p. 12; see also Order, 11 December 13, 2012 (holding the arbitration agreement contained in paragraph 16 of the 12 Agreement is not unconscionable and is enforceable); Order, April 2, 2014 (denying motion 13 14 for reconsideration and again holding arbitration agreement to be enforceable based on 15 identical arguments as raised in in Mr. Garmong's Motion to Vacate Final Award); Order to 16 Show Cause Why Action Should not be Dismissed for Want of Prosecution Pursuant to 17 NRCP 41(E) (holding Mr. Garmong was ordered numerous time to participate in arbitration). 18 As such, Mr. Garmong's argument constitutes "similar matters" or matters 19 20 "embraced" under DCR 13(7) requiring leave of court. Therefore, this Court declines to re-21 entertain Mr. Garmong's arguments in this Motion, and therefore, declines to amend its 22 findings and confirmation of the award. 23

Second, Mr. Garmong contends the Court's Nov. Order did not decide the Motion to 24 Vacate MSJ on the substantive merits, thereby obviating application of DCR 13(7). Motion, 25 26 p. 15. However, the Court again finds Mr. Garmong previously raised the same argument 27 regarding Judge Pro disregarding applicable substantive legal principles. See ORM, p. 13; 28

1	Compare Motion, p. 16-19, with Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Confirm
2	Arbitrator's Award, p. 4:16–15:16; Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award, p. 3:3–4:21;
3	Plaintiff's Motions to Vacate MSJ Decision, p. 10:12–31:6. Thus, this Court has previously
4 5	considered and decided this issue in accordance with JAMS Comprehensive Rules &
6	Procedures Rule (JAMS Rules). See Nov. Order, p. 8-9.
7	Accordingly, Mr. Garmong did not properly move to reconsider Plaintiff's Motion to
8	Vacate MSJ Decision as required by DCR 13(7). Therefore, this Court declines to amend
9	its findings regarding Judge Pro's summary disposition of claims.
10	C. Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Attorney's Fees.
11 12	Mr. Garmong asserts there was no valid offer of judgment for attorneys' fees
13	because NRCP 68 was not a governing rule of arbitration under Judge Pro's Discovery
14	Plan. <i>Motion</i> , p. 20-26.
15	JAMS Rule 24(g) provides an arbitrator may award attorney's fees, expenses, and
16	interest if provided by the Parties' Agreement or allowed by applicable law. JAMS Rule
17 18	24(g) (emphasis added). Defendants propounded an Offer of Judgment in the amount of
10	\$10,000 on February 12, 2017 pursuant to applicable Nevada law. <i>Final Award</i> , p. 10.
20	Rule 68 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure provides, in pertinent part:
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22	(a) The Offer. At any time more than 10 days before trial, any party may serve an offer in writing to allow judgment to be taken in accordance with its
23	terms and conditions.
24 25	subject to the penalties of this rule.
25 26	(f) Penalties for Rejection of Offer. If the offeree rejects an offer and fails to
27	obtain a more favorable judgment,
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(1) the offeree cannot recover any costs or attorney's fees and shall not recover interest for the period after the service of the offer and before the judgment; and

(2) the offeree shall pay the offeror's post-offer costs, applicable interest on the judgment from the time of the offer to the time of entry of the judgment and reasonable attorney's fees, if any be allowed, actually incurred by the offeror from the time of the offer.

NRCP 68. An award of fees pursuant to NRCP 68 is discretionary with the Court and will not be disturbed absent clear abuse. <u>Bidart v. American Title Ins. Co.</u>, 103 Nev. 175, 734 P.2d 732 (1987).

The Court does not change its conclusion Judge Pro properly found the issues in this case are governed by applicable Nevada law and JAMS Rules. *ORM*, p. 14. The application of NRCP rules relating to <u>discovery</u> does not automatically exclude or preclude the applicability of other NRCP rules to the matter, particularly where the Arbitrator determines it necessary to apply them. *ORM*, p. 14.

Accordingly, the Court finds Judge Pro awarded attorneys' fees, interest, and expenses in accordance with NRCP 68 and JAMS Rule 24(g). Therefore, this Court declines to amend its findings regarding Judge Pro's award of attorneys' fees.

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D. Due Process Claim.

Mr. Garmong claims his due process rights were violated because he did not receive
 proper notice regarding the offer of judgment and award of attorneys' fees. *Motion*, p. 25 A motion to alter or amend judgment may not be used to relitigate old matters, or to
 raise arguments or present evidence that could have been raised prior to the entry of
 judgment. <u>Stevo Design, Inc.</u>, 919 F. Supp. 2d at 1117. Mr. Garmong's new claim
 regarding due process violations is not appropriate for NRCP 59(e) as it could have been
 raised prior to the entry of judgment. Therefore, this Court declines to consider Mr.

Garmong's due process claim as it could have been raised before this Court or the arbitrator
 prior to the entry of judgment.

D. Potential Sanctions.

This Court notes Mr. Garmong's continued indifference to the previous orders issued by this Court. The Court will consider imposing sanctions in the future should Mr. Garmong continue to disregard this Court's orderst.

III. CONCLUSION AND ORDER.

For the foregoing reasons, and good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED Mr. Garmong's Motion to Alter or Amend "Order Re

12 Motions" Entered August 8, 2019 ("Motion") is **DENIED**.

Dated this \underline{bt}^{TA} day of December, 2019.

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3	that on the day of December, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing with the
4	Clerk of the Court system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:
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14	United States Postal Service in Reno, Nevada, a true and correct copy of the attached
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10	Plaintiff, DEPT. NO. 6
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13	WESPAC, GREG CHRISTIAN, and Does 1-10,
14	Defendants.
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18	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an ORDER was entered in the above-referenced case on
19	December 6, 2019, a copy of which is attached.
20	Affirmation: The undersigned verifies that this document does not contain the personal
21	information of any person.
22	DATED this 9th day of December, 2019.
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13	inclusive,
14 15	Defendants/
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18	August 8, 2019 ("Motion") filed by Plaintiff GREGORY GARMONG ("Mr. Garmong") through
19 20	his attorney of record, Carl M. Herbert, Esq. Defendants WESPAC and GREG CHRISTIAN
21	(collectively "Defendants" unless individually referenced), through their attorney of record,
22	Thomas C. Bradley, Esq., filed their Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend "Order
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FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY.

This is an action for breach of contract. Mr. Garmong filed his *Complaint* on May 9, 2012. On September 19, 2012, Defendants filed their *Motion to Dismiss and Compel Arbitration.* On December 13, 2012, this Court¹ entered its *Order* granting Defendants' request to compel arbitration but denying the motion to dismiss. Mr. Garmong then filed his *Combined Motions for Leave to Rehear and for Rehearing of the Order of December 13, 2012 Compelling Arbitration* (*"Reconsider Motion"*). The motion was opposed by Defendants. Mr. Garmong did not file a reply and this case was stagnant for nearly a year until January 13, 2014, when this Court entered its *Order to Proceed*. Mr. Garmong filed his reply on February 3, 2014. The *Reconsider Motion* was denied on April 2, 2014.

Mr. Garmong then sought writ relief from the Nevada Supreme Court. On December
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18, 2014, the Nevada Supreme Court entered its Order Denying Petition for Writ of
Mandamus or Prohibition. The Supreme Court next entered its Order Denying Rehearing
on March 18, 2015, and, subsequently, entered its Order Denying En Banc Reconsideration
on May 1, 2015.

After the Nevada Supreme Court's orders were entered, this Court again entered an Order for Response, instructing the parties to proceed with this case. Order, November 17, 2015. In response, the parties indicated they had initiated an arbitration proceeding with JAMS in Las Vegas. Notice of Status Report, December 1, 2015.

On June 8, 2016, Mr. Garmong filed his *Motion for a Court-Appointed Arbitrator*,
 arguing the JAMS arbitrators were prejudiced against Mr. Garmong. This matter was fully

 ¹ Judge Brent T. Adams originally presided over this proceeding in Department 6 before his retirement. Judge Lynne K. Simons was sworn in on January 5, 2015, and now presides in Department 6.

briefed; and, on July 12, 2016, this Court entered its Order re: Arbitration requiring three arbitrators. The parties then stipulated to select one arbitrator, to reduce costs. Stipulation to Select One Arbitrator, October 17, 2016. In accordance, this Court entered its Order Appointing Arbitrator on October 31, 2016, appointing Michael G. Ornstil, Esq., as arbitrator. After it was determined Mr. Ornstil was unavailable, Mr. Garmong stipulated to the appointment of either retired Judge Phillip M. Pro,² or Lawrence R. Mills. Esq.

On November 13, 2017, this Court entered its Order Granting Motion to Strike, which stayed the proceeding pending the outcome of the arbitration, and directed the parties to file an amended complaint and other responsive papers at the direction of Judge Phillip M. Pro. Order Granting Motion to Strike, p. 2. On February 21, 2017, this Court entered its Order Appointing Arbitrator, appointing Judge Phillip M. Pro ("Judge Pro").

On March 27, 2017, Mr. Garmong filed Plaintiff's Objection Pursuant to NRS 38.231(3) and 38.241(e) That There is No Agreement to Arbitrate; Notification of Objection to the Court. Despite prior determinative orders from this Court, Mr. Garmong again objected to arbitration on the basis there was no agreement to arbitrate.

On May 23, 2017, this Court entered its Order to Show Cause Why Action Should not be Dismissed for Want of Prosecution Pursuant to NRCP 41(E), finding "Mr. Garmong and Defendants were ordered numerous times to participate in arbitration as early as December 13, 2012." The Court held the file did not contain any evidence the parties had proceeded to arbitration as ordered. Order, p. 4. Accordingly, the Court ordered the parties to show cause why the action should not be dismissed for want of prosecution. Order, p. 4.

² Mr. Garmong stipulated to Judge Pro although he previously moved to preclude a judge from 28 serving as an arbitrator.

The parties had their first arbitration conference in April, 2017. On June 22, 2018, without asking for leave of Court because the matter was stayed, Mr. Garmong filed his *Motion to Disqualify Arbitrator Pro, Vacate Order Denying Motion for Summary Judgment and Appoint New Arbitrator* ("Motion to Disqualify").

Defendants thereafter filed *Defendants' Motion for Limited Relief From Stay to File Motion for Attorney's Fees and Sanctions* ("*Motion for Sanctions*") requesting limited relief from this Court's order staying the proceeding pending the outcome of arbitration. While the *Motion for Sanctions* was under consideration, Defendants filed their *Notice of Completion of Arbitration Hearing* on October 22, 2018. The Court therefore held, with completion of the arbitration, Defendants' *Motion for Sanctions* was moot. Additionally, the Court took notice of Defendants' *Notice of Completion of Arbitration* and determined there were additional decisions to be rendered regarding the *Notice*.

Judge Pro found Mr. Garmong's claims for (1) Breach of Contract; (2) Breach of Implied Warranty; (3) Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing; (4) Nevada's Deceptive Trade Practices Act; (5) Breach of Fiduciary Duty of Full Disclosure; (6) Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress; and, (7) Unjust Enrichment all failed as a matter of law because Mr. Garmong did not establish his claims by a preponderance of the evidence. *Final Award*, p. 8-9. Furthermore, after weighing the necessary factors required by <u>Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank</u>, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969), Judge Pro found Defendants were entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees in the total sum of \$111,649.96. *Final Award*, p. 11.

The litigation proceeded with several filings. On August 8, 2019, this Court entered its Order Re Motions ("ORM"): (1) granting Defendants' Petition for an Order Confirming Arbitrator's Final Award and Reducing Award to Judgment, Including, Attorneys' Fees and Costs; (2) denying Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award; (3) denying Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Attorneys' Fees; (4) denying Plaintiff's Motions to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Denial of Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and for the Court to Decide and Grant Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment ("Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision"); and, (5) granting Defendants' Motion for an Order to File Exhibit as Confidential. ORM, p. 15-16.

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On August 27, 2019, this Court entered its Order directing: (1) WESPAC to file an 10 Amended Motion for the Award of Attorneys' Fees; (2) allowing Mr. Garmong the standard response time to file and serve his opposition to Defendants' Amended Motion for the 12 Award of Attorneys' Fees; and, (3) providing WESPAC would not be required to file a 13 Proposed Final Judgment until ten (10) days following this Court's ruling on WESPAC's 14 15 Amended Motion for the Award of Attorneys' Fees. Order, p. 1. 16

In his present Motion, Mr. Garmong contends this Court has a duty to review Judge 17 Pro's actions and rulings to determine whether he disregarded facts, or manifestly 18 disregarded the law. Motion, p. 2-3. Further, Mr. Garmong claims Judge Adams allegedly 19 20 relied on Version 1 of the Contract, instead of Version 2 of the Contract, which was 21 fraudulently used to compel arbitration between the parties. Motion, p. 6-13. As a result, 22 Version 2 of the Contract constitutes "previously unavailable evidence" which should, inter 23 alia, be used to identify the validity of the arbitration agreement and the final award. Motion, 24 p. 7-12. Additionally, Mr. Garmong argues DCR 13(7) does not apply to his precluded 25 26 claims because the Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision was not decided on substantive merits. 27 Motion, p. 14-15. Mr. Garmong also claims there was no valid offer of judgment for 28

attorneys' fees because, in short, NRCP 68 was not a governing rule of arbitration under Judge Pro's Discovery Plan. *Motion*, p. 20-26. Finally, Mr. Garmong claims his due process rights were violated after failing to receive proper notice regarding the offer of judgment and attorneys' fees award. *Motion*, p. 25-26.

In their Opposition, Defendants contend Mr. Garmong fails to identify a clear error, or a fundamental miscarriage of justice, because Judge Pro provided an eleven (11) page explanation of his factual findings supported by law. Opposition, p. 3-4. Defendants also argue Mr. Garmong's Motion seeks to relitigate old matters which provide no basis for relief under NRCP 59. Opposition, p. 5. Defendants emphasize this Court is only obligated to "consider [and] not address" every argument posited by Mr. Garmong. Opposition, p. 2, 5. Moreover, Defendants maintain Judge Pro properly found they were entitled to attorneys' fees after weighing the necessary factors required by Brunzell, 455 P.2d at 33. Opposition, p. 6. More importantly, Defendants purport Mr. Garmong's allegations regarding the differing versions of the Contract does not constitute "new evidence" because Mr. Garmong raised the same arguments to Judge Pro before the final decision on the arbitration award, and to the Court through his previous papers. Opposition, p. 6 citing Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Confirm Arbitrator's Award, p. 4:16–15:16; Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award, p. 3:3-4:21. Defendants contend Mr. Garmong continues to raise the same arguments in his Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision. Opposition, p. 7. Additionally, Defendants argue Mr. Garmong failed to timely raise his due process arguments because he could have raised them in any of the motions or oppositions filed during arbitration, or before this Court previously. Opposition, p. 7-8. Finally, Defendants state there is no

evidence Judge Pro was biased and agree the argument has been raised and rejected many times before. *Opposition*, p. 9.

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In his *Reply*, Mr. Garmong re-asserts this Court failed to fulfill its obligation of reviewing the arbitrator's award because the Court did not consider the differing versions of the Contract. *Reply*, p. 5-10. In addition, Mr. Garmong re-emphasizes DCR 13(7) is inapplicable to the claims set forth in his *Motion to Vacate MSJ Decision* because the claims were not substantively addressed on the merits. *Reply*, p. 10-13. Finally, Mr. Garmong stresses there was no valid offer of judgment for attorneys' fees because, in short, NRCP 68 was not a governing rule of arbitration under Judge Pro's Discovery Plan, and Judge Pro failed to address the factors mandated by <u>Beattie v. Thomas</u>, 99 Nev. 579, 668 P.2d 268 (1983) and <u>Brunzell</u>, 455 P.2d at 33 to award attorneys' fees. *Reply*, p. 13-17.

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APPLICABLE LAW AND ANALYSIS.

Pursuant to NRCP 59(e), a motion to alter or amend a judgment must be filed no later than twenty-eight (28) days after service of written notice of entry of judgment. A motion to alter or amend judgment may not be used to relitigate old matters, or to raise arguments or present evidence that could have been raised prior to the entry of judgment. Stevo Design, Inc. v. SBR Mktg. Ltd., 919 F. Supp. 2d 1112, 1117 (D. Nev. 2013). The basic grounds for granting a NRCP 59(e) motion include "correct[ing] manifest errors of law or fact," "newly discovered or previously unavailable evidence," the need "to prevent manifest injustice," or a "change in controlling law." AA Primo Builders, LLC v. Washington, 126 Nev. 578, 582, 245 P.3d 1190, 1193 (2010). Nevada courts may consult federal law in interpreting NRCP 59(e) due to its similarity to the federal standard. Id.

The Nevada Supreme Court will not disturb a judgment sustained by substantial evidence when the moving party cannot specify, and when the court cannot find anything in the record from which the Court could conclude that it is clear that a wrong conclusion had been reached in judgment. <u>Brechan v. Scott</u>, 1976, 555 P.2d 1230, 92 Nev. 633 (interpreting NRCP 52(b) and 59(e)). A motion to alter or amend judgment under Rule 59(e) is "an extraordinary remedy which should be used sparingly." <u>Stevo Design, Inc. v. SBR</u> <u>Mktg. Ltd.</u>, 919 F. Supp. 2d 1112, 1117 (D. Nev. 2013). Motions made under Rule 59(e) "should not be granted absent highly unusual circumstances." <u>389 Orange St. Partners v.</u> <u>Arnold</u>, 179 F.3d 656, 665 (9th Cir. 1999).

A. Defendants' Motion to Confirm Final Award.

As discussed *supra*, Mr. Garmong claims Judge Adams relied on Version 1 of the Contract, which was fraudulently utilized to compel arbitration between the parties, instead of relying on Version 2 of the Contract. *Motion*, p. 6-13.

"[T]he scope of judicial review of an arbitration award is limited and is nothing like the scope of an appellate court's review of a trial court's decision." <u>Health Plan of Nevada v.</u> <u>Rainbow Med.</u>, 120 Nev. 689, 695, 100 P.3d 172, 177 (2004). "A 'reviewing court should not concern itself with the "correctness" of an arbitration award' and thus does not review the merits of the dispute." <u>Bohlmann v. Byron John Printz</u>, 120 Nev. at 547, 96 P.3d 1158 (2004) (quoting <u>Thompson v. Tega–Rand Intern.</u>, 740 F.2d 762, 763 (9th Cir.1984)); *see also* <u>Clark Ctv. Educ. Ass'n v. Clark Cty. Sch. Dist.</u>, 122 Nev. 337, 342, 131 P.3d 5, 8 (2006). Rather, "[t]he party seeking to attack the validity of an arbitration award has the burden of proving, **by clear and convincing evidence**, the statutory or common-law ground relied upon for challenging the award." Rainbow Med., 120 Nev. at 695, 100 P.3d at 176 (emphasis added).

After considering this matter pursuant to the present papers filed, the Court finds Mr. Garmong has failed to provide clear and convincing evidence to challenge the award. Moreover, Mr. Garmong has failed to provide clear and convincing evidence Defendants fraudulently induced Judge Adams and the Nevada Supreme Court to compel arbitration.

Notably, Mr. Garmong does not cite to anything in the record with specificity to substantiate his claims in the Reconsider Motion. Instead, Mr. Garmong rehashes his same argument, the Contract is not "true, complete and correct." Compare Motion, p. 6, 7, 13, with Opposition to Motion to Confirm Final Award, p. 2. Despite this, the Court finds no grounds to change its prior ruling that an enforceable agreement to arbitrate exists in the record, and the parties were properly ordered to arbitrate. See ORM, p. 11; see also Order, 15 December 13, 2012 (holding the arbitration agreement contained in paragraph 16 of the Agreement is not unconscionable and is enforceable); Order, April 2, 2014 (denying motion 17 for reconsideration, and again holding arbitration agreement to be enforceable, based on 18 identical arguments as raised in in Mr. Garmong's Motion to Vacate Final Award); Order to 19 20 Show Cause Why Action Should not be Dismissed for Want of Prosecution Pursuant to 21 NRCP 41(E)) (holding Mr. Garmong was ordered numerous times to participate in 22 arbitration). 23

Therefore, this Court rejects Mr. Garmong's arguments and denies his request to 24 25 amend the Court's findings regarding the confirmation of the award.

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Mr. Garmong's Motion to Vacate Final Award argues the Final Award must be vacated pursuant to NRS 38.241(1) because there was no agreement to arbitrate, and even 6 arguendo if there was an agreement to arbitrate, it is invalid based on statutory and non-7 statutory grounds. Motion to Vacate Final Award, p. 5-9. However, as stated, this Court 8 9 has previously held a valid and enforceable arbitration agreement exists in the record 10 pursuant to NRS 38.241 on numerous occasions. See ORM, p. 12; see also Order, 11 December 13, 2012 (holding the arbitration agreement contained in paragraph 16 of the 12 Agreement is not unconscionable and is enforceable); Order, April 2, 2014 (denying motion 13 14 for reconsideration and again holding arbitration agreement to be enforceable based on 15 identical arguments as raised in in Mr. Garmong's Motion to Vacate Final Award); Order to 16 Show Cause Why Action Should not be Dismissed for Want of Prosecution Pursuant to 17 NRCP 41(E) (holding Mr. Garmong was ordered numerous time to participate in arbitration). 18 As such, Mr. Garmong's argument constitutes "similar matters" or matters 19 20 "embraced" under DCR 13(7) requiring leave of court. Therefore, this Court declines to re-21 entertain Mr. Garmong's arguments in this Motion, and therefore, declines to amend its 22 findings and confirmation of the award. 23

Second, Mr. Garmong contends the Court's Nov. Order did not decide the Motion to 24 Vacate MSJ on the substantive merits, thereby obviating application of DCR 13(7). Motion, 25 26 p. 15. However, the Court again finds Mr. Garmong previously raised the same argument 27 regarding Judge Pro disregarding applicable substantive legal principles. See ORM, p. 13; 28

1	Compare Motion, p. 16-19, with Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Confirm
2	Arbitrator's Award, p. 4:16–15:16; Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Final Award, p. 3:3–4:21;
3	Plaintiff's Motions to Vacate MSJ Decision, p. 10:12–31:6. Thus, this Court has previously
4 5	considered and decided this issue in accordance with JAMS Comprehensive Rules &
6	Procedures Rule (JAMS Rules). See Nov. Order, p. 8-9.
7	Accordingly, Mr. Garmong did not properly move to reconsider Plaintiff's Motion to
8	Vacate MSJ Decision as required by DCR 13(7). Therefore, this Court declines to amend
9	its findings regarding Judge Pro's summary disposition of claims.
10	C. Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Arbitrator's Award of Attorney's Fees.
11 12	Mr. Garmong asserts there was no valid offer of judgment for attorneys' fees
13	because NRCP 68 was not a governing rule of arbitration under Judge Pro's Discovery
14	Plan. <i>Motion</i> , p. 20-26.
15	JAMS Rule 24(g) provides an arbitrator may award attorney's fees, expenses, and
16	interest if provided by the Parties' Agreement or allowed by applicable law. JAMS Rule
17 18	24(g) (emphasis added). Defendants propounded an Offer of Judgment in the amount of
10	\$10,000 on February 12, 2017 pursuant to applicable Nevada law. <i>Final Award</i> , p. 10.
20	Rule 68 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure provides, in pertinent part:
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22	(a) The Offer. At any time more than 10 days before trial, any party may serve an offer in writing to allow judgment to be taken in accordance with its
23	terms and conditions.
24 25	subject to the penalties of this rule.
25 26	(f) Penalties for Rejection of Offer. If the offeree rejects an offer and fails to
27	obtain a more favorable judgment,
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(1) the offeree cannot recover any costs or attorney's fees and shall not recover interest for the period after the service of the offer and before the judgment; and

(2) the offeree shall pay the offeror's post-offer costs, applicable interest on the judgment from the time of the offer to the time of entry of the judgment and reasonable attorney's fees, if any be allowed, actually incurred by the offeror from the time of the offer.

NRCP 68. An award of fees pursuant to NRCP 68 is discretionary with the Court and will not be disturbed absent clear abuse. <u>Bidart v. American Title Ins. Co.</u>, 103 Nev. 175, 734 P.2d 732 (1987).

The Court does not change its conclusion Judge Pro properly found the issues in this case are governed by applicable Nevada law and JAMS Rules. *ORM*, p. 14. The application of NRCP rules relating to <u>discovery</u> does not automatically exclude or preclude the applicability of other NRCP rules to the matter, particularly where the Arbitrator determines it necessary to apply them. *ORM*, p. 14.

Accordingly, the Court finds Judge Pro awarded attorneys' fees, interest, and expenses in accordance with NRCP 68 and JAMS Rule 24(g). Therefore, this Court declines to amend its findings regarding Judge Pro's award of attorneys' fees.

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D. Due Process Claim.

Mr. Garmong claims his due process rights were violated because he did not receive
 proper notice regarding the offer of judgment and award of attorneys' fees. *Motion*, p. 25 A motion to alter or amend judgment may not be used to relitigate old matters, or to
 raise arguments or present evidence that could have been raised prior to the entry of
 judgment. <u>Stevo Design, Inc.</u>, 919 F. Supp. 2d at 1117. Mr. Garmong's new claim
 regarding due process violations is not appropriate for NRCP 59(e) as it could have been
 raised prior to the entry of judgment. Therefore, this Court declines to consider Mr.

Garmong's due process claim as it could have been raised before this Court or the arbitrator
 prior to the entry of judgment.

D. Potential Sanctions.

This Court notes Mr. Garmong's continued indifference to the previous orders issued by this Court. The Court will consider imposing sanctions in the future should Mr. Garmong continue to disregard this Court's orderst.

III. CONCLUSION AND ORDER.

For the foregoing reasons, and good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED Mr. Garmong's Motion to Alter or Amend "Order Re

12 Motions" Entered August 8, 2019 ("Motion") is **DENIED**.

Dated this \underline{bt}^{TA} day of December, 2019.

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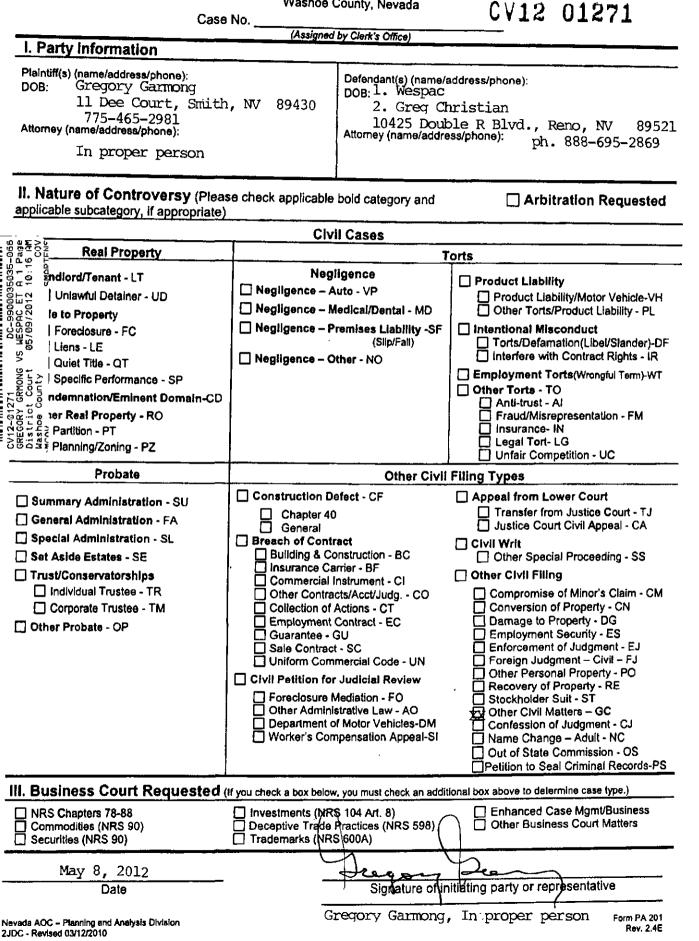
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