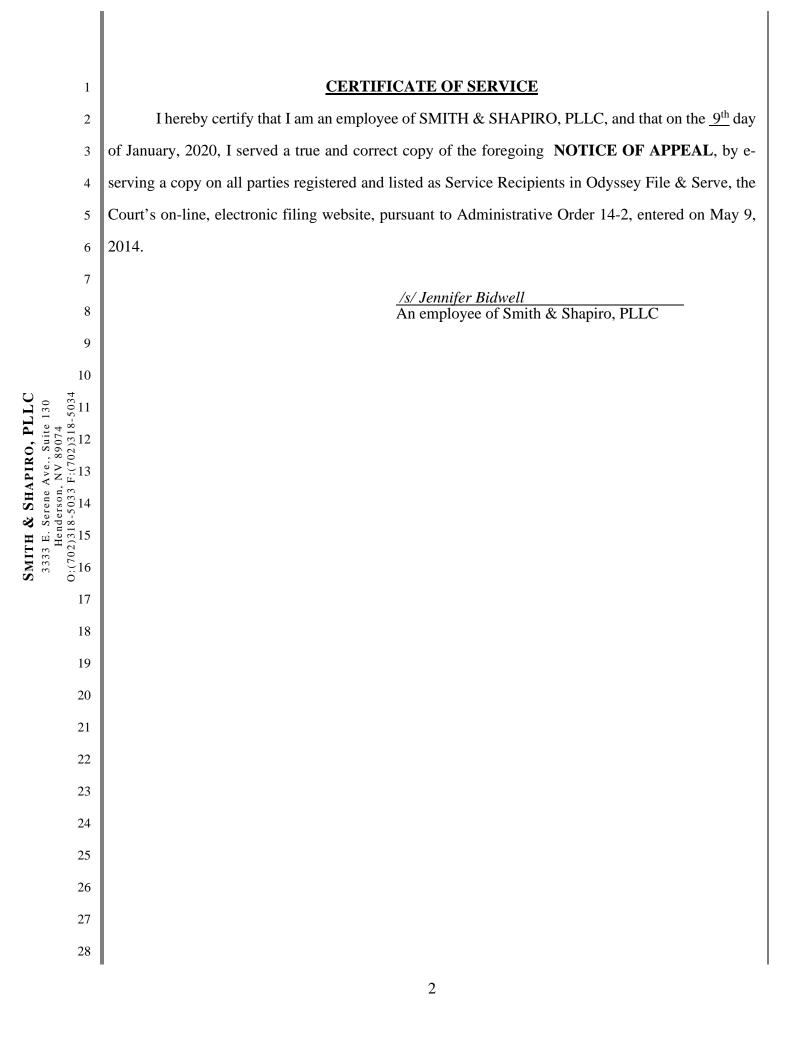
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 | James E. Shapiro, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 7907 jshapiro@smithshapiro.com Aimee M. Cannon, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 11780 acannon@smithshapiro.com SMITH & SHAPIRO, PLLC 3333 E. Serene Ave., Suite 130 Henderson, Nevada 89074 702-318-5033 Attorneys for SHAWN BIDSAL | Electronically Filed 1/9/2020 11:26 AM Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COURT Electronically Filed Jan 17 2020 09:36 a.m. Elizabeth A. Brown Clerk of Supreme Court | |
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| b, PLLC Suite 130 9074 1318-5034 01 6 | CLA, PROPERTIES, LLC, a California limited liability company, Petitioner, vs. | Case No. A-19-795188-P Dept. No. 31 | |
| PIRO, PL ve., Suite NV 89074 51.(702)318- 518- | SHAWN BIDSAL, an individual, | | |
| SHAPIRO , ene Ave., Surson, NV 890 5033 F:(702); 11 | Respondent. | | |
| 5 5 9 | NOTICE OF APPEAL | | |
| SMITH & 3333 E. Se Hende 0:(702)318- 91 | Notice is hereby given that Respondent SHAWN BIDSAL hereby appeal to the Supreme | | |
| 17 | Court of Nevada from the following: | | |
| 18 | 1) The District Court's Order Grantin | g Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award | |
| 19 | and Entry of Judgment and Denying Responden | t's Opposition and Countermotion to Vacate the | |
| 20 | Arbitrator's Award, entered on December 16, 2019 | 9. | |
| 21 | 2) All other orders and rulings made a | ppealable from the foregoing. | |
| 22 | Dated this <u>9th</u> day of January, 2020. | | |
| 23 | | SMITH & SHAPIRO, PLLC | |
| 24 | | /s/ James E. Shapino | |
| 25 | | <u>/s/ James E. Shapiro</u> James E. Shapiro, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 7907 | |
| 26 | | Aimee M. Cannon, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 11780 | |
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| 17 | 2. | Identify the judge issuing the de | cision, judgment, or order appealed from: The |
| 19 | Honorable JOANNA S. KISHNER, Dept. No. 31. | | |
| 20 | 3. | | ame and address of counsel for each appellant: |
| 21 | | Appellant: | SHAWN BIDSAL |
| 22 23 24 | | Appellant's counsel: | JAMES E. SHAPIRO, ESQ. SMITH & SHAPIRO, PLLC 3333 E. Serene Ave., Suite 130 Henderson, NV 89074. |
| 25 | 4. | Identify each respondent and th | e name and address of respondent counsel, if |
| 26 | known, for each respondent (if the name of a respondent's appellate counsel is unknown, | | |
| 27 | indicate as | much and provide the name and ado | lress of that cross-respondent's trial counsel): |
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| 1 | Respondent: | CLA, PROPERTIES, LLC, a California limited liability company, |
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| 2 | Respondent's appellate counsel: | Unknown |
| 4 | Respondent's trial counsel: | LOUIS E. GARFINKEL, ESQ. LEVINE & GARFINKEL 1671 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Suite 230 |
| 5 | | Henderson, NV 89012 |

6 5. Indicate whether any attorney identified above in response to question 3 or 4 is not licensed to practice law in Nevada and, if so, whether the district court granted that attorney permission to appear under SCR 42 (attach a copy of any district court order granting such 8 permission): N/A.

6. Indicate whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained counsel in the district court: retained counsel.

7. Indicate whether respondent is represented by appointed or retained counsel on **appeal**: retained counsel.

8. Indicate whether appellant was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and the date of entry of the district court order granting such leave: N/A.

9. Indicate the date the proceedings commenced in the district court (e.g., date complaint, indictment, information, or petition was filed): May 21, 2019.

10. Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district 18 court, including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the 19 20 **district court**: The underlying dispute revolves around the attempted break-up of a limited liability 21 company, Green Valley Commerce, LLC ("Green Valley"), by its members, under the buy-sell provisions of Green Valley's operating agreement (the "OPAG"). 22 On September 26, 2017, Respondent, CLA, PROPERTIES, LLC ("CLAP"), filed a Demand for Arbitration, which ultimately 23 resulted in a Final Award being entered on April 5, 2019, in JAMS Arbitration No. 1260004569 (the 24 "Arbitration Award"). On April 9, 2019, Appellant SHAWN BIDSAL ("Bidsal") filed a Motion to 25 26 Vacate Arbitration Award in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada (the "Federal Case"). The Federal Case was dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction on June 24, 2019. On 27 May 21, 2019, CLAP filed a Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of Judgment 28

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1 in the Eighth Judicial District Court, in and for, Clark County, Nevada. On July 15, 2019, Bidsal filed his Opposition to CLA's Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of Judgment and 2 Counterpetition to Vacate Arbitration Award. On December 6, 2019, the district court entered its 3 Order Granting Petition for Conformation of Arbitration Award and Entry of Judgment and Denying 4 Respondent's Opposition and Counterpetition to Vacate the Arbitrator's Award (the "District Court's 5 6 Order"), wherein the district court upheld and confirmed the Arbitration Award. The Notice of Entry of the District Court's Order was filed December 16, 2019. Appellant Bidsal is appealing the District 7 Court's Order. 8

11. Indicate whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court and, if so, the caption and Supreme Court docket number of the prior proceeding: This case has *not* previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceedings in the Supreme Court.

12. Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation: This case does *not* involve child custody or visitation.

13. If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of settlement: This is a civil case and settlement is possible.

Dated this <u>9th</u> day of January, 2020.

SMITH & SHAPIRO, PLLC

<u>/s/ James E. Shapiro</u> James E. Shapiro, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 7907 Aimee M. Cannon, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 11780 3333 E. Serene Ave., Suite 130 Henderson, Nevada 89074 Attorneys for Respondent, Shawn Bidsal

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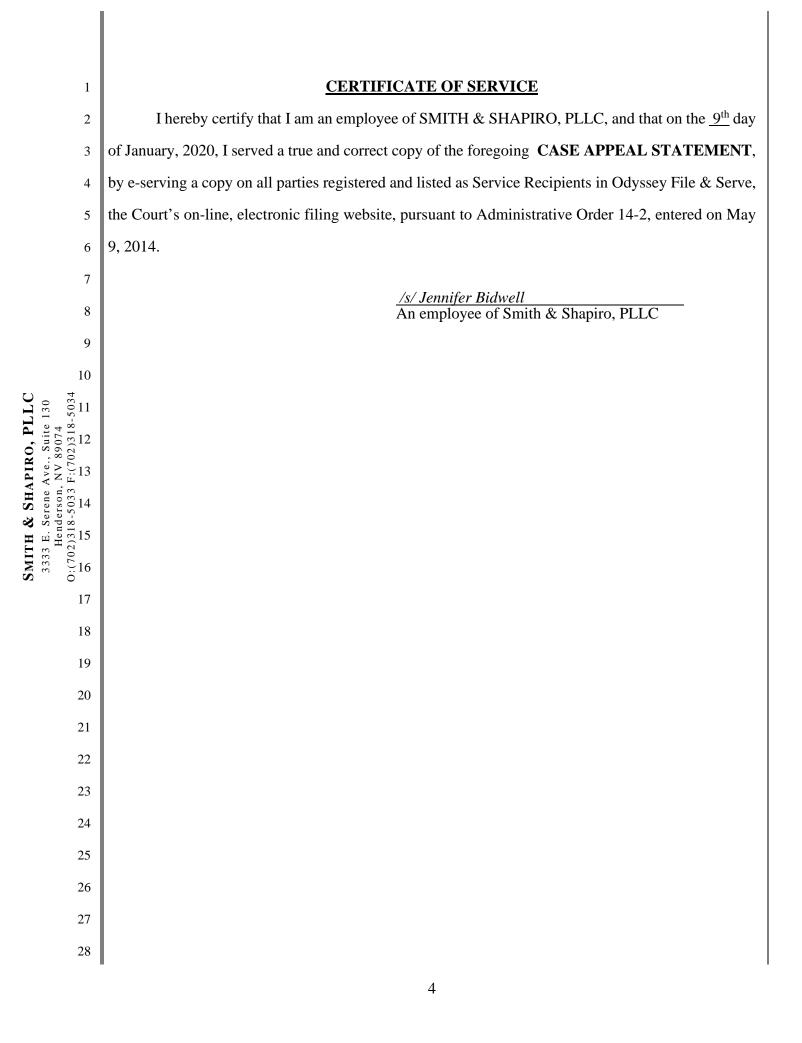
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| | | PARTY INFORMA | TION | |
| | | | | Lead Attorneys |
| Petitioner | CLA Properties LLC | | | Garfinkel, Louis E <i>Retained</i> |
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| Respondent | Bidsal, Shawn | | | Shapiro, James E. Retained 702-318-5033(W) |
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| | Affidavit of Service (Shawn Bidsal) |
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| 05/28/2019 | Notice of Department Reassignment Notice of Department Reassignment |
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| 06/25/2019 | Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Petitioner CLA Properties LLC Notice of Entry of Order Granting Motion to Dismiss and Entry of Judgment |
| 07/15/2019 | Opposition Filed By: Respondent Bidsal, Shawn Respondent's Opposition to CLA's Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of Judgment and Counterpetition to Vacate Arbitration Award |
| 07/15/2019 | Appendix Filed By: Respondent Bidsal, Shawn Appendix - Part 1 |
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| 07/15/2019 | Appendix Filed By: Respondent Bidsal, Shawn Appendix - Part 5 |
| 08/05/2019 | Memorandum of Points and Authorities Filed By: Petitioner CLA Properties LLC CLA's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and in Opposition to Counter-Petition to Vacate Award |

| 08/05/2019 | Appendix Filed By: Petitioner CLA Properties LLC Appendix to Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and in Opposition to Counter-Petition to Vacate Award |
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| 08/26/2019 | Reply to Opposition Filed by: Respondent Bidsal, Shawn Reply to CLA's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to Counterpetition to Vacate Arbitration Award |
| 08/26/2019 | Appendix Filed By: Respondent Bidsal, Shawn Appendix - Volume 6 |
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| 10/22/2019 | Miscellaneous Filing Left Side Filing |
| 10/22/2019 | Recorders Transcript of Hearing Transcript: All Pending Motions 9/10/19 |
| 12/06/2019 | Order Granting Filed By: Petitioner CLA Properties LLC Order Granting Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of Judgment and Denying Respondent's Opposition and Counterpetition to Vacate the Arbitration Award |

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| 12/16/2019 | Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Petitioner CLA Properties LLC Notice of Entry of Order Granting Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of Judgment and Denying Respondent's Opposition and Counterpetition to Vacate the Arbitrator's Award |
| 12/30/2019 | Order to Statistically Close Case Civil Order to Statistically Close Case |
| 01/03/2020 | Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs Filed By: Petitioner CLA Properties LLC Petitioner CLA Properties, LLC's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs |
| 01/03/2020 | Affidavit in Support of Attorney Fees Filed By: Petitioner CLA Properties LLC Affidavit of Rodney T. Lewin, Esq., in Support of CLA Properties, LLC's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs |
| 01/03/2020 | Affidavit in Support of Attorney Fees Filed By: Petitioner CLA Properties LLC Affidavit of Louis E. Garfinkel, Esq. in Support of CLA Properties, LLC's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs |
| 01/03/2020 | Clerk's Notice of Hearing Notice of Hearing |
| 01/09/2020 | Notice of Appeal Filed By: Respondent Bidsal, Shawn <i>Notice of Appeal</i> |
| 01/09/2020 | Case Appeal Statement Case Appeal Statement |
| 12/06/2019 | DISPOSITIONSJudgment Upon Arbitration Award (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.)Debtors: Shawn Bidsal (Respondent)Creditors: CLA Properties LLC (Petitioner)Judgment: 12/06/2019, Docketed: 12/06/2019Total Judgment: 298,256.00 |
| 09/10/2019 | HEARINGS Petition (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.) Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of Judgment Pursuant to faxed request from counsel Off Calendar; |
| 09/10/2019 | Opposition and Countermotion (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.) <i>Respondent's Opposition to CLA's Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of</i> <i>Judgment and Counterpetition to Vacate Arbitration Award</i> Pursuant to faxed request from counsel Off Calendar; |
| 09/10/2019 | All Pending Motions (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.) <i>All Pending Motions (9/10/2019)</i> Matter Heard; |

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| | Journal Entry Details: PETITION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATION AWARD AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENTRESPONDENT'S OPPOSITION TO CLA'S PETITION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATION AWARD AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AND COUNTERPETITION TO VACATE ARBITRATION AWARD Court noted non-compliance with EDCR 2.20 (g) and EDCR 7.26 having occurred by counsel, due to courtesy copies of pleadings not having been provided by counsel to the Court, as required. Mr. Garfinkel acknowledged the non- compliance; and apologized to the Court for not providing courtesy copies in a timely manner. Court reminded the parties everybody needs to comply with the rules. Statements by counsel as to the conversation made to the law clerk by himself regarding his experience and views on courtesy copy requirements, prior to today's hearing. Court provided an analysis on the rules and requirements. Mr. Garfinkel requested to continue the hearing, to provide exhibits to the Court, and to set a new date on the matter; and argued in support of relief requested. Mr. Garfinkel apologized to opposing counsel for having him come down for the hearing today. Mr. Shapiro made no objection. Discussions as to this matter having been heavily litigated at arbitration. Matter OFF CALENDAR, as parties agreed to not proceed forward today with the hearing, and will get a new date to have the matter set on calendar. Counsel for Petitioner to provide exhibits to the Court within 5 days before such scheduled hearing.; | |
| 11/12/2019 | Petition (1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.) Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of Judgment Granted; | |
| 11/12/2019 | Opposition and Countermotion (1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.)Respondent's Opposition to CLA's Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of Judgment and Counterpetition to Vacate Arbitration Award Denied; | |
| 11/12/2019 | All Pending Motions (1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.) All Pending Motions (11/12/19) Matter Heard; Journal Entry Details: PETITION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATION AWARD AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENTRESPONDENT'S OPPOSITION TO CLA'S PETITION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATION AWARD AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AND COUNTERPETITION TO VACATE ARBITRATION AWARD Matter fully briefed. Extensive arguments were made by counsel. Upon Court's inquiry, both sides confirmed this Court has jurisdiction. COURT ORDERED, matter SET for status check in Chambers for written decision to issue. 11/15/19 STATUS CHECK: DECISION (CHAMBERS); | |
| 12/06/2019 | Decision (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.) For Decision Decision Made; Journal Entry Details: Decision filed and served separately.; | |
| 02/04/2020 | Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Kishner, Joanna S.) Petitioner CLA Properties, LLC's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs | |
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DISTRICT COURT CIVIL COVER SHEET

Clark County, Nevada

| | Case No(Assigned by Clerk' | 's Office) |
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| I. Party Information (provide both h | ome and mailing addresses if different) | |
| Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone): | | Defendant(s) (name/address/plonASE NO: A-19-795188- |
| CLA PROPERTIES LLC, a I | imited liability company. | SHAWN BIDSAL, an individual. Department 2 |
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| Attorney (name/address/phone): | | Attorney (name/address/phone): |
| Louis E. Garfinkel, Esc | | |
| LEVINE & GA | ····· | |
| 1671 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Suit | | |
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| II. Nature of Controversy (please : | select the one most applicable filing type | : below) |
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| Title to Property | Other Negligence | Employment Tort |
| Judicial Foreclosure | Malpractice | Insurance Tort |
| Other Title to Property | Medical/Dental | Other Tort |
| Other Real Property | Legal | |
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| General Administration | Other Construction Defect | Petition to Seal Records |
| Special Administration | Contract Case | Mental Competency |
| Set Aside | Uniform Commercial Code | Nevada State Agency Appeal |
| Trust/Conservatorship | Building and Construction | Department of Motor Vehicle |
| Other Probate | Insurance Carrier | Worker's Compensation |
| Estate Value | Commercial Instrument | Other Nevada State Agency |
| Over \$200,000 | Collection of Accounts | Appeal Other |
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| Under \$100,000 or Unknown | Other Contract | Other Judicial Review/Appeal |
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| 5 6 7 | IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CLA PROPERTIES LLC | Case No.: A-19-795188-P Dept. No.: XXXI | |
| 8 9 | | ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATION AWARD AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AND DENYING RESPONDENT'S | |
| 10 11 12 | | OPPOSITION AND COUNTERPETITION TO VACATE THE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD | |
| 13 14 | This matter came on for hearing for Pe | etitioner's Confirmation of Arbitration Award | |
| 15 | and Entry of Judgement and Respondent's Opposition to CLA's Petition for | | |
| 16 | Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of Judgement and Counterpetition to | | |
| 17 | Vacate Arbitration Award, on November 12, 2019. Present at the hearing was, Louis E. | | |
| 18 19 | Garfinkel Esg. for Petitioner; and James E. Shapiro, Esg. for Respondent Respondent | | |
| 20 | Shawn Bidsal was also present | | |
| 21 | The issues before the Court were whether the Award in favor of Petitioner should | | |
| 22 | be upheld or whether the Arbitrator erroneously interpreted Section 4.2 of the Green | | |
| 23 | Valley Operating Agreement and thus the Award should be vacated. | | |
| 24 | I. PROCEDERAL AND FACTUA | L BACKGROUND | |
| 25 | CLA Properties, LLC (Petitioner or CL | A) and Shawn Bidsal (Respondent or Mr. | |
| 26 27 | Bidsal) were the sole members of Green Val | ley, LLC (Green Valley), a Nevada limited | |
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liability company, which owns and manages real property in Las Vegas, Nevada. CLA
Properties, LLC is solely owned by its principal Benjamin Golshani (Mr. Golshani).
Petitioner and Respondent each owned a 50% membership interest in Green Valley.

4 It is undisputed that Mr. Golshani on behalf of CLA, along with Respondent 5 executed an Operating Agreement for Green Valley (Operating Agreement) on June 15. 6 2011. Section 4 of Article 5 (Section 4) of the Operating Agreement contained 7 provisions regarding how the membership interest of one member could be purchased 8 9 and/or sold to the other member. The Operating Agreement allows members to initiate 10 the purchase or sale of one member's interest by the other. These provisions were 11 drafted by third party attorney, David LeGrand, and then were modifications made. 12 More specifically, Section 4 allowed the offering member to buy out the remaining 13 member at a price based upon a valuation of the fair market value of Green Valley. It is 14 then that the remaining member is given the option to buy or sell pursuant to the 15 valuation or demand an appraisal. 16 17 Section 4 of Article V commences on page 10 and the relevant

portions read as follows:

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Section 4. Purchase or Sell Right among Members.

In the event that a Member is willing to purchase the Remaining Member's Interest in the Company then the procedures and terms of Section 4.2. shall apply.

Section 4.1 Definitions.

Offering Member means the member who offers to purchase the membership Interest(s) of the Remaining Member(s). "Remaining members" means the Members who received an offer (from Offering Member) to sell their shares.

"COP" means the cost of purchase" as it is specified in the escrow closing statement at the time of purchase of each property owned by the Company.

"Seller" means the Member that accepts the offer to sell his or its Membership Interest.

"FMV"means "fair market value" obtained as specified in section 4.2

Section 4.2 Purchase or Sell Procedure.

5 Any Member ("Offering Member") may give notice to the Remaining Member(s) that he or it is ready, willing and able to 6 purchase the Remaining Members' Interests for a price the Offering Member thinks is the fair market value. The 7 terms to be all cash and close escrow within 30 days of the acceptance. 8 If the offered price is not acceptable to the Remaining Member(s), within 30 days of receiving the offer, the Remaining Members (or any of them) can request to establish FMV based on the following procedure. The Remaining Member(s) must provide the Offering Member the complete information of 2 MIA appraisers. The Offering 9 10 Member must pick one of the appraiser to appraise the property and furnish a copy to all Members. The Offering Member also must provide the Remaining Member with the complete information of 2 MIA approved appraiser. The Remaining Member must pick one of 11 12

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The Offering Member has the option to offer to purchase the Remaining Member's share at FMV as detem1ined by Section 4.2, based on the following formula.

- (FMV- COP) x 0.5 plus capital contribution of the Remaining Member(s) at the time of purchasing the property minus prorated liabilities.
- The Remaining Member(s) shall have 30 days within which to respond in writing to the Offering Member by either

(i)Accepting the Offering Member's purchase offer, or.

(ii) Rejecting the purchase offer and making a counteroffer to purchase the interest of the Offering Member <u>based upon the same fair market value (FMV)</u> according to the following formula....

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On July 7, 2017, Respondent sent Petitioner a written offer to buy Petitioner's

50% membership interest based on an estimate valuation of \$5 million. On August 3,

2017, Petitioner instead elected to buy Respondent's 50% membership interest based

on the \$5 million valuation and without an appraisal. On August 7, 2019, Respondent

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| 1 | refused to sell his interest to Petitioner and instead stated that he had a right to have a | |
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| 2 | fair market value appraisal of his membership interest. The parties disputed whether | |
| 3 | the Operating Agreement provided that Respondent had a right to seek a fair market | |
| 4 | valuation of his interest or whether the Agreement provided that Respondent had to sell | |
| 5 6 | his share at the \$5 million dollar price. | |
| 7 | On May 8, 2018 through May 9, 2018, the parties arbitrated the dispute in Las | |
| 8 | Vegas, Nevada, pursuant to Article III, Section 14.1 of the Operating Agreement. | |
| 9 | Article III, Section 14.1 of the Operating Agreement of Green Valley is entitled | |
| 10 | "Dispute Resolution" and contains an arbitration provision whereby the parties agreed | |
| 11 | the dispute would be resolved exclusively by arbitration. Section 14.1 states in | |
| 12 13 | pertinent part: | |
| 13 | The representative shall promptly meet in good faith effort | |
| 15 | to resolve the dispute. | |
| 16 | If the representatives do not agree upon a decision within thirty (30) calendar days after reference of the matter to | |
| 17 | them, any controversy, dispute or claim arising out of or relating in any way to this Agreement or the transaction | |
| 18 | arising hereunder shall be settled exclusively by arbitration in the City of Las Vegas, Nevada: Such arbitration shall be | |
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| 14 | SHAWN BIDSAL, an individual, | CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATION |
| 15 | Respondent. | AWARD AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AND DENYING |
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Case No.: A-19-795188-P Dept. No.: XXXI

ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATION AWARD AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AND DENYING RESPONDENT'S OPPOSITION AND COUNTERPETITION TO VACATE THE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD

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Garfinkel Esq. for Petitioner; and James E. Shapiro, Esq. for Respondent. Respondent
Shawn Bidsal was also present.

The issues before the Court were whether the Award in favor of Petitioner should be upheld or whether the Arbitrator erroneously interpreted Section 4.2 of the Green Valley Operating Agreement and thus the Award should be vacated.

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PROCEDERAL AND FACTUAL BACKGROUND

CLA Properties, LLC (Petitioner or CLA) and Shawn Bidsal (Respondent or Mr. Bidsal) were the sole members of Green Valley, LLC (Green Valley), a Nevada limited

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| 1 | liability company, which owns and manages real property in Las Vegas, Nevada. CLA |
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| 2 | Properties, LLC is solely owned by its principal Benjamin Golshani (Mr. Golshani). |
| 3 | Petitioner and Respondent each owned a 50% membership interest in Green Valley. |

4 It is undisputed that Mr. Golshani on behalf of CLA, along with Respondent 5 executed an Operating Agreement for Green Valley (Operating Agreement) on June 15, 6 2011. Section 4 of Article 5 (Section 4) of the Operating Agreement contained 7 provisions regarding how the membership interest of one member could be purchased 8 9 and/or sold to the other member. The Operating Agreement allows members to initiate 10 the purchase or sale of one member's interest by the other. These provisions were 11 drafted by third party attorney, David LeGrand, and then were modifications made. 12 More specifically, Section 4 allowed the offering member to buy out the remaining 13 member at a price based upon a valuation of the fair market value of Green Valley. It is 14 then that the remaining member is given the option to buy or sell pursuant to the 15 16 valuation or demand an appraisal. 17 Section 4 of Article V commences on page 10 and the relevant 18 portions read as follows: 19 Section 4. Purchase or Sell Right among Members. 20 In the event that a Member is willing to purchase the Remaining 21 Member's Interest in the Company then the procedures and terms of Section 4.2. shall apply. 22 Section 4.1 Definitions. 23 Offering Member means the member who offers to purchase the 24 membership Interest(s) of the Remaining Member(s). "Remaining members" means the Members who received an offer (from 25 Offering Member) to sell their shares. "COP" means the cost of purchase" as it is specified in the 26 escrow closing statement at the time of purchase of each property owned by the Company. 27 28

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"Seller" means the Member that accepts the offer to sell his or its Membership Interest.

"FMV"means "fair market value" obtained as specified in section 4.2

Section 4.2 Purchase or Sell Procedure.

5 Any Member ("Offering Member") may give notice to the Remaining Member(s) that he or it is ready, willing and able to 6 purchase the Remaining Members' Interests for a price the Offering Member thinks is the fair market value. The 7 terms to be all cash and close escrow within 30 days of the acceptance. 8 If the offered price is not acceptable to the Remaining Member(s), within 30 days of receiving the offer, the Remaining Members (or any of them) can request to establish FMV based on the following 9 procedure. The Remaining Member(s) must provide the Offering Member the complete information of 2 MIA appraisers. The Offering 10 Member must pick one of the appraiser to appraise the property and furnish a copy to all Members. The Offering Member also must provide the Remaining Member with the complete information of 2 MIA approved appraiser. The Remaining Member must pick one of 11 12 the appraiser to appraise the property and furnish a copy to all Members. The medium of these 2 appraisals constitute the fair market value of the property which is called (FMV). 13 14 The Offering Member has the option to offer to purchase the Remaining Member's share at FMV as detem1ined by Section 15

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| 3 | the Operating Agreement provided that Respondent had a right to seek a fair market |
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Operating Agreement, 9 U.S.C. § 9 and Nevada Revised Statute 38.244(2),
Petitioner's Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of Judgement is GRANTED.
Accordingly, the Court ORDERS Judgment in favor of Petitioner CLA Properties, LLC
and against Respondent Shawn Bidsal in accordance with the Award, confirming that
Bidsal shall take nothing by his Counterclaim and ordering Bidsal to:

Within fourteen (14) days of the Judgment, (A) transfer his fifty percent Α. 16 (50%) Membership Interest in Green Valley Commerce, LLC ("Green Valley"), free 17 and clear of all liens and encumbrances, to CLA Properties, LLC, at a price 18 19 computed in accordance with the contractual formula set forth in Section 4.2 of 20 the Green Valley Operating Agreement, with the "FMV" portion of the formula 21 fixed as Five Million Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000,000.00) and, further, (B) 22 execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate such sale and transfer. 23

B. Pay CLA as the prevailing party on the merits of the Arbitration
Claim, the sum awarded by the Arbitrator. Specifically, CLA shall recover from
Bidsal the sum and amount of \$298,256.00 plus interest from April 5, 2019 at the

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| 1 | legal rate, and as and for contractual attorneys' fees and costs reasonably |
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| 3 | Incurred in connection with the Arbitration. |
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| 4 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Respondent's |
| 5 | Opposition to CLA's Petition for Confirmation of Arbitration Award and Entry of |
| 7 | Judgment and Counterpetition to Vacate Arbitration Award is DENIED. ¹ |
| 8 | Dated this 5 th day of December, 2019. |
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| 12 | JOANNA S. KISHNER |
| 13 | DISTRICT COURT JUDGE |
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| 27 | ¹ Any request for fees and/or costs for the present action before the state District Court is not presently |
| 28 | before the Court and thus, if any request were to be made it would need to be by separate Motion. |
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| 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 | To all counsel, and/or parties listed below via one, or more, of the following manners: via email, via facsimile, via US mail, via Electronic Service if the Attorney/Party has signed up for Electronic Service, and/or a copy of this Order was placed in the attorney's file located at the Regional Justice Center: Louis E. Garfinkel, Esq. 1671 W. HORIZON RIDGE PKWY, STE. 230 HENDERSON, NV. 89031 James E. Shapiro, Esq. 2400 SAINT ROSE PKWY, STE. 220 HENDERSON, NV. 89074 | |
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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

| Other Civil Filings (Petition) COURT MINUTES | | COURT MINUTES | September 10, 2019 |
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| A-19-795188-P In the Matter of the CLA Properties | | | |
| September 10, 2 | 019 9:00 AM | All Pending Motions | |
| HEARD BY: Kishner, Joanna S. | | COURTROOM: | RJC Courtroom 12B |
| COURT CLERK: Susan Botzenhart | | | |
| RECORDER: Sandra Harrell | | | |
| REPORTER: | | | |
| PARTIES PRESENT: | Garfinkel, Louis E. Shapiro, James E. | Attorney Attorney | |

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- PETITION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATION AWARD AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT...RESPONDENT'S OPPOSITION TO CLA'S PETITION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATION AWARD AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AND COUNTERPETITION TO VACATE ARBITRATION AWARD

Court noted non-compliance with EDCR 2.20 (g) and EDCR 7.26 having occurred by counsel, due to courtesy copies of pleadings not having been provided by counsel to the Court, as required. Mr. Garfinkel acknowledged the non-compliance; and apologized to the Court for not providing courtesy copies in a timely manner. Court reminded the parties everybody needs to comply with the rules. Statements by counsel as to the conversation made to the law clerk by himself regarding his experience and views on courtesy copy requirements, prior to today's hearing. Court provided an analysis on the rules and requirements. Mr. Garfinkel requested to continue the hearing, to provide exhibits to the Court, and to set a new date on the matter; and argued in support of relief requested. Mr. Garfinkel apologized to opposing counsel for having him come down for the hearing today. Mr. Shapiro made no objection. Discussions as to this matter having been heavily litigated at arbitration. Matter OFF CALENDAR, as parties agreed to not proceed forward today with the hearing, and will get a new date to have the matter set on calendar. Counsel for Petitioner to provide exhibits to the Court within 5 days before such scheduled hearing.

PRINT DATE:01/13/2020Page 1 of 3Minutes Date:September 10, 2019

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

| Other Civil Filings (Petition) | | COURT MINUTES | November 12, 2019 | | |
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| A-19-795188-P In the Matter of t CLA Properties I | | | | | |
| November 12, 2019 | 9 1:00 PM | All Pending Motions | | | |
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| COURT CLERK: | Susan Botzenhart | | | | |
| RECORDER: Sa | ndra Harrell | | | | |
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Matter fully briefed. Extensive arguments were made by counsel. Upon Court's inquiry, both sides confirmed this Court has jurisdiction. COURT ORDERED, matter SET for status check in Chambers for written decision to issue.

11/15/19 STATUS CHECK: DECISION (CHAMBERS)

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

| Other Civil Filings (Petition) | | COURT MINUTES | December 06, 2019 | |
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| A-19-795188-P | In the Matter of CLA Properties | | | |
| December 06, 2019 | 3:00 AM | Decision | | |
| HEARD BY: Kishne | er, Joanna S. | COURTROOM: Chambers | | |
| COURT CLERK: Su | ısan Botzenhart | | | |
| RECORDER: | | | | |
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- Decision filed and served separately.



EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ON APPEAL TO NEVADA SUPREME COURT

JAMES E. SHAPIRO, ESQ. 3333 E. SERENE AVE., STE 130 HENDERSON, NV 89074

DATE: January 13, 2020 CASE: A-19-795188-P

RE CASE: In the Mater of the Petition of CLA PROPERTIES, LLC

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: January 9, 2020

YOUR APPEAL HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

PLEASE NOTE: DOCUMENTS **NOT** TRANSMITTED HAVE BEEN MARKED:

- \$250 Supreme Court Filing Fee (Make Check Payable to the Supreme Court)**
 - If the \$250 Supreme Court Filing Fee was not submitted along with the original Notice of Appeal, it must be mailed directly to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court Filing Fee will not be forwarded by this office if submitted after the Notice of Appeal has been filed.
- □ \$24 District Court Filing Fee (Make Check Payable to the District Court)**
- Solo − Cost Bond on Appeal (Make Check Payable to the District Court)**
 - NRAP 7: Bond For Costs On Appeal in Civil Cases
- □ Case Appeal Statement
 - NRAP 3 (a)(1), Form 2
- □ Order
- □ Notice of Entry of Order

NEVADA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 3 (a) (3) states:

"The district court clerk must file appellant's notice of appeal despite perceived deficiencies in the notice, including the failure to pay the district court or Supreme Court filing fee. <u>The district court clerk shall apprise appellant of the deficiencies in</u> <u>writing</u>, and shall transmit the notice of appeal to the Supreme Court in accordance with subdivision (g) of this Rule with a notation to the clerk of the Supreme Court setting forth the deficiencies. Despite any deficiencies in the notice of appeal, the clerk of the Supreme Court shall docket the appeal in accordance with Rule 12."

Please refer to Rule 3 for an explanation of any possible deficiencies.

**Per District Court Administrative Order 2012-01, in regards to civil litigants, "...all Orders to Appear in Forma Pauperis expire one year from the date of issuance." You must reapply for in Forma Pauperis status.

Certification of Copy

State of Nevada County of Clark SS:

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

NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATION AWARD AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AND DENYING RESPONDENT'S OPPOSITION AND COUNTERPETITION TO VACATE THE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARBITRATION AWARD AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AND DENYING RESPONDENT'S OPPOSITION AND COUNTERPETITION TO VACATE THE ARBITRATOR'S AWARD; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

In the Matter of the Petition of:

CLA PROPERTIES, LLC

Case No: A-19-795188-P

Dept No: XXXI

now on file and of record in this office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 13 day of January 2020. Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court Amanda Hampton, Deputy Clerk