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15	ARTHUR SHATZ and RICHARD FRATIS, Individually and on behalf of others) Case No.: 15 OC 00008 1 B
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17	Plaintiffs,) COMPLAINT)
18	VS.	ARBITRATION EXEMPTION CLAIMED BECAUSE THIS IS
19	ROY L. STREET, individually and doing business as CAPITAL CAB,	A CLASS ACTION CASE
20	Defendant.	<i>,</i>
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24		ney, Leon Greenberg Professional Corporation,
25	as and for a Complaint against the defendar	nt, state and alleges, as follows:
26	JURISDICTION, PARTIES AN	D PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
27	 The plaintiff, ARTHUR SHATZ, (th 	ne "plaintiff" or the "named plaintiff") is a resident

of Carson City, Nevada and is a former employee of the defendant. The plaintiff, RICHARD

FRATIS, (the "plaintiff" or the "named plaintiff") is a resident of Carson City, Nevada and is a former employee of the defendant (hereinafter, both ARTHUR SHATZ and RICHARD FRATIS are referred to collectively as "the plaintiffs").

- 2. The defendant, ROY L. STREET, (hereinafter referred to as defendant") is a resident of the State of Nevada and does business under the name CAPITAL CAB in the State of Nevada and conducts the business activities at issue in this case to some substantial extent within Carson City, Nevada.
- 3. The transactions between the plaintiffs and defendant giving rise to this claim, which involved the furnishing of labor by the plaintiffs to the defendant such labor not being fully compensated for as required by law as alleged herein, took place, to some substantial extent, within Carson City, Nevada.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 4. The plaintiffs bring this action as a class action pursuant to Nev. R. Civ. P. §23 on behalf of themselves and a class of all similarly situated persons employed by the defendant in the State of Nevada.
- 5. The class of similarly situated persons consists of all persons employed by defendant in the State of Nevada during the applicable statute of limitations periods prior to the filing of this Complaint continuing until date of judgment, such persons being employed as taxi cab, livery or limousine drivers (hereinafter referred to as "cab drivers" or "drivers") such employment involving the driving of taxi cabs or other vehicles for the defendant in the State of Nevada.
- 6. The common circumstance of the drivers giving rise to this suit is that while they were employed by defendant they were not paid the minimum wage required by Nevada's Constitution, Article 15, Section 16 for many or most of the days that they worked in that their hourly compensation, when calculated pursuant to the requirements of said Nevada Constitutional Provision, did not equal at least the minimum hourly wage provided for therein.

- 7. The named plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege that there are at least 50 putative class action members. The actual number of class members is readily ascertainable by a review of the defendant's records through appropriate discovery.
- 8. There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact affecting the class as a whole.
- 9. Proof of a common or single set of facts will establish the right of each member of the class to recover. These common questions of law and fact predominate over questions that affect only individual class members. The individual plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of the class.
- 10. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. Due to the typicality of the class members' claims, the interests of judicial economy will be best served by adjudication of this lawsuit as a class action. This type of case is uniquely well-suited for class treatment since the employer's practices were uniform and the burden is on the employer to establish that its method for compensating the class members complies with the requirements of Nevada law.
- 11. The individual plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class and have no interests that conflict with or are antagonistic to the interests of the class and have retained to represent them competent counsel experienced in the prosecution of class action cases and will thus be able to appropriately prosecute this case on behalf of the class.
- 12. The individual plaintiffs and their counsel are aware of their fiduciary responsibilities to the members of the proposed class and are determined to diligently discharge those duties by vigorously seeking the maximum possible recovery for all members of the proposed class.
- 13. There is no plain, speedy, or adequate remedy other than by maintenance of this class action. The prosecution of individual remedies by members of the class will tend to establish inconsistent standards of conduct for the defendant and result in the impairment

of class members' rights and the disposition of their interests through actions to which they were not parties. In addition, the class members' individual claims are small in amount and they have no substantial ability to vindicate their rights, and secure the assistance of competent counsel to do so, except by the prosecution of a class action case.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS UNDERLYING THE PARTIES' EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP

- 14. The plaintiffs, ARTHUR SHATZ and RICHARD FRATIS, at some point after July 1, 2007, pursuant to an agreement with the defendant, drove a "vehicle for hire" such as a taxi cab, limousine or livery vehicle, meaning a vehicle duly licensed by the State of Nevada and/or one or more other empowered governmental authorities to have its driver transport paying passengers and their cargo to various destinations, such vehicle being owned by the defendant and/or operated by the defendant in the defendant's "vehicle for hire" business.
- 15. Although both plaintiffs were treated as "independent contractors" by the defendant, the plaintiffs were, as a matter of law, employees of the defendant and the defendant was, as a matter of law, the employer of the plaintiffs in respect to their activities conducted as part of defendant's "vehicle for hire" business under the "economic realities" of the circumstances, as that term has been defined by the Nevada Supreme Court in *Terry v. Sapphire Gentlemen's Club*, 336 P.3d 951 (2014).
- 16. As part of their employment arrangement with the defendant, plaintiffs were required to pay a daily fee to defendant to "lease" the taxicab they used to perform their work. Such "lease" fee was a nominal \$5.00 per day. After paying the nominal \$5.00 per day "lease" fee to defendant, plaintiffs were required to work a twelve (12) hour shift each day they worked for defendant. Such shift was pre-arranged by defendant and plaintiffs could not choose to work fewer hours than twelve (12) in a single shift. Defendant also directed which days per week plaintiffs were required to work, and the number of such days per week. Plaintiffs' wages paid by defendant were in the form of a "commission split"

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arrangement, under which plaintiffs would receive 50% of the taxicab fares they collected from paying customers during their shift, and defendant would receive 50% of the taxicab fares plaintiffs collected from such customers during their shift.

- 17. As described in paragraph 16, the plaintiffs did not, in reality, operate as the "independent contractors" that defendant claimed they were, as the plaintiffs were unable to set their hours of work or exercise any independent control over the number of hours they chose to work in a given shift. The plaintiffs further had no actual investment in any truly independent business in respect to the work they performed for the defendant, in that the "lease" fee required by defendant from each of its vehicle for hire drivers was \$5.00 or a similar nominal amount per day. Moreover, defendant was as a practical matter not "leasing" any vehicle to the plaintiffs or his other vehicle for hire drivers for \$5.00 or a similar nominal amount per day and his business was dependent upon the fares collected by the plaintiffs and his other vehicle for hire drivers during their shift as defendant had a 50% stake in the total fares so collected, and the success of defendant's business was directly dependent upon the defendant's share of the fares collected by his vehicle for hire drivers and not upon the money defendant collected from the plaintiffs and other vehicle for hire drivers in the form of a nominal "lease" fee. In the event the plaintiffs and defendant's other vehicle for hire operators, who also worked for the defendant under similar arrangements, failed to collect significant passenger fares, defendant would not allow them to continue to "lease" vehicles for \$5.00 or the similar nominal "lease fee" per day that they were charged. Thus, plaintiffs and the defendant's other vehicle for hire drivers were not acting as truly independent business operators but were de facto commission compensated employees of the defendant as a matter of economic reality.
- 18. The economic realities of the relationship between the plaintiffs and defendant's other vehicle for hire drivers and the defendant was one of employment, in that the defendant mandated the hours and days of work of his vehicle for hire drivers and also substantially controlled the amount of money they would earn by, among other things, referring fare paying customers to them via "radio calls." Plaintiffs and defendant's other

vehicle for hire drivers could not decline to accept such radio call assignments and had to follow all of defendant's rules of operation and defendant could refuse to continue to allow the them to drive the defendant's vehicles for hire at anytime, without notice, and without cause. Plaintiffs and defendants other vehicle for hire drivers were treated, in all respects, exactly like employees of the defendant by the defendant.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF ON BEHALF OF THE NAMED PLAINTIFFS AND ALL PERSONS SIMILARLY SITUATED PURSUANT TO NEVADA'S CONSTITUTION

- 19. The named plaintiffs repeat all of the allegations previously made and brings this First Claim for Relief pursuant to Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution.
- 20. Pursuant to Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution the named plaintiff and the class members were entitled to an hourly minimum wage for every hour that they worked for defendant and the named plaintiff and the class members were often not paid such required minimum wages.
- 21. The defendant's violation of Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution involved malicious and/or fraudulent and/or oppressive conduct by the defendant sufficient to warrant an award of punitive damages for the following, amongst other reasons:
 - (a) Defendant despite having, and being aware of, an express obligation under Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution, such obligation commencing no later than July 1, 2007, to advise the plaintiff and the class members, in writing, of their entitlement to the minimum hourly wage specified in such constitutional provision, failed to provide such written advisement;
 - (b) Defendant was aware that the highest law enforcement officer of the State of Nevada, the Nevada Attorney General, had issued a public opinion in 2005 that Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution, upon its effective date, would require defendant and other employers of vehicle for hire drivers to compensate such employees with the minimum hourly wage specified in such

constitutional provision. Defendant consciously elected to ignore that opinion and not pay the minimum wage required by Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution to its vehicle for hire employees in the hope that it would be successful, if legal action was brought against it, in avoiding paying some or all of such minimum wages;

- (c) Defendant, to the extent it believed it had a colorable basis to legitimately contest the applicability of Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution to its taxi driver employees, made no effort to seek any judicial declaration of its obligation, or lack of obligation, under such constitutional provision and to pay into an escrow fund any amounts it disputed were so owed under that constitutional provision until such a final judicial determination was made.
- 22. Defendant engaged in the acts and/or omissions detailed in paragraph 21 in an intentional scheme to maliciously, oppressively and fraudulently deprive its vehicle for hire driver employees of the hourly minimum wages that were guaranteed to those employees by Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution. Defendant so acted in the hope that by the passage of time whatever rights such vehicle for hire employees had to such minimum hourly wages owed to them by the defendant would expire, in whole or in part, by operation of law. Defendant so acted consciously, willfully, and intentionally to deprive such vehicle for hire employees of any knowledge that they might be entitled to such minimum hourly wages, despite the defendant's obligation under Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution to advise such vehicle for hire employees of their right to those minimum hourly wages. Defendant's malicious, oppressive and fraudulent conduct is also demonstrated by its failure to make any allowance to pay such minimum hourly wages if they were found to be due, such as through an escrow account, while seeking any judicial determination of its obligation to make those payments.
 - 23. The named plaintiffs seek all relief available to them and the alleged class

under Nevada's Constitution, Article 15, Section 16 including appropriate injunctive and equitable relief to make the defendant cease its violations of Nevada's Constitution and a suitable award of punitive damages.

24. The named plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and the proposed plaintiff class members, seek, on this First Claim for Relief, a judgment against the defendant for minimum wages owed since November 28, 2006 and continuing into the future, such sums to be determined based upon an accounting of the hours worked by, and wages actually paid to, the plaintiffs and the class members, a suitable injunction and other equitable relief barring the defendant from continuing to violate Nevada's Constitution, a suitable award of punitive damages, and an award of attorneys' fees, interest and costs, as provided for by Nevada's Constitution and other applicable laws.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES § 608.040 ON BEHALF OF THE NAMED PLAINTIFFS AND THE PUTATIVE CLASS

- 25. Plaintiffs repeat and reiterate each and every allegation previously made herein.
- 26. The named plaintiffs brings this Second Claim for Relief against the defendant pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes § 608.040 on behalf of themselves and the alleged class of all similarly situated employees of the defendant.
- 27. The named plaintiffs have been separated from their employment with the defendant and at the time of such separation were owed unpaid wages by the defendant.
- 28. The defendant has failed and refused to pay the named plaintiffs and numerous members of the putative plaintiff class who are the defendant's former employees their earned but unpaid wages, such conduct by such defendant constituting a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes § 608.020, or § 608.030 and giving such named plaintiffs and similarly situated members of the putative class of plaintiffs a claim against the defendant for a continuation after the termination of their employment with the defendant of the normal daily wages defendant would pay them, until such earned but unpaid wages are actually paid or for 30 days, whichever is less, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes § 608.040.
 - 29. As a result of the foregoing, the named plaintiffs seek on behalf of themselves

- 2. The defendant, RENO CAB COMPANY, INC., (hereinafter referred to as defendant") is a corporation existing and established pursuant to the laws of the State of Nevada and at all times mentioned herein was actively conducting business in Nevada.
- 3. The transactions between the plaintiff class alleged herein and defendant giving rise to this claim, which involved the furnishing of labor by the plaintiff class members to the defendant such labor not being fully compensated for as required by law as alleged herein, took place, to some substantial extent, within Carson City, Nevada.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 4. The plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Nev. R. Civ. P. §23 on behalf of himself and a class of all similarly situated persons employed by the defendant in the State of Nevada.
- 5. The class of similarly situated persons consists of all persons employed by defendant in the State of Nevada during the applicable statute of limitations periods prior to the filing of this Complaint continuing until date of judgment, such persons being employed as taxi cab, livery or limousine drivers (hereinafter referred to as "cab drivers" or "drivers") such employment involving the driving of taxi cabs or other vehicles for hire for the defendant in the State of Nevada.
- 6. The common circumstance of the drivers giving rise to this suit is that while they were employed by defendant they were not paid the minimum wage required by Nevada's Constitution, Article 15, Section 16 for many or most of the days that they worked in that their hourly compensation, when calculated pursuant to the requirements of said Nevada Constitutional Provision, did not equal at least the minimum hourly wage provided for therein.
- 7. The named plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that there are at least 50 putative class action members. The actual number of class members is readily ascertainable by a review of the defendant's records through appropriate discovery.

- 8. There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact affecting the class as a whole.
- 9. Proof of a common or single set of facts will establish the right of each member of the class to recover. These common questions of law and fact predominate over questions that affect only individual class members. The individual plaintiff's claims are typical of those of the class.
- 10. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. Due to the typicality of the class members' claims, the interests of judicial economy will be best served by adjudication of this lawsuit as a class action. This type of case is uniquely well-suited for class treatment since the employer's practices were uniform and the burden is on the employer to establish that its method for compensating the class members complies with the requirements of Nevada law.
- 11. The individual plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class and has no interests that conflict with or are antagonistic to the interests of the class and has retained to represent him competent counsel experienced in the prosecution of class action cases and will thus be able to appropriately prosecute this case on behalf of the class.
- 12. The individual plaintiff and his counsel are aware of their fiduciary responsibilities to the members of the proposed class and are determined to diligently discharge those duties by vigorously seeking the maximum possible recovery for all members of the proposed class.
- 13. There is no plain, speedy, or adequate remedy other than by maintenance of this class action. The prosecution of individual remedies by members of the class will tend to establish inconsistent standards of conduct for the defendant and result in the impairment of class members' rights and the disposition of their interests through actions to which they were not parties. In addition, the class members' individual claims are small in amount and they have no substantial ability to vindicate their rights, and secure the assistance of competent counsel to do so, except by the prosecution of a class action case.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS UNDERLYING THE PARTIES' EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP

- 14. The plaintiff, JEFF MYERS, at some point after July 1, 2007, pursuant to an agreement with the defendant, drove a "vehicle for hire" such as a taxi cab, limousine or livery vehicle, meaning a vehicle duly licensed by the State of Nevada and/or one or more other empowered governmental authorities to have its driver transport paying passengers and their cargo to various destinations, such vehicle being owned by the defendant and/or operated by the defendant in the defendant's "vehicle for hire" business.
- 15. Although the plaintiff was treated as an "independent contractor" by the defendant, the plaintiff was, as a matter of law, an employee of the defendant and the defendant was, as a matter of law, the employer of the plaintiff in respect to his activities conducted as part of defendant's "vehicle for hire" business under the "economic realities" of the circumstances, as that term has been defined by the Nevada Supreme Court in *Terry v. Sapphire Gentlemen's Club*, 336 P.3d 951 (2014).
- 16. As part of his employment arrangement with the defendant, plaintiff was required to pay a daily fee to defendant to "lease" the taxicab they used to perform their work. Such "lease" fee was a nominal amount of \$5.00 or an amount similar per day. After paying the nominal per day "lease" fee to defendant, plaintiff was required to work a twelve (12) hour shift each day they worked for defendant. Such shift was pre-arranged by defendant and plaintiff could not choose to work fewer hours than twelve (12) in a single shift. Defendant also directed which days per week plaintiff was required to work, and the number of such days per week. Plaintiff's wages paid by defendant were in the form of a "commission split" arrangement, under which plaintiff would receive 50% of the taxicab fares they collected from paying customers during their shift, and defendant would receive 50% of the taxicab fares plaintiff collected from such customers during their shift.
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work in a given shift. The plaintiff further had no actual investment in any truly independent business in respect to the work he performed for the defendant, in that the "lease" fee required by defendant from each of its vehicle for hire drivers was \$5.00 or a similar nominal amount per day. Moreover, defendant was as a practical matter not "leasing" any vehicle to the plaintiff or its other vehicle for hire drivers for \$5.00 or a similar nominal amount per day and its business was dependent upon the fares collected by the plaintiff and its other vehicle for hire drivers during their shift as defendant had a 50% stake in the total fares so collected, and the success of defendant's business was directly dependent upon the defendant's share of the fares collected by its vehicle for hire drivers and not upon the money defendant collected from the plaintiff and other vehicle for hire drivers in the form of a nominal "lease" fee. In the event the plaintiff and defendant's other vehicle for hire operators, who also worked for the defendant under similar arrangements, failed to collect significant passenger fares, defendant would not allow them to continue to "lease" vehicles for \$5.00 or the similar nominal "lease fee" per day that they were charged. Thus, plaintiff and the defendant's other vehicle for hire drivers were not acting as truly independent business operators but were de facto commission compensated employees of the defendant as a matter of economic reality.

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- 19. The named plaintiff repeats all of the allegations previously made and brings this First Claim for Relief pursuant to Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution.
- 20. Pursuant to Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution the named plaintiff and the class members were entitled to an hourly minimum wage for every hour that they worked for defendant and the named plaintiff and the class members were often not paid such required minimum wages.
- 21. The defendant's violation of Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution involved malicious and/or fraudulent and/or oppressive conduct by the defendant sufficient to warrant an award of punitive damages for the following, amongst other reasons:
 - (a) Defendant despite having, and being aware of, an express obligation under Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution, such obligation commencing no later than July 1, 2007, to advise the plaintiff and the class members, in writing, of their entitlement to the minimum hourly wage specified in such constitutional provision, failed to provide such written advisement;
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- (c) Defendant, to the extent it believed it had a colorable basis to legitimately contest the applicability of Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution to its taxi driver employees, made no effort to seek any judicial declaration of its obligation, or lack of obligation, under such constitutional provision and to pay into an escrow fund any amounts it disputed were so owed under that constitutional provision until such a final judicial determination was made.
- 22. Defendant engaged in the acts and/or omissions detailed in paragraph 21 in an intentional scheme to maliciously, oppressively and fraudulently deprive its vehicle for hire driver employees of the hourly minimum wages that were guaranteed to those employees by Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution. Defendant so acted in the hope that by the passage of time whatever rights such vehicle for hire employees had to such minimum hourly wages owed to them by the defendant would expire, in whole or in part, by operation of law. Defendant so acted consciously, willfully, and intentionally to deprive such vehicle for hire employees of any knowledge that they might be entitled to such minimum hourly wages, despite the defendant's obligation under Article 15, Section 16, of the Nevada Constitution to advise such vehicle for hire employees of their right to those minimum hourly wages. Defendant's malicious, oppressive and fraudulent conduct is also demonstrated by its failure to make any allowance to pay such minimum hourly wages if they were found to be due, such as through an escrow account, while seeking any judicial determination of its obligation to make those payments.
- 23. The named plaintiff seek all relief available to him and the alleged class under Nevada's Constitution, Article 15, Section 16 including appropriate injunctive and equitable relief to make the defendant cease its violations of Nevada's Constitution and a suitable award of punitive damages.
- 24. The named plaintiff on behalf of himself and the proposed plaintiff class members, seeks, on this First Claim for Relief, a judgment against the defendant for minimum wages owed since November 28, 2006 and continuing into the future, such sums

to be determined based upon an accounting of the hours worked by, and wages actually paid to, the plaintiff and the class members, a suitable injunction and other equitable relief barring the defendant from continuing to violate Nevada's Constitution, a suitable award of punitive damages, and an award of attorneys' fees, interest and costs, as provided for by Nevada's Constitution and other applicable laws.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES § 608.040 ON BEHALF OF THE NAMED PLAINTIFF AND THE PUTATIVE CLASS

- 25. Plaintiff repeats and reiterates each and every allegation previously made herein.
- 26. The named plaintiff brings this Second Claim for Relief against the defendant pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes § 608.040 on behalf of himself and the alleged class of all similarly situated employees of the defendant.
- 27. The named plaintiff has been separated from his employment with the defendant and at the time of such separation was owed unpaid wages by the defendant.
- 28. The defendant has failed and refused to pay the named plaintiff and numerous members of the putative plaintiff class who are the defendant's former employees their earned but unpaid wages, such conduct by such defendant constituting a violation of Nevada Revised Statutes § 608.020, or § 608.030 and giving such named plaintiff and similarly situated members of the putative class of plaintiff a claim against the defendant for a continuation after the termination of their employment with the defendant of the normal daily wages defendant would pay them, until such earned but unpaid wages are actually paid or for 30 days, whichever is less, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes § 608.040.
- 29. As a result of the foregoing, the named plaintiff seeks on behalf of himself and the similarly situated putative plaintiff class members a judgment against the defendant for the wages owed to him and such class members as prescribed by Nevada Revised Statutes § 608.040, to wit, for a sum equal to up to thirty days wages, along with interest, costs and attorneys' fees.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demand the relief on each cause of action as alleged

1	aforesaid.
2	Plaintiff demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.
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4	AFFIRMATION
5	Pursuant to NRS 239B.030
6	The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document, Complaint, does
7	not contain the social security number of any person.
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9	Dated this 15th day of January, 2015.
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IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CARSON CITY, STATE OF NEVADA

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2	ARTHUR SHATZ, ET AL				
3	Plaintiff,				
4	Case No:150C000081B vs.				
5	DOVI STREET INDIVIDUALLY				
6	ROY L. STREET, INDIVIDUALLY AND DOING BUSINESS AS CAPITAL CAB				
7	Defendant				
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9	Declaration of Service				
10	STATE OF NEWARA				
11	STATE OF NEVADA COUNTY OF WASHOE ss.:				
12	MIKE JONES, being duly sworn says: That at all times herein affiant was and is a citizen of the				
13	United States over 18 years of age, not a party to nor interested in the proceedings in which this affidavit is made.				
14	That affiant received copy(ies) of the SUMMONS; COMPLAINT, on 01/28/2015 and served the				
15	same on 02/11/2015 at 1:09 PM by delivering and leaving a copy with:				
16	ROY L. STREET, INDIVIDUALLY AND DOING BUSINESS AS CAPITAL CAB at POE: RENO SPARKS CAB CO, 475 GENTRY WAY, RENO, NV 89502				
17	A description of the Recipient, or other person served on behalf of the Recipient is as follows:				
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19	Male Caucasian Black/Gray 56 5ft 10in 161-170lbs				
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22	I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.				
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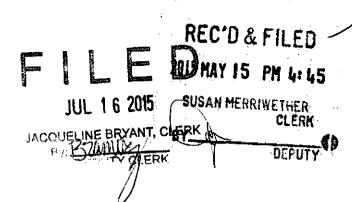
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IN AND FOR CARSON CITY

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Plaintiff.

VS.

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Defendant.

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ANSWER

Defendant Reno Cab Company, Inc., ("Defendant"), by and through its attorneys, Glogovac & Pintar, and in response to the Complaint filed in the abovecaptioned matter by Plaintiff, Jeff Myer ("Plaintiff"), admits, denies and avers as follows:

JURISDICTION, PARTIES AND PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 1, Defendant denies that Plaintiff was an employee of Defendant. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 1.

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- 2. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 2, Defendant admits that Reno Cab Company, Inc., is a Nevada corporation with its principle office being in Reno, Nevada.
- 3. Defendant avers that the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 are vague and non-specific, and thus, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the same.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 4. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 4. To the extent that a response is required, Defendant denies the allegations therein.
- 5. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 5, Defendant asserts that the allegations contain legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 assert facts, Defendant denies the allegations therein.
- 6. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 6, Defendant asserts that the allegations contain legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 assert facts, Defendant denies that Plaintiff was ever employed by Defendant. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 6.
- 7. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph 7. To the extent that a response is required, Defendant denies the allegations therein.
 - 8. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 8.
 - 9. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 9.
 - 10. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 10.
 - 11. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 11.
 - 12. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 12, Defendant

asserts that the allegations contain legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 assert facts, Defendant denies the allegations therein.

13. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 13.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 14. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 14, Defendant avers that Plaintiff was an independent contractor who leased a taxicab from Defendant pursuant to a lease agreement. Defendant further avers that Defendant is regulated by the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA") and that Defendant's lease agreement with Plaintiff was specifically ratified and approved by the NTA. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 14 not admitted.
 - 15. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 15.
- 16. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 16, Defendant admits that it has standardized policies and procedures governing the operation and lease of its taxicabs. Said policies and procedures being regulated by the NTA. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 16 not admitted.
- 17. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 17, Defendant asserts that the allegations contain legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 assert facts, Defendant denies the allegations therein.
- 18. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 18, Defendant asserts that the allegations contain legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent that the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 assert facts, Defendant denies the allegations therein.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

19. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 19, Defendant incorporates by reference and restates its prior admissions, denials and/or averments to Paragraphs 1 through 18 as if fully set forth herein.

- 20. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 20.
- 21. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 21.
- 22. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 22.
- 23. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 23.
- 24. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 24.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

- 25. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 25, Defendant incorporates by reference and restates its prior admissions, denials and/or averments to Paragraphs 1 through 24 as if fully set forth herein.
- 26. In reference to the allegations contained in Paragraph 26, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the same. To the extent that a response is required, Defendant denies the allegations therein.
- 27. The allegations contained in Paragraph 27, Defendant denies the allegations therein.
 - 28. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 28, Defendant.
 - 29. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 29.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 1. Plaintiff's Complaint against this Answering Defendant fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
 - 2. Plaintiff lacks standing to bring this claim.
- 3. Plaintiff has failed to exhaust his administrative, statutory, arbitration and/or contractual remedies.
- 4. Assuming *arguendo* there is a minimum wage violation, Defendant at all times had a good faith and reasonable belief that it had compensated Plaintiff in accordance with the law.
- 5. Any alleged violation of the law by Defendant was not willful and was based on existing law.
 - 6. Plaintiff is exempt from compensation for minimum wage and/or

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overtime under 29 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.*, including but not limited to, the administrative, professional, executive, and creative professional exemptions.

- 7. Pursuant to NRS 706.473, Plaintiff was an independent contractor.
- 8. That the lease agreement entered into with Plaintiff complied with all regulations authorized by NRS 706.475, and therefore, Plaintiff was an independent contractor as a matter of law.
- 9. There exists a bona fide dispute as to whether any further compensation is actually due to Plaintiff and, if so, the amount thereof.
- 10. Plaintiff was never entitled to the monies to which he asserts a right in the Complaint.
- 11. Assuming Plaintiff is entitled to any back pay, Defendant is entitled to a credit for or set off against amounts overpaid to Plaintiff in the course of his employment. This credit or set off includes, but is not limited to, amounts erroneously overpaid to Plaintiff.
- 12. The damages Plaintiff requests must be reduced by virtue of Plaintiff's failure to mitigate those damages.
- 13. To the extent that Plaintiff claims to appear in a representative capacity, Plaintiff was not similarly situated to any other employee that he seeks to represent. No community of interest exists between Plaintiff and any allegedly similar situated individual, and representative treatment is neither a superior nor a suitable means of adjudicating claims alleged in the Complaint.
- 14. Plaintiffs' claims are precluded by the applicable statute of limitations and/or laches.
- 15. Plaintiff has failed to state his claim for special damages with the requisite specificity.
- 16. Defendant alleges that Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of laches.
 - 17. Defendant alleges that Plaintiff's claims are barred by discharge in

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1	bankruptcy.
2	18. The imposition of statutory minimum wages in this matter would
3	violate Defendant's Eighth Amendment protection against excessive fines.
4	19. Punitive damages sought by Plaintiffs, if any, are barred by the
5	Constitution of the United States and by equivalent protections provided by the
6	Constitutions of Nevada and other states.
7	20. Punitive damages sought by Plaintiffs, if any, are not recoverable
8	under applicable Nevada state law.
9	21. Because the Complaint is couched in conclusory and vague terms,
10	Defendant cannot fully anticipate all affirmative defenses that may be applicable to this
11	case. Accordingly, Defendant hereby reserves the right to assert additional affirmative
12	defenses.
13	PRAYER FOR RELIEF
14	Based upon the foregoing, Defendant respectfully requests the following relief:
15	1. That Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed with prejudice and that Plaintiff
16	take nothing thereby as against Defendant.
17	2. For costs of suit and attorney's fees to the extent allowed by law; and
18	3. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.
19	AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030
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21	The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document does not
22	contain the social security number of any person.
23	DATED this 15 th day of May, 2015.
24	GLOGOVAC & PINTAR
25	Ву:
26	MICHAEL A. PUMTAR, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 003789
27	Attorneys for Defendant
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the law offices of Glogovac & Pintar, 427 West Plumb Lane, Reno, NV 89509, and that on the 15th day of May, 2015, I served the foregoing document(s) described as follows:

ANSWER

On the party(s) set forth below by:

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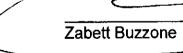
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Leon Greenburg, Esq. Leon Greenburg Professional Corporation 2965 South Jones Blvd., Suite E3 Las Vegas, NV 89146

Dated this 15th day of May, 2015.





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- 2. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 2, Defendant admits that Roy L. Street is a resident of Washoe County, Nevada. Defendant avers that the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 2 are vague and non-specific, and thus, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations not admitted.
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 - 9. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 9.

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- 10. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 10.
- 11. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 11.
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DATED this 15th day of May, 2015.

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Ву:

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STIPULATION AND ORDER TO CHANGE VENUE

The parties to this action, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate and agree to change the venue of the above-entitled action from the First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in and for Carson City, to the Second Judicial District Court, in and for the County of Washoe.

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AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

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3	The undersigned does hereby affirm that the preceding document,
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5	contain the social security number of any person.
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10	Curtis B Coulter, Esq. Andrew C/Joy, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff Attorneys for Defendant
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16	By: V Leon Greenberg, Esq.
17	Attorneys for Plaintiff
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19	It is hereby Ordered that the above entitled action be transferred from the First
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The document to which this certificate is attached is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in my office.

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Susap Merriwether, City Clerk and Clerk of the First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in and for Carson City.

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE JEFF MYERS, individually and on behalf of

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

Case No.

CV15-01359

Dept. No.

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PRETRIAL ORDER

The procedures described in this pretrial order are designed to secure a just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of this case. If any party believes a procedure required by this order will not achieve these ends, that party should seek an immediate conference among all parties and this Court so an alternative order may be discussed. Otherwise, failure to comply with the provisions in this order may result in the imposition of sanctions, which may include, but are not limited to, dismissal of the action or entry of a default. All references to "counsel" include self-represented litigants.

I. TRIAL SETTING

Unless the parties have already done so, counsel for the parties shall set trial no later than 10 days after entry of this order. Please contact the Department Eight Judicial Assistant, Christine Kuhl, at (775) 328-3166 to schedule a setting appointment. Plaintiff's counsel shall prepare the Application for Setting form. The sections regarding juries only apply if a jury trial is requested.

- A. **Early Pretrial and Scheduling Conference.** No later than 10 days after entry of this Order and simultaneously with the trial setting appointment if the trial has not already been set, counsel for the parties shall set a pretrial scheduling conference, to be held within 60 days.
- 1. <u>Purpose.</u> The pretrial scheduling conference provides the parties with an opportunity to meet directly with the Court in an effort to facilitate the purposes identified at NRCP 16(a), present suggestions regarding the matters identified at NRCP 16(c), and address disputes or problems arising out of the early case conference.
- 2. <u>Required Attendance</u>. Lead trial counsel for all parties, as well as all unrepresented parties, must attend the pretrial scheduling conference.
- 3. <u>Stipulation to Vacate Conference</u>. The parties may stipulate to vacate the pretrial scheduling conference and the Court will order the same if the Court is provided with a written stipulation stating the agreement of <u>all</u> parties that an early pretrial scheduling conference is not warranted, <u>and</u> including a stipulated scheduling order for entry in this case. The stipulated scheduling order must specify deadlines, using calendar dates, that comply with the provisions of NRCP 16.1(a) and (c) for:
 - (a) filing motions to amend the pleadings or to add parties;
 - (b) making initial expert disclosures;
 - (c) making rebuttal expert disclosures;
 - (d) completing discovery proceedings; and
 - (e) filing dispositive motions.
- The stipulated scheduling order also must specify a calendar date by which all pretrial motions, including dispositive motions and motions limiting an expert's testimony, must be <u>submitted</u> for decision, which must be no later than 30 calendar days before trial.

- B. **Interim Pretrial Conferences.** This Court is available to meet with the parties whenever the parties agree a meeting would be beneficial. This Court may also order one or more pretrial conferences sua sponte or upon motion by any party.
- C. **Final Pretrial Conference.** At the same time trial is scheduled, the parties must also schedule the date for a final pretrial conference, to be held no later than 30 days¹ prior to trial.
- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. The conference is intended to develop a plan for trial, including a protocol for facilitating the admission of evidence and to address any trial-related disputes, needs, or requests.
 - 2. <u>Required Attendance</u>. This conference must be attended by:
 - (a) the attorneys who will try the case;
 - (b) the parties, which includes an authorizedrepresentative of any party that is an entity; and
 - (c) any unrepresented parties.
- 3. <u>Use of Equipment at Trial</u>. At the final pretrial conference, counsel must advise the Court fully with respect to the following matters:
 - (a) the equipment to be used during trial;
 - (b) the presentation software to be used during trial, and whether each party is able to receive and use digital files of presentation materials prepared by another;
 - (c) any expected use of videoconferencing; and
 - (d) the reliability and positioning for any equipment to be brought to the courtroom.
 - D. **Personal Appearance Required at all conferences.** Counsel's personal appearance is required at all conferences, except upon prior approval of the Court.

- A. Consultation Before Discovery Motion Practice. Prior to filing any discovery motion, the attorney for the moving party must consult with opposing counsel about the disputed issues. Counsel for each side must present to each other the merits of their respective positions with the same candor, specificity, and supporting material as would be used in connection with a discovery motion. The Parties are reminded that the Discovery Commissioner is available to address some disputes telephonically.
- B. **Discovery Hearings.** Discovery motions typically are resolved without the need for oral argument. However, if both sides desire a dispute resolution conference pursuant to NRCP 16.l(d), counsel must contact the Discovery Commissioner's office at (775) 328-3293 to obtain a convenient date and time for the conference. If the parties cannot agree upon the need for a conference, the party seeking the conference must file and submit a motion in that regard.
- C. **Effect of Trial Continuance.** A continuance of trial does <u>not</u> extend the deadline for completing discovery. A request for an extension of the discovery deadline, if needed, must be made separately or included as part of any motion for continuance of trial. The parties may include an agreement to extend discovery in a stipulation to continue trial presented for court order.
- D. **Computer Animations.** If any party intends to offer a computer-generated animation either as an evidentiary exhibit or an illustrative aid, that party must disclose that intention when expert disclosures are made pursuant to NRCP 16.1(a)(2). A copy of the animation must be furnished to all other parties no later than thirty days prior to trial. Disclosure of the animation includes copies of the underlying digital files as well as of the completed animation.

IV. SETTLEMENT AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

A. **Notice of Settlement.** In the event that this case is settled prior to trial, the parties must promptly notify the department Judicial Assistant.

 B. Settlement Conference or Alternative Dispute Resolution. This Court may order, upon a party's request or sua sponte, that the parties and their attorneys 1) meet in person with a judge other than the presiding judge in this case and attempt to settle the case, or 2) participate in mediation or some other appropriate form of alternative dispute resolution in an effort to resolve this case prior to trial.

V. TRIAL-RELATED PROCEDURES

- A. **Motions in Limine.** All motions in limine, except motions in limine to exclude an expert's testimony, must be <u>submitted for decision</u> no later than 15 calendar days before trial.
- B. **Exhibits.** Trial counsel for the parties shall contact the Department Eight Courtroom Clerk, Sandra Garcia, at (775) 328-3145, no later than 10 judicial days before trial, to arrange a date and time to mark trial exhibits. In no event shall the marking of exhibits take place later than the Monday before trial, without leave of the Court.
- 1. Marking and Objections. All exhibits shall be marked in one numbered series (Exhibit 1, 2, 3, etc.) and placed in one or more binders provided by counsel, unless the Court permits a different procedure. When marking the exhibits with the clerk, counsel shall advise the clerk of all exhibits which may be admitted without objection, and those that may be admissible subject to objections. Any exhibits not timely submitted to opposing counsel and the clerk -may not be offered or referenced during the trial, without leave of the Court.
- 2. <u>Copies</u>. Counsel must cooperate to insure that three identical sets of exhibits—one for the Court, one for the clerk to be used for trial, and one for the testifying witnesses—are provided to the Court.
- 3. <u>Custody of Exhibits</u>. After trial, Exhibits marked by the clerk, will remain in the custody of the clerk.
- Demonstrative Exhibits. Demonstrative Exhibits must be disclosed to counsel within a reasonable period before their use to permit appropriate objections, if any.

- C. **Trial Statements.** Trial Statements must conform to WDCR 5. Trial Statements must be filed and served no later than 5:00 p.m. five calendar days before trial. They must be served upon other parties by e-filing, personal delivery, fax, or email.
- D. **Jury Instructions and Verdict Forms.** All proposed jury instructions and verdict forms must be submitted to the Court no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before trial.²
- 1. <u>Format</u>. All original jury instructions must be accompanied by a <u>separate</u> copy of each instruction containing a citation to the form instruction or to the authority supporting that instruction. All modifications made to instructions taken from statutory authority must be separately underscored on the citation page.
- 2. <u>Exchange</u>. The parties must exchange all proposed jury instructions and verdict forms no later than seven calendar days before trial.
- 3. Agreement and Submission. The parties must confer regarding the proposed jury instructions and verdict forms before they are submitted to the Court and shall use their best efforts to stipulate to uncontested instructions. All undisputed instructions and verdict forms must be submitted jointly to the Court; the parties must separately submit any disputed instructions and verdict forms.
- 4. <u>Disputes and Additional Instructions</u>. After commencement of the trial, the Court will meet with counsel to determine the jury instructions and verdict forms that will be used. At that time, the Court will resolve all disputes over instructions and verdict forms, and consider the need for any additional instructions which were not foreseen prior to trial.
- E. **Juror Notes and Questions.** Jurors will be permitted to take notes during trial. Jurors will be permitted to submit questions in writing during trial; however, juror questions will be asked only after the questions are reviewed by counsel and approved by the Court.

² See WDCR 7(8).

- F. **Use of Electronically Recorded Depositions.** No depositions recorded by other than stenographic means may be edited until the Court rules on objections. If such a recording is to be used at trial, it must be edited to eliminate cumulative testimony and to present only matters that are relevant and material.
- G. **Evidentiary Rulings.** Every witness that counsel intends to call at trial must be informed about any rulings that restrict or limit testimony or evidence (e.g., rulings on motions in limine) to inform them that they may not offer or mention any evidence that is subject to that ruling.
- H. **Examination Limits.** Absent extraordinary circumstances, counsel will be given the opportunity for one re-direct and one re-cross examination.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. <u>Civility.</u> The use of language which characterizes the conduct, arguments or ethics of another is to be avoided unless relevant to a motion or proceeding before the Court. In the appropriate case, the Court will upon motion or <u>sua sponte</u>, consider sanctions, including monetary penalties and/or striking the pleading or document in which such improprieties appear, and may order any other suitable measure the Court deems to be justified. This section of this Order includes, but is not limited to, written material exchanged between counsel, briefs or other written materials submitted to the Court, and conduct at depositions, hearings, trial or meetings with the Court.
- B. Communication with Department. In addition to communication by telephone, letter, or fax, counsel may communicate with Department Eight by e-mailing the Judicial Assistant, Christine Kuhl (Christine.Kuhl@washoecourts.us) or the Court Clerk, Sandra Garcia (Sandra.Garcia@washoecourts.us) All written communications must be copied to all opposing counsel and unrepresented litigants.
- C. **Page Limits.** Legal memoranda submitted in support of any motion may not exceed 20 pages in length; opposition memoranda may not exceed 20 pages in length; and reply memoranda may not exceed 10 pages in length. These limitations are exclusive of exhibits. A party may file a memorandum that exceeds these limits by five pages, so long

as it is filed with a certification of counsel that good cause existed to exceed the standard page limits and the reasons therefore. Briefs in excess of five pages over these limits may only be filed with <u>prior</u> leave of the Court, upon a showing of good cause.

- D. **Request for Accommodation or Interpreter.** Counsel must notify the Court as early as possible of any reasonable accommodation needed because of a disability or the need for an interpreter.
- E. **Etiquette and Decorum.** Counsel must at all times adhere to professional standards of courtroom etiquette and decorum, including but not limited to the following:
 - Counsel may not use speaking objections
 - Counsel must stand when speaking
 - Counsel may not address each other during their respective arguments
 - Counsel must be punctual
 - Counsel must be prepared

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: This ______ day of August 2015.

LIDIA S. STIGLICH

District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Washoe; and that on this date I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

Leon Greenberg, Esq. Curtis Coulter, Esq. Andrew Joy, Esq. Michael Pinter, Esq.

Further, I certify that I deposited in the county mailing system for postage and mailing with the U.S. Postal Service in Reno, Nevada, a true copy of the foregoing addressed to:

DATED this ______day of August 2015.

CHRISTINE KUHL Judicial Assistant

2016-09-30 01:34:42 PM \$2200 1 Jacqueline Bryant Mark G. Simons, Esq., NSB No. 5132 Clerk of the Court Therese M. Shanks, Esq., NSB No.12890 Transaction # 5735231 : rkwatkin 2 ROBISON, BELAUSTEGUI, SHARP & LOW 3 71 Washington Street Reno, Nevada 89503 (775) 329-3151 Telephone: 4 Facsimile: (775) 329-7169 Email: msimons@rbsllaw.com and 5 tshanks@rbsllaw.com 6 Attorneys for Reno Cab Company, Inc. 7 8 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA 9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE 10 JEFF MYERS, individually and on behalf of 11 CASE NO.: CV15-01359 others similarly situated. 12 CASE NO.: CV15-01385 Plaintiff. 13 VS. 14 DEPT. NO.: 8 RENO CAB COMPANY, INC., 15 Defendant. 16 AND RELATED MATTERS. 17 18 MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT 19 Reno Cab Company, Inc. ("Reno Cab"), by and through its attorneys of Robison, 20 Belaustegui, Sharp & Low, hereby moves this Court for summary judgment. This motion 21 is made pursuant to NRCP 56(c), and is based upon the attached memorandum of 22 points and authorities, exhibits and affidavits, and the pleadings and papers on file 23 herein. 24 DATED this 2 day of September, 2016. 25 ROBISON, BELAUSTEGUI, SHARP & LOW 71 Washington Street 26 Reno, Nevada 895/03 27 By: (Mark G. Simons, Esq., NSB No. 5132 28

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. BACKGROUND OF CASE.

This case is about an independent contractor wanting to claim that he was an employee so that he can receive more money. While the plaintiff's motivation is not unusual, this case does involve a unique statutory enactment that is separately carved out for taxicab drivers, such as Myers, to be deemed an independent contractor. See NRS 706.473. In addition, this case involves the application of NRS 608.0155 which creates a **conclusive presumption** that Myers is an independent contractor. As will be discussed herein, Myers has asserted claims based upon Nevada law and his claims are barred by the parole evidence rule, as well as NRS 706.473's and NRS 608.0155's provisions.

II. THE APPLICATION OF NEVADA LAW.

This case involves the application the Nevada's Supreme Court's decision in Kaldi v. Farmers Ins. Exch., 117 Nev. 273, 21 P.3d 16 (2001). In addition, NRS 706.473 codifies the independent contractor relationship with a taxi cab company. As a follow-up analysis, NRS 608.0155 implements an aggressive independent contractor determination by instructing the Court to look at a number of easily identifiable factors. If the basic factors are present, such as in this case, the Court is to apply the conclusive presumption that the worker is an independent contractor.

III. STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED FACTS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION.

1. Myers leased a taxi cab from Reno Cab pursuant to a Taxicab Lease

Agreement (the "Lease"). A copy of the Lease is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. See

¹ See Exhibit 2, Affidavit of Robin Street ("Street Aff.") at ¶4.

also Exhibit 3, Plaintiff's Resp. to Req. for Ad., (hereinafter "Admission"), No. 1.2

- 2. Myers read, initialed each page and signed the Lease. Exh. 1; Exh. 3 Admission, Nos. 2-4.
- 3. Myers admits that the Lease clearly identifies his relationship with Reno Cab as an independent contractor relationship.³ Exh. 3, Admission, No. 11.
- 4. Myers admits that he was an independent contractor under his contract with Reno Cab. Comp., ¶15 ("the plaintiff was treated as an 'independent contractor' by the defendant . . .").
- 5. Myers also confirmed that the Lease defined the parties' relationship and he "expected the terms of his compensation . . . to be controlled by the [Lease]." Exh. 3, Admission, No. 5.
- 6. Myers obtained his own driver's license, social security number, chauffeur's license, police card and medical review report in order to satisfy his obligations under the Lease as an independent contractor. Exh. 3, Admission No. 15. These licenses and permits are all imposed upon an independent contractor who desires to be a taxi cab driver pursuant to Nevada law. See NAC 706.3751(1)(a) & (c).
 - 7. Copies of Myers licenses and permits are attached hereto as Exhibit 4.4
- 8. When Myers entered into his Lease with Reno Cab, Myers was fully aware that other individuals were also leasing taxicabs from Reno Cab as independent contractors. Exh. 3, Admission, No. 24.
 - 9. Myers admits that the Lease clearly and unambiguously states that Reno

² Exh. 2, Street Aff., at ¶5.

³ Yee v. Weiss,110 Nev. 657, 662, 877 P.2d 510, 513 (Nev. 1994) ("Courts have consistently held that one is bound by any document one signs").

⁴ Exh. 2, Street Aff., at ¶6.

Cab did not interfere with or control any aspect of his work performance. Exh. 1, Lease, ¶10.

- 10. In addition to Myers' admission, the evidence is undisputed that Reno Cab did not control any aspect of the following work performed by Myers such as the following.
 - a. when Myers wanted to lease a cab,
 - b. how long Myers wanted to lease a cab (other than restricting the lease to 12 hours pursuant to statute)⁵:
 - what fares Myers could pick up or decline: C.
 - d. where to drive and/or stay while not transporting a fare:
 - what routes Myers could select to transport or locate fares; e.
 - f. what customers and/or locations to target for obtaining fares:
 - g. what to wear;
 - h. what to say or how to act to enhance "tip" potential.

Exh. 2, Street Aff., at ¶7.

- Myers also had the ability to hire someone to assist him to perform his 11. independent contractor duties. Exh. 1, Lease, ¶19, Exh. 2, ¶8.
- 12. Myers was also not required to work solely for Reno Cab. Exh. 2, Street Aff., at ¶9. In fact, Myers admits that he earned income from other sources during the period he was an independent contractor. See Exhibit 5, Myers' Response to Reno Cab's First Set of Interrogatories ("Int. Ans."), No. 18 (Myers affirmatively states that he will not produce information relating to his other sources of income derived from working

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⁵ See NAC 706.3761 (taxi cab drivers cannot work a shift longer than 12 hours as a matter of law).

during the time period he was an independent contractor with Reno Cab.).6

- 13. Myers' income was based upon the effort Myers expended in performing his work and had no relationship to any activity and or inactivity of Reno Cab. Exh. 2, Street Aff., at ¶11.
- 14. Myers had to pay for any liabilities caused by his own operation of the taxicab, such as payment for traffic tickets, parking tickets, and/or repairs or damages caused to the taxicab. Exh. 1, Lease, ¶9.

IV. ARGUMENT.

A. NRCP 56 STANDARD.

In <u>Wood v. Safeway, Inc.</u>, 121 Nev. 724, 729-32, 121 P.3d 1026, 1029-31 (2005), the Nevada Supreme Court clarified its summary judgment jurisprudence by adopting the standards set forth in the United States Supreme Court's trilogy of cases styled <u>Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. v. Zenith Radio</u>, 475 U.S. 574 (1986), <u>Anderson v. Liberty Lobby. Inc.</u>, 477 U.S. 242 (1986), and <u>Celotex Corp. v. Catrett</u>, 477 U.S. 317 (1986). Those cases teach that "Rule 56 should not be regarded as a 'disfavored procedural shortcut' but instead 'as an integral part of the [rules of civil procedure] as a whole, which are designated to secure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every action." <u>Wood</u>, 121 Nev. at 730.

Summary judgment is proper whenever "the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issues as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law." NRCP 56. "To successfully oppose a motion for summary judgment, the non-moving party must show specific facts, rather than general allegations and conclusions, presenting a genuine issue of material fact for trial." LaMantia v.

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⁶ Street Aff., at ¶10.

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Of note, "[t]he substantive law controls which factual disputes are *material*," not the party opposing summary judgment. <u>Wood</u>, 121 Nev. at 731, 121 P.3d at 1031 (emphasis added). Finally, the non-moving party, the opposing party may not build its case on the "gossamer threads of whimsy, speculation and conjecture." <u>Id</u>. at 731, 121 P.3d at 1030 (footnote and citations omitted).

B. AS A MATTER OF LAW MYERS WAS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

When the terms of a written contract are unambiguous, the Court is charged with enforcing the contract as written. Davis v. Beling, 128 Nev. Adv. Op. 28, 278 P.3d 501, 515 (2012) ("the initial focus is on whether the language of the contract is clear and unambiguous; if it is, the contract will be enforced as written."). In addition, when the terms of a written contract are unambiguous, the interpretation and enforcement of the contract is an issue of law. Galardi v. Naples Polaris, LLC, 129 Nev. Adv. Op. 33, 301 P.3d 364, 366 (2013) ("contract interpretation presents a question of law that the district court may decide on summary judgment"). Here, the Court must enforce the terms of the Lease and grant summary judgment as requested.

The Lease clearly states that Myers is an independent contractor. The clear and unambiguous language of the Lease states: "LESSEE is an independent contractor." Exh. 1, Lease, ¶10 emphasis added. The Lease further states that nothing contained in the Lease creates an employer-employee relationship as follows:

[Reno Cab] and [Myers] acknowledge and agree that there does not exist between them the relationship of employer and employee . . . either express or implied, but that the relationship of the parties is strictly that of lessor and lessee

Exh. 1, Lease, ¶10 (emphasis added). Because the foregoing language is clear and unambiguous that Myers was an independent contractor and not an employee, Myers'

complaint fails and summary judgment must be granted as requested.

In an almost identical factual scenario, in <u>Kaldi v. Farmers Ins. Exch.</u>, 117 Nev. 273, 278–79, 21 P.3d 16, 19–20 (2001), a plaintiff brought suit contending that he was an employee even though he had a written contract stating he was **not** an employee. In granting summary judgment for the defendant, the Court held as follows:

Kaldi contends that his exclusive agency arrangement with Farmers created **20 an employer-employee relationship between himself and the companies. The plain language of the Agreement does not support Kaldi's assertion. "It has long been the policy in Nevada that absent some countervailing reason, contracts will be construed from the written language and enforced as written." Here, provision "I" of the agreement specifically states that Kaldi is not an employee of Farmers and that nothing in the Agreement is intended to create an employee/employer relationship. . . . As the Agreement unambiguously provides that Kaldi was an independent contractor, not an employee, we reject his argument that it created an employment relationship.

<u>Id</u>. (emphasis added) (citations omitted). The <u>Kaldi</u> Court then affirmed the trial court's dismissal of the plaintiff's complaint. <u>Id</u>. at 23.

As in <u>Kaldi</u>, the parties' contract states that Myers is an independent contractor and not an employee. Therefore, based upon the clear language of the Lease and based upon the controlling precedence established in <u>Kaldi</u>, this Court must grant summary judgment as requested.

C. THE PAROLE EVIDENCE RULE BARS ANY ATTEMPT BY MYERS TO CONTRADICT THE EXPRESS TERMS OF THE LEASE.

In addition to the foregoing, Nevada's parole evidence rule bars any attempt by Myers to contradict the clear and unambiguous term in the Lease that he was an independent contractor. For more than a century, the Nevada Supreme Court has held that parol evidence is inadmissible "[w]hen parties reduce a contract to writing, all prior oral negotiations and agreements are merged in the writing, and the instrument must be treated as containing the whole contract, and parol [evidence] is not admissible to alter

its terms." Gage v. Phillips, 21 Nev. 150, 26 P. 60, 61 (1891). Thus, where a written contract is clear and unambiguous on its face, the terms of the agreement must be construed from the language within the contract. Southern Trust Mortg. Co. v. K&B Door Co., Inc., 104 Nev. 564, 568, 763 P.2d 353, 355 (1988). Courts are also not at liberty to insert or disregard words in a contract. Royal Indem. Co. v. Special Serv. Supply Co., 82 Nev. 148, 413 P.2d 500, 502 (1966) ("Every word must be given effect"). Finally, ""[t]he parole evidence rule forbids the reception of evidence which would vary or contradict the contract" Kaldi v. Farmers Ins. Exch., 117 Nev. 273, 281, 21 P.3d 16, 21 (2001) (citation omitted); Lowden Inv. Co. v. Gen. Elec. Credit Co., 103 Nev. 374, 379, 741 P.2d 806, 809 (1987) ("[p]arol evidence is not admissible to vary or contradict the terms of a written agreement.").

Because the Lease clearly and unambiguously states Myers was an independent contractor, Myers is barred from attempting to contradict the terms of the Lease because the parol evidence rule bars any such attempt. See also Sandy Valley Assocs. v. Sky Ranch Estates Owners Assoc., 35 P.3d 964, 967-968 (Nev. 2001) ("Parol evidence is not admissible to vary or contradict the clear and unambiguous terms of a written agreement." (receded from on other ground in Horgan v. Felton, 123 Nev. 577, 170 P.3d 982 (2007)).

D. NRS 706.473 ESTABLISHES INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP FOR TAXICAB DRIVERS.

In addition to the foregoing grounds for granting summary judgment, taxicab companies are governed by NRS Chapter 706. NRS 706.473(1) permits a taxicab operator to "lease a taxicab to an independent contractor." Specifically, NRS 706.473 states in relevant part as follows:

1. ... a person who holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity which was issued for the operation of a taxicab business may, upon approval from the authority, lease

a taxicab to an independent contractor who does not hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity. . . .

2. A person who enters into a lease agreement with an independent contractor pursuant to this section shall submit a copy of the agreement to the authority for its approval. . . .

In the present case, Reno Cab holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity that was issued for the operations of a taxi cab business. Exh. 1, Lease, First Whereas Clause ("[Reno Cab] is an intrastate common motor carrier operating under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity CPCN 1025 issued by the Nevada Transportation Authority").

Reno Cab submitted its independent contractor lease agreement to the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA") for approval pursuant to the provisions of NRS 706.472(1). Exh. 2, Street Aff., at ¶12. The NTA approved Reno Cab's independent contractor lease agreement. <u>Id</u>. at ¶13. Accordingly, Reno Cab has complied with the provisions of NRS 706.473 and obtained the NTA's approval and validation of the independent contractor contract by and between it and Myers.

This statutorily based independent contractor status was discussed by the Nevada Supreme Court in Yellow Cab of Reno, Inc. v. Second Judicial Dist. Court of State ex rel. Cty. of Washoe, 127 Nev. 583, 592, 262 P.3d 699, 704 (2011). The Nevada Supreme Court specifically recognized that NRS 706.473's provisions applied to independent contractors who comply with the requirements of NRS 706.475's provisions. In rendering its decision, the Yellow Cab Court stated that the appropriate analysis for determining the independent contractor relationship under this statutory scheme was not the control exercised by the alleged employer but whether the statutory criteria for the independent contractor relationship was established. Specifically, the Nevada Supreme Court held:

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As Yellow Cab points out . . . NRS 706.473 specifically authorizes the licensing of a taxicab to an independent contractor if the requirements of that statute and any administrative regulations promulgated in accordance with NRS 706.475 are met. Thus, under the statutory scheme, the existence of this statutorily created independent contractor relationship turns not on the issue of control, but on whether all of the statutory and administrative requirements for creating such an independent contractor relationship have been satisfied.

<u>Id.</u> (emphasis added). In the present case, the undisputed facts establish that the requirements have been met and summary judgment must be granted.

NRS 706.473 requires Reno Cab to obtain the approval of its independent contractor agreement from the NTA. Reno Cab did so and the NTA approved its independent contractor agreement. Thereafter, NRS 706.475(2)(a) states that the NTA shall adopt regulations that establish "[t]he minimum qualifications for an independent contractor" who seeks to lease a taxi cab. In conformance with this statute, NAC 706.3751 details the minimum requirements an independent contractor must have in order to lease a taxi cab under the NTA approved independent contractor agreement. Those requirements include a valid driver's license, a valid driver's permit, a medical report attesting to the physical abilities to operate a taxi cab and a copy of the independent contractor's driving record. See NAC 706.3751(1)(a), (b) and (c). Myers obtained each of these items and provided them to Reno Cab in order to enter into his independent contractor relationship with Reno Cab. Exh. 1, Lease ¶17 (detailing Myers' obligations to provide the foregoing documents required by NAC 706.3751); see also SOF, ¶¶6-7.

Based upon the foregoing, there is no need for the Court or the parties to inquire further into the control or lack thereof by Reno Cab over Myers' work. This is because the Nevada Supreme Court has held all that is required is an analysis of whether the statutory provisions have been complied with to establish "the existence of this statutorily

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created independent contractor relationship" As shown, the relevant facts are undisputed and NRS 706.473's statutory provisions are fully satisfied, and therefore, summary judgment must again be granted in Reno Cab's favor as requested because Myers is an independent contractor as a matter of statutory law.

E. NRS 608.0155 CONCLUSIVELY ESTABLISHES INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP.

Even if this Court ignored the language of the Lease, ignored the Nevada Supreme Court's decision in <u>Haldi</u>, did not apply NRS 706's provisions and ignored the Nevada Supreme Court's analysis in <u>Yellow Cab</u>, Myers complaint still fails because of NRS 608.0155's provisions. NRS 608.0155 creates a conclusive presumption of independent contractor status when a number of easily identifiable criteria are met. Specifically, NRS 608.0155 states in this regard as follows:

- 1. . . . [A] person is conclusively presumed to be an independent contractor if:
 - (a) the person possesses or has applied for a[] ... social security number;
 - (b) the person is required by the contract with the principal to hold any necessary state business registration or local business license and to maintain any necessary occupational license . . . ; and
 - (c) The person satisfies three or more of the following criteria:
 - (1) Notwithstanding the exercise of any control necessary to comply with any statutory, regulatory or contractual obligations, the person has control and discretion over the means and manner of the performance of any work and the result of the work, rather than the means or manner by which the work is performed, is the primary element bargained for by the principal in the contract.
 - (2) Except for an agreement with the principal relating to the completion schedule, range of work hours or, if the work contracted for is entertainment, the time such

entertainment is to be presented, the person has control over the time the work is performed.

- (3) The person is not required to work exclusively for one principal . . .
- (4) The person is free to hire employees to assist with the work.

. . .

An analysis of the foregoing criteria demonstrates that, again as a matter of law, Myers is conclusively deemed an independent contractor.

To place NRS 608.0155's provisions in context, this statute was enacted in 2015 in response to the Nevada Supreme Court's 2014 decision on Terry v. Sapphire

Gentlemen's Club, 336 P.3d 951 (Nev. 2014), wherein the Court implemented the "economic realities" test to determine if a worker was an employee or an independent contractor under Nevada law. This foregoing test was based upon considerations of federal law.

After the Court's 2014 ruling in <u>Sapphire Club</u>, Nevada's 78th Legislative Session enacted SB 224 which superseded the economic realities test for claims arising upon Nevada law. SB 224 was codified at NRS 608.0155.⁷ NRS 608.0155's provisions reaffirm Nevada's commitment to honoring the independent contractor relationship. In addition, NRS 608.0155's provisions send a clear signal to the Courts that, as a matter of law, certain workers are conclusively deemed independent contractors when certain factors are established. Again, as will be discussed below, NRS 608.0155's aggressive approach instructs the Court to look at a number of easily identifiable factors.

⁷ In addition, SB 224 amended NR 608.255 to include that an independent contractor relationship does not constitute and employment relationship and, as such, is exempt from Article 15, Section 16's provisions. <u>See</u> NRS 608.255(3). Further, NRS 608.255(7) was clarified to state that the provisions of 608.0155 apply immediately to any pending or future action in which a final decision has not been rendered.

As part of the enactment of NRS 608.0155's provisions, the Nevada Legislature also amended NRS 608.255(3) to state that as a matter of law, the "relationship between a principal and an independent contractor" does not give rise to an employment relationship and such relationship is not subject to any "statutory or constitutional provision governing the minimum wage paid to an employee" (Emphasis added). Therefore, because Myers is an independent contractor, he has no statutory or constitutional right to receive payment as an employee from Reno Cab.

1. NRS 608.0155(1)(a): Social Security Number.

NRS 608.0155(1)(a) states that if the worker has their own social security number then this factor is conclusively satisfied. Myers obtained his own social security number. See SOF ¶6, and Exh. 3, Admission No. 15. Accordingly, this factor conclusively establishes the independent contractor presumption.

2. NRS 608.0155(1)(b): LICENSES & PERMITS.

NRS 608.0155(1)(b) states that if the worker has obtained their own licenses and permits to perform the work, then this factor is conclusively satisfied. Myers obtained his own driver's license, chauffeur's license, police card and medical report to conduct the work. See SOF ¶6, and Exh. 3, Admission No. 15. Accordingly, this factor conclusively establishes the independent contractor presumption.

3. NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(1): MEANS, MANNER AND RESULT.

This provision requires the Court to evaluate whether "the person has control or discretion over the means and manner of the performance of any work and the result of the work." Initially, this factor is conclusively established because Myers has admitted that he was "free from interference and control" in the operations of his work by Reno Cab. Exh. 1, Lease, ¶10 ("[Myers] acknowledge[s] and agree[s] that . . . [Myers is] free from interference or control on the part of [Reno Cab], except as otherwise provided in

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Sharp & Low 71 Washington St. Reno, NV 89503 (775) 329-3151 chapter 706 of the NRS and/or NAC" Because Myers has already admitted that Reno Cab did not interfere with and/or control any aspect of his work Myers is bound by his own admission. <u>Yee v. Weiss</u>,110 Nev. 657, 662, 877 P.2d 510, 513 (Nev. 1994) ("Courts have consistently held that one is bound by any document one signs").

In addition to Myers' own admission, when considering Myers' activities, it is clear that he had had complete autonomy over the means and manner of "the performance" of his work as well as the result of the work he performed. Even though Myers leased a vehicle in 12-hour shifts, Myers could drive as long or short as he wanted to during that period. SOF, ¶10. In many instances, Myers only worked 6 hours or less during the 12-hour periods he leased a taxicab. Exh. 2, Street Aff., at ¶14. Myers' income was based solely and exclusively upon Myers' own work ethic. It is further suggested that because Myers' work ethic was tied directly to his own effort, this situation is the hallmark of an independent contractor relationship since Myers retained the exclusive right to work as long or short as he desired without consequence.

In addition, Myers had the autonomy to pick up whatever fare he desired and/or to decline any fare. Myers selected when and where he would drive to seek out fares and/or could station himself at any location he desired in anticipation of fares arriving. Myers selected whatever driving route he desired to deliver a fare. Myers selected what he wanted to wear while driving, what he wanted to say to his fares and had complete control on satisfying any fare in order to obtain a tip. All tips received by Myers were his and his alone. Myers only paid a flat rate of 50% of all fares received for his rental fee, along with a \$5 dollar administrative fee. Exh. 1, Lease, Exhibit A. As shown, Myers' admission and the foregoing facts demonstrate that Myers controlled the means and manner of his own performance and the result of his own work ethic.

While it is anticipated Myers will argue that he was limited to working a 12 hour

shift established by Reno Cab as evidence of Reno Cab's control, this factor is irrelevant and has no bearing on the analysis. This factor is irrelevant because as shown, the taxi cab industry is regulated by the NTA.8 The NTA has extensive requirements for a taxi cab company relating to how the taxi cab company can operate its business.9 Of relevant point, NAC 706.3761 precludes any driver from driving more than 12-hours in a given shift. This 12-hour regulatory time limitation was also specifically included in the terms of the Lease (see Exh. 1, Lease, ¶¶3, 5). In addition, the Lease clearly calls out that the Lease as well as Reno Cab's and Myers' activities are regulated to and subject to the jurisdiction and rules of the NTA. Given the NTA's oversight and regulation, NRS 608.0155(c)(1)'s provisions make it clear that the Court may not consider this 12hour time limitation as a "control" exercised by Reno Cab. NRS 608.0155(c)(1) ("Notwithstanding the exercise of any control necessary to comply with any statutory. regulatory or contractual obligations "). Accordingly, this time period limitation on how long Myers could work is not evidence of an employment relationship as a matter of law and this factor again conclusively establishes the independent contractor

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⁸NRS 706.475 states as follows: "The [NTA] authority shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to: (a) Carry out the provisions of NRS 706.473; and (b) Ensure that the taxicab business remains safe, adequate and reliable."). Accordingly, the NTA exercises regulatory oversight of the taxi cab industry to ensure that it remains safe and reliable for the citizens in our community. The NTA's regulatory oversight, and the conditions it places on Reno Cab are not factors the Court can evaluate to determine there is an employee relationship.

⁹For instance, there are numerous Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") provisions, enacted pursuant to the provisions of NRS 706.475, that address such things as: the territory the cabs can service (NAC 706.368); registration and operation of the taxicab (NAC 706.371); the color scheme of the taxicab (NAC 706.3742); dispatch operations (NAC 706.3743); security deposit under a lease (NAC 706.3752); and a 12-hour limitation on driver's hours (NAC 706.3761).

Lease, ¶16 ("This Lease does not relieve [Reno Cab] from its duties and responsibilities under NRS Chapter 706 or NAC Chapter 706. [Myers] and/or [Reno Cab] are subject to the jurisdiction of the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA").").

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4. NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(2): TIME WORK PERFORMED.

NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(2) requires the Court to evaluate the extent that "the person has control over the time the work is performed." Again, as stated above, evidence of "control" exercised by the would-be employer as to the time by which performance must be completed or the acceptable range of work hours does not defeat this presumption of independent contractor status. Here, Myers had complete control over when and if he performed any work based upon his own admission. Further, Myers could work anytime he wanted during the Lease period. Accordingly, this factor conclusively establishes the independent contractor presumption because Myers fully controlled the time in which the work was performed by him.

5. NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(3): NO EXCLUSIVE WORK.

NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(3) provides that if the worker is free to work for others, then this factor establishes an independent contractor relationship. In the present case, Myers was free to enter into other work relationships with other persons or entities. In fact, Myers has admitted that while working as an independent contractor with Reno Cab, he did in fact work for other persons and/or entities. SOF, ¶12. In addition, there is nothing in the Lease that prevented Myers from working for any other person or entity. Accordingly, this factor conclusively establishes the independent contractor presumption.

6. NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(4): FREE TO HIRE OTHERS.

NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(4) provides that if the worker is able to hire others to assist him in his work then this factor establishes an independent contractor relationship. In the present case, Myers was also freely able to hire other persons to assist him in his endeavors. Exh. 1, Lease ¶19. All that was required was for Myers to obtain written approval from Reno Cab because, under the applicable NTA regulations, Reno Cab

must obtain and maintain a file for any driver who would drive a leased vehicle. <u>See</u> NAC 706.3751 (detailing the obligations imposed upon Reno Cab before authorizing any driver to drive a taxi cab). Accordingly, Myers had the contractual right to hire anyone he wanted to assist him with the work he performed and, again, this factor conclusively establishes the independent contractor presumption.

7. The Court Must Impose The Conclusive Presumption That Myers Is An Independent Contractor.

When the evidence is undisputed and the application of law is clear, then summary judgment must be granted. While Myers may argue that he was an employee, Myers also cannot overcome the clear and unambiguous language contained in the Lease wherein Myers repeatedly affirms that he is an independent contractor. Further, Myers cannot overcome the clear and unambiguous language in the Lease that Reno Cab did not exercise any interference or control over his work. Finally, Myers cannot overcome the undisputed evidence that establishes that he is conclusively presumed to be an independent contractor pursuant to the provisions of NRS 608.0155. Accordingly, summary judgment must be granted as requested.

V. MYERS' COMPLAINT PREMISED ON OLD "ECONOMIC REALITIES" ANALYSIS.

As an entirely separate ground for dismissal, Myers' Complaint is based upon the premise of the old "economic realities" test employed in <u>Terry v. Sapphire Gentlemen's Club</u>, 336 P.3d 951 (Nev. 2014). Comp., ¶15. Because Myers' Complaint fails to acknowledge the application of NRS 706.473's controlling provisions, summary judgment must be granted because Myers' Complaint fails to state a valid claim for relief.

When the Nevada Legislature enacted NRS 608.0155's provisions, the legislature stated that the provisions applied to any pending or future cases in which a final decision

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71 Washington St. Reno, NV 89503 (775) 329-3151 had not been rendered. See **Exhibit 6**, Senate Bill 224, Section 7.¹¹ Accordingly, the legal basis for Myers' Complaint has been superseded by Nevada law and judgment in Reno Cab's favor is again required.

VI. CONCLUSION.

Myers has already admitted he entered into the Lease with Reno Cab and that the Lease defines him as an independent contractor. Myers further acknowledged that Reno Cab did not control and/or interfere with any aspect of his work he performed. Based upon the foregoing, Myers is bound by the terms of the Lease and summary judgment in Reno Cab's favor must be granted. Yee v. Weiss,110 Nev. 657, 662, 877 P.2d 510, 513 (Nev. 1994) ("Courts have consistently held that one is bound by any document one signs"). In addition, as detailed herein, Myers claims are barred by NRS 706.473's provisions, NRS 609.0155's provisions and the parole evidence rule.

AFFIRMATION: The undersigned does hereby affirm that this document does not contain the Social Security Number of any person.

DATED this 30 day of September, 2016.

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¹¹ The Court can take judicial notice of SB 224's provisions. <u>See</u> NRS 47.140(2).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

	Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of ROBISON,
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RENO CAB COMPANY, INC. dba RENO – SPARKS CAB COMPANY

TAXICAB LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS TAXICAB LEASE AGREEMENT ("Lease") made this 27 day of <u>DECEMBER</u>, 2013 between RENO CAB COMPANY, INC., a Nevada corporation, with its principal place of business at 475 Gentry Way, Reno, Nevada (hereinafter referred to as "LEASING COMPANY"), and <u>JEFF MYERS</u> an independent contractor with his/her principal residence located at <u>95 GENTRY WY</u>. Reinafter referred to as "LESSEE").

WHEREAS, LEASING COMPANY is an intrastate common motor carrier operating under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity CPCN 1025 issued by the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA");

WHEREAS, LEASING COMPANY is the owner of taxicabs and other vehicles;

WHEREAS, LESSEE desires to lease from LEASING COMPANY a vehicle and other services under the term and conditions herein set forth;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. LEASE. LESSEE agrees to lease from LEASING COMPANY a taxicab with the name, insignia, certificate number, and painted in the approved color scheme of LEASING COMPANY (the "Leased Taxicab"). At the commencement of this lease, LEASING COMPANY shall deliver the Leased Taxicab in good working order, properly licensed, and with a full tank of fuel. LEASING COMPANY shall equip the Leased Taxicab with a radio, dispatching system, taximeter, identifying decals, seals and other equipment required by applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances (collectively the "Regulatory Authorities").

LESSEE agrees that LESSEE will operate the Leased Taxicab for a minimum of three (3) days per seven day week, unless LEASING COMPANY authorizes LESSEE to deviate from the three (3) day minimum.

2. TAXICAB FEES, LICENSING. LEASING COMPANY shall maintain and pay for all operating

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licenses, taxes, and fees on the Leased Taxicab. At times other than Lease Periods (as defined below); LEASING COMPANY may either use the Leased Taxicab itself or lease the Leased Taxicab to other lessees.

- OWNERSHIP, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR. LEASING COMPANY is the owner of the Leased Taxicab, which is in a good mechanical condition and meets the requirements for operating taxicabs in the location where the taxicab will be operated. Regularly scheduled maintenance shall be LEASING COMPANY'S responsibility; provided, however, in order to keep the Leased Taxicab in good mechanical condition, LESSEE shall inspect the Leased Taxicab at the beginning of each 12 hour period and report any condition requiring repair or maintenance to LEASING COMPANY. LESSEE shall return the taxicab to LEASING COMPANY at the end of each 12 hour period to enable LEASING COMPANY to comply with the provisions of NAC § 706.380. All repairs will be done in a timely fashion and a file will be maintained by LEASING COMPANY for records concerning the maintenance of the taxicab. At no time is LESSEE authorized or allowed to make any alterations or changes of any kind to the Taxicab.
- 4. <u>INSURANCE</u>. Liability insurance or self-insurance will be provided by LEASING COMPANY in an amount sufficient to meet legal requirements.
- 5. LEASE PERIOD. Each period LESSEE uses the Leased Taxicab shall be deemed a separate Lease Period ("Lease Period"). Each Lease Period will be determined by LESSEE and LEASING COMPANY and will be indicated on Exhibit "A". LESSEE shall not, however, operate the taxicab for more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period. This Lease shall serve as a master lease agreement, which will govern each and every Lease Period.
- 6. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLEASING. LESSEE shall not transfer, assign, sublease, or otherwise enter into an agreement to lease the taxicab to another person, nor shall LESSEE'S rights be subject to encumbrance or subject to the claims of his or her creditors.
- 7. OPERATING AUTHORITY. LEASING COMPANY is a certified carrier and services provided by LESSEE are regulated by appropriate regulatory authorities. LESSEE'S use of the Leased Taxicab

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shall be in a manner authorized by LEASING COMPANY'S certificate to operate and the LEASING COMPANY'S Tariff.

- RENTAL FEE. In consideration of the use of the Leased Taxicab, LESSEE agrees to pay a Rental Fee to LEASING COMPANY in the amount set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. LESSEE shall pay the rental fees set forth in Exhibit "A" for each 12 hour lease period, as well as the late fees, set forth in Exhibit "A". Any Late Fees, as listed on Exhibit "A", shall be paid to LEASING COMPANY by LESSEE at the end of the current or prior to the beginning of the next 12 hour Lease Period after incurring such Late Fee. If, for any reason, LESSEE cannot or does not complete the 12 hour Lease Period, LESSEE shall not be entitled to any reduction of the Rental Fee.
- SECURITY DEPOSIT. In addition to the rental payment, LESSEE will pay to LEASING 9. COMPANY, at or before commencement of the first 12 hour Lease Period, a security deposit in the amount set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and executed herewith paid in full or by other payment arrangement as determined by LEASING COMPANY. The security deposit shall be maintained while this lease is in effect. Said security deposit must be maintained by the LEASING COMPANY in an account separate from the carrier's operating account. Said security deposit, less proper deductions, shall be returned to LESSEE not later than thirty (30) days after LESSEE provides a written request for return of said deposit after termination of this Lease and / or any Employment with LEASING COMPANY. However, LEASING COMPANY may maintain the security deposit longer than thirty (30) days after any written request for return of the security deposit when money due to the LEASING COMPANY under any provision of this lease is known to be owed, but the value of the amount owed is not yet ascertained. LEASING COMPANY shall return the security deposit within thirty days (30) of ascertaining the amount owed to LEASING COMPANY. Pursuant to NAC 706.3752, any deductions must be itemized and in writing, and supported by receipts that evidences the repairs to the taxicab or other deductions in an amount equal to the amount deducted, and provided to the LESSEE upon return of the remaining security deposit.

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LEASING COMPANY may also deduct from said security deposit any amount due to LEASING COMPANY, including, but not limited to, delinquent rental charges, unauthorized repairs and/or maintenance, administrative fees, failed mandatory and/or random drug tests, unpaid traffic fines, unauthorized charges caused by LESSEE and/or incurred by LEASING COMPANY or other damages caused by LESSEE and/or sustained by LEASING COMPANY.

LESSEE may not obtain an advance or loan against the security deposit for any reason at any time. Said security deposit is to be replenished in the event any deductions are made.

In the event that the LEASE is entered into pursuant to option "1" set forth in Exhibit "A", the five dollar administrative fee and one thousand dollar security deposit, then LEASING COMPANY reserves to right to seek reimbursement from Lesee for damages in excess of said security deposit for damages resulting from an auto accident.

In the event that the LEASE is entered into pursuant to option "2" set forth in Exhibit "A", the ten dollar administrative fee and two hundred dollar security deposit then LEASING COMPANY will apply said deposit for damages as a result of any auto accident, but not seek reimbursement from Lessee for damages in excess of the \$200.00 security deposit from an auto accident.

- Party. LESSEE is an independent contractor. LEASING COMPANY and LESSEE acknowledge and agree that there does not exist between them the relationship of employer and employee, principal and agent, or master and servant, either expressed or implied, but that the relationship of the parties is strictly that of lessor and lessee, the LESSEE being free from interference or control on the part of LEASING COMPANY, except as otherwise provided in chapter 706 of the NRS and/or NAC, in the operation of the Leased Taxicab. LESSEE acknowledges that:
 - He or she is not eligible for federal or state unemployment benefits or workman's compensation benefits.
 - LEASING COMPANY is not responsible for withholding federal or state income taxes, or any other taxes, but LESSEE will be liable for payment of those taxes.

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- 3. LEASING COMPANY is not responsible for withholding or paying, in any way, contribution for taxes under the Federal Insurance Act, and LESSEE will be liable for those and all other taxes.
- 4. LEASING COMPANY agrees to furnish only liability insurance of the Leased Taxicab, in a sum not less than required by applicable law and LEASING COMPANY shall not be responsible nor liable in any way for any injury to LESSEE resulting from the use or operation of such taxicab.
- 5. LEASING COMPANY is a certified carrier and services provided by LESSEE are regulated by appropriate authorities. LESSEE'S use of the Leased Taxicab shall be in a manner authorized by LEASING COMPANY'S certificate to operate the Leased Taxicab and LEASING COMPANY'S Tariff.
- 11. TRIP SHEET. At the beginning of each 12 hour lease period, LESSEE must date and time stamp the trip sheet provided by LEASING COMPANY. At the end of each 12 hour lease period, LESSEE must provide the LEASING COMPANY with the completed date and time stamped trip sheets for that 12 hour lease period.
- 12. DAILY VEHICLE INSPECTION. In order to keep the Leased Taxicab in good mechanical condition, LESSEE shall inspect the Leased Taxicab at the beginning and end of each 12 hour lease period and document on a daily inspection sheet to be submitted daily and report any condition requiring repair or maintenance to LEASING COMPANY.

In the event that LESSEE inspects a vehicle and believes that a repair affecting the safety of the public is at issue the LESSEE shall immediately inform the LEASING COMPANY of the condition or repair needed and must not utilize the vehicle on the roadways until the vehicle has been inspected by LEASING COMPANY and is deemed to no longer be a hazard to the public in accordance with NRS 706.246. Further, to ensure the safety of the travelling public LESSEE will be liable for any damages caused as a result of LESSEE's failure to drive the vehicle prior to the LEASING COMPANY's inspection of said vehicle.

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- 13. NO PERSONALUSE. The Leased Taxicab is for commercial use only and may not be utilized for the personal use of the LESSEE. Personal use includes, but is not limited to, using the leased taxi for personal travel, enands, and/or parking said taxi for an extended period of time at any location so that the driver may sleep.
 - LEASING COMPANY maintains insurance for commercial use of the Taxicab in accordance with Chapter 706 of the NRS and NAC. If LESSEE utilizes the Taxicab for personal use in violation of the Lease, LESSEE will be solely responsible for any damage caused to and / or by LESSEE in operation of the Taxicab.
- 14. ADVERTISING. In accordance with applicable law, only LEASING COMPANY is authorized to hold itself out and to advertise that it is a motor carrier authorized to provide taxicab services within the area authorized by its certificate of public convenience and necessity, CPCN 1025, including but not limited to, the use of the internet, telephone, television, radio, business cards, any form of print media, or any other form of advertising, because the taxicabs are owned by leasing company all top sign as well as any other advertising placed on or in the Taxicab is at the direction and control of the LEASING COMPANY. At its option, LEASING COMPANY may provide business cards for Lessee's use.

LESSEE shall not engage in any advertising or promotion whether by the internet, telephone, television, radio, business cards, any form of print media, or any other form of advertising which either reflects or gives the impression, whether intended or not, that LESEE is holding himself/herself out as a motor carrier authorized to provide taxical services. In the event LESEE engages in such advertising LESEE will be solely responsible for any fines or other fees imposed by the Nevada Transportation Authority.

15. REPLACEMENT VEHICLE. In the event that any repair or maintenance takes more than twelve
(12) hours in any week, LEASING COMPANY shall attempt to provide a replacement Leased
Taxicab, if available. If a replacement Leased Taxicab is not available, then LESSEE shall be
entitled to a pro-rata refund of the paid Rental Fee, if applicable. However, no LESSEE shall be

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entitled to a pro-rata refund of the Rental Fee when the damage requiring repair was caused by any LESSEE of the Taxicab listed on Exhibit "B". Repairs and maintenance on Leased Taxicabs must be performed at LEASING COMPANY'S facilities, unless prior written authorization is obtained from LEASING COMPANY to have the repairs and maintenance done elsewhere. LESSEE shall be responsible for the cost of unauthorized repairs and/or maintenance, and for all damages caused thereby.

- 16. REGULATORY AUTHORITIES. This Lease does not relieve LEASING COMPANY from its duties and responsibilities under NRS Chapter 706 or NAC Chapter 706. LESSEE and/ or LEASING COMPANY are subject to the jurisdiction of the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA") and shall comply with all federal rules, regulations, ordinances, administrative codes, health and safety provisions and statutes in the operation of the Leased Taxicab. In the event of a violation of such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, administrative codes, health and safety provisions and statutes, the NTA may take enforcement action against LESSEE and LEASING COMPANY. Both the LESSEE and LEASING COMPANY are subject to all laws and regulations relating to the operation of a taxicab which have been established by the NTA (as set forth in Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code Chapters 706) and other regulatory agencies and LESSEE understands that a violation of those laws and regulations will breach the agreement.
- 17. MEDICAL AND DRIVING HISTORY: To ensure compliance with the provisions of NAC 706.3751, before this LEASE AGREEMENT can be deemed approved, the LESSEE must provide to the LEASING COMPANY:
 - (a) A certificate from a licensed physician which is dated not more than 90 days before the date on which LESSEE begins to lease a taxicab from the LEASING COMPANY pursuant to NRS 706.473, which demonstrates that LESSEE is physically qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 391.43, which certificate the LESSEE must also
 - (b) A copy of the driving record of the LESSEE obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles

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which demonstrates that the LESSEE has not, within the past three (3) years:

- i. Been convicted of driving under the influence of an intoxicating liquor/controlled substance;
- ii. Been convicted of careless or reckless driving;
- iii. Been convicted of failing to stop and remain at the scene of an accident; or
- iv. Failed to keep a written promise to appear in Court of any offense.
- (c) Obtain work cards as required by all federal, state and local governments.
- 18. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS. LEASING COMPANY must maintain driver qualification files (for the LESSEE), trip sheets (for the LESSEE), and vehicle maintenance files (for the Leased Taxicab) as required pursuant to the provisions of NRS and NAC Chapters 706.
- WARRANTY. LESSEE warrants that he/she possesses, and at all times during the term of this Lease, and any renewals or extensions hereof, shall possess, the proper driver's license to lawfully operate a taxicab as required by the regulatory authorities. LESSEE agrees to comply with all local, state, and federal laws and ordinances of Regulatory Authorities relating to the operation of motor vehicles and taxicabs. LESSEE is responsible for the payment of all parking and traffic violations, fines and penalties, including any towing, booting, or impound fees or charges, as a result of LESSEE'S use of the Leased Taxicab and any fees or fines imposed by the NTA against LESSEE. LESSEE agrees to promptly pay or contest, and to indemnify and hold harmless LEASING COMPANY from such fines, penalties, towing, booting or impound fees or charges and fees or fines imposed by the NTA against LESSEE.

LESSEE warrants that only he or she shall drive the Leased Taxicab during the Leased Period, unless LEASING COMPANY authorizes, in writing, another person to drive the Leased Taxicab.

20. REPORT OF ACCIDENTS/CRIMES. LESSEE must give LEASING COMPANY, through LEASING COMPANY'S authorized agents and/or employees, immediate notice by any means, including, but not limited to, radio and telephone, of a violent crime (in which the LESSEE is the victim) or any accident, loss or claim in which LESSEE is involved, or as soon thereafter as is

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reasonably possible.

In the event, that LESSEE is involved in an accident caused by another, where the other driver flees the scene of the accident. LESSEE is responsible to obtain a reasonable description of the other vehicle involved in the accident, including, but not limited to, the make, model, color, license plate of the vehicle. LESSEE shall also immediately notify LEASING COMPANY of any accident involving a vehicle that has fled the scene and LESSEE shall remain at the accident scene to allow LEASING COMPANY to investigate until advised by LEASING COMPANY to leave the accident scene. In accordance with NAC 706.3752, LESSEE shall remain liable for any and all damages to the Leased Taxicab.

- 21. HOURS OF OPERATION. The LESSEE shall not operate the taxical for more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.
- LEASED TAXICAB RETURN. At the end of each 12 hour Lease Period, LESSEE agrees to return the Leased Taxicab at the agreed time to LEASING COMPANY'S premises in the same condition in which it was received by LESSEE, except for normal wear and tear. LESSEE agrees to pay an additional charge for late return, as outlined in Exhibit "A", and to compensate LEASING COMPANY for any damages to the Leased Taxicab and/or LEASING COMPANY as a result of LESSEE's operation of said vehicle. Failure to return with a full tank of gas will result in a charge to LESSEE in the amount of the cost of fuel to fill the tank and a related administrative fee.
- 23. <u>TERMINATION</u>. LEASING COMPANY shall have the right, but not the obligation, to immediately terminate this Lease at any time in the event that LESSEE:
 - a. Fails to pay the Rental Fee or any towing, booting, or impounded fees or charges, any other fines, fees or penalties as required herein;
 - b. Fails to maintain a proper drivers license;
 - Fails to timely report any accident, including but not limited to those referenced in subsection
 20 of the Lease Agreement;
 - d. Encumbers, assigns, subleases, or otherwise enters into an agreement to lease the Leased Taxicab to another person;

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- e. Fails to return the Leased Taxicab in good condition with a full tank of gas;
- f. Violates any rule or regulation of the Nevada Transportation Authority;
- g. Violates any rule or regulation of the Airport Authority of Washoe County;
- Drives the Leased Taxicab under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol;
- i. Fails to submit to a breath or urine test that is requested pursuant to; random testing, mandatory testing requirements under Chapter 706 of NRS and / or NAC, or upon objective facts, that LESSEE is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol;
- j. Fails to sign the ACKNOWLEDGMENT contained on the Daily Tripsheet at the beginning of each Lease Period;
- k. Is convicted of any felony or misdemeanor for driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol;
- Is deemed by LEASING COMPANY to be unsafe or unfit to meet the safety requirements of chapter 706 of NRS and/or NAC;
- m. Gives notice of intention not to enter into an additional Lease Period; or
- n. Allows any unauthorized person to drive the Leased Taxicab during any Lease Period.

In addition to the above causes for termination, LEASING COMPANY also shall have the right to terminate this Lease, for no cause, upon giving notice to LESSEE of LEASING COMPANY'S intention to terminate the Lease. Termination hereunder shall be effective immediately after giving said notice.

A failure by LEASING COMPANY to terminate the Lease for LESSEE'S violation of one or more of the above grounds for termination of this Lease shall not constitute a waiver of LEASING COMPANY'S right to terminate this Lease for any subsequent violations on the same or other grounds by LESSEE.

- 24. NEVADA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY APPROVAL. A LEASING COMPANY'S lease agreement is not deemed effective until approved by the NTA. This Lease shall be deemed to be modified, as necessary, to conform to said statutes and regulations and changes thereto.
- 25. <u>RETENTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT</u>. The LEASING COMPANY must retain copies of each lease agreement for a minimum of three years.

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- 26. <u>ATTORNEY'S FEES</u>. In the event of any dispute between the LESSEE and LEASING COMPANY relating to this Lease, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable costs incurred by the prevailing party in connection therewith and in pursuing and collecting remedies, relief and damages.
- 27. GOVERNING LAW. This agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with and through application of the laws of the State of Nevada.
- DISPATCH SERVICE. LEASING COMPANY shall make available to LESSEE a dispatching service as a means of referring prospective passengers. LESSEE has the option to use the dispatching service. If LESSEE accepts use of the dispatching service by logging into the digital dispatch system, then LESSEE must pick up passengers through such dispatch system. However, LESSEE has no obligation to respond to dispatched calls if LESSEE chooses not to utilize the dispatch service. LESSEE is not obligated to report his location to LEASING COMPANY or to remain in any specific place at any fixed hours.
- 29. ARBITRATION. Any dispute or controversy arising between the parties involving the interpretation, enforcement or application of any provision in this Lease Agreement, or pertaining to the performance or any breach of this Lease Agreement, or in any way arising out of or related to this Lease Agreement, shall be determined by the Nevada Court Annex Arbitration Program as set forth in the Nevada Arbitration Rules, with either party retaining its right to seek a trial de novo.
- MISCELLANEOUS. It is understood between LEASING COMPANY and LESSEE that it is in each party's best interest to maintain the reputation and goodwill of LEASING COMPANY and LESSEE. In this regard, cleanliness of Leased Taxicab, courtesy, personal grooming, dress, appearance, safety, and observance of traffic laws are to each party's mutual benefit. It is also understood between LEASING COMPANY and LESSEE that a file will be maintained by LEASING COMPANY which contains LESSEE'S qualifications to drive the taxicab.
- "31: "RELEASE AND INDEMNITY OF ALL CLAIMS. The LEASING COMPANY and the LESSEE does for itself, its heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby release, remise, and

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forever discharge the State of Nevada, the Nevada Transportation Authority, the Nevada Attorney General, and each of their members, agents, and employees in their individual and representative capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known or unknown, in law or equity, which LEASING COMPANY and the LESSEE ever had, now has, may have, or claim to have against any or all of said entities or individuals arising out of or by reason of the processing or investigation of or other action relating to this agreement.

Furthermore, LEASING COMPANY and the LESSEE hereby agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend, not excluding the State's right to participate, the State of Nevada, the Nevada Transportation Authority, the Nevada Attorney General, and each of their, members, agents, and employees in their individual and representative capacities from any and all claims, suits, and actions, brought by anyone associated with this application, or by any third party, against the agencies or persons named in this paragraph, arising out of the submission, investigation, and deliberation concerning this agreement, and against any and all liabilities, expenses, damages, charges and costs, including court costs and attorneys' fees, which may be sustained by the persons and agencies named in this paragraph as a result of said claims, suits and actions.

32. <u>COMPLETE AGREEMENT</u>. This Lease constitutes the entire lease, agreement, and understanding between the parties as to the subject matter hereto, and merges all prior discussions between them.

None of the parties shall be bound by any conditions, definitions, warranties, understandings or representations other than as expressly provided herein.

Executed in duplicate this 27 day of DECEMBER, 2013

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- 8. Myers also had the ability to hire someone to assist him to perform his independent contractor duties.
 - 9. Myers was also not required to work solely for Reno Cab.
- 10. Exhibit 5 to the Motion is a true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff.
- 11. Myers' income was based upon the effort Myers expended in performing his work and had no relationship to any activity and or inactivity of Reno Cab.
- 12. Reno Cab submitted its independent contractor lease agreement to the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA") for approval pursuant to the provisions of NRS 706.472(1)'s provisions.
 - 13. The NTA approved Reno Cab's independent contractor lease agreement.
- 14. In many instances, Myers only worked 6 hours or less during the 12-hour periods he leased a taxicab.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

DATED this 29 day of September, 2016

ROBIN STREET

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Robin Street this 29 day of September 2016, at Reno, Nevada.

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16	IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA		
17	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE		
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19	Dept. No.: 8		
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23	Defendant.		
24	PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S		
Law Offices of 25 Curtis B. Coulter 403 Hill Street	FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS TO PLAINTIFF		
Reno, NV 89501 26	Plaintiff, Jeff Myers, Individually and on behalf of others similarly situated, by and		
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OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request also calls for speculation. Request calls for a legal conclusion.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 5:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff admits he intended to honestly perform work for defendant and understood the defendant expected the terms of his compensation for that work to be controlled by the Agreement. Plaintiff denies that he intended to give up any right he had to a minimum hourly wage as defendant's employee for that work.

REQUEST NO. 6:

Admit that at the time you executed the Agreement, you knew that RCC was an intrastate common motor carrier operating under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity CPCN 1025 issued by the Nevada Transportation Authority (the "Certificate").

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request also calls for speculation. Request calls for a legal conclusion.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 6:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff denies knowledge of such status or the meaning of such terms.

REQUEST NO. 7:

Admit that you operated your taxi cabs from RCC in compliance with the Certificate.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request also calls for speculation. Request calls for a legal conclusion.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 7:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff denies knowledge of such status or the meaning of such terms.

REQUEST NO. 8:

Admit that you operated your taxi cabs from RCC in compliance with the terms of the Agreement.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request also calls for speculation. Request is also vague and ambiguous and requires plaintiff to guess at the meaning of "operated taxi cabs from RCC in compliance with the terms of the Agreement," as plaintiff's operation of any vehicle is in compliance with local, state, and federal traffic laws.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 8:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff denies knowledge of whether his operation of the taxi cabs was always in compliance with all of the terms of such Agreement as the plaintiff had never studied or fully understood all of the terms of such Agreement while employed by the defendant.

REQUEST NO. 9:

Admit that you complied with all the terms of the Agreement.

OBJECTION:

Request also calls for speculation. Request is also overly broad, vague, and ambiguous and requires plaintiff to guess at the meaning of "the terms of the Agreement" as some "terms" of the Agreement do not require compliance and/or require action only on the part of the defendant and not on the part of plaintiff.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 9:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff denies knowledge of whether he always complied with all of the terms of such Agreement as the plaintiff had never studied or fully understood all of the terms of such Agreement while employed by the defendant.

REQUEST NO. 10:

Admit that RCC complied with all the terms of the Agreement.

OBJECTION:

Request also calls for speculation. Request is also overly broad, vague, and ambiguous and requires plaintiff to guess at the meaning of "the terms of the Agreement" as some "terms" of the Agreement do not require compliance and/or require action only on the part of the plaintiff and not on the part of defendant.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 10:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff denies knowledge of whether defendant always complied with all of the terms of such Agreement as the plaintiff had never studied or fully understood all of the terms of such Agreement while employed by the defendant.

REQUEST NO. 11:

Admit that the Agreement specifically states that you are "an independent contractor."

OBJECTION:

Request is unduly burdensome, harassing, and made to annoy the plaintiff as defendant drafted the Agreement itself, is intimately familiar with its terms, and the Agreement speaks for itself.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 11:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff admits that the agreement characterizes him as an "independent contractor" but denies he was ever anything other than an employee of

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defendant while working for the defendant.

REQUEST NO. 12:

Admit that you paid money to RCC for use of the taxi cabs.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 12:

Plaintiff denies that he "paid money" to defendant for the "use" of taxi cabs as the plaintiff contends that he was always an employee of the defendant while driving taxi cabs for the defendant and the defendant paid him a commission, in the form of a portion of the passenger fares collected, for his work driving those taxi cabs.

REQUEST NO. 13:

Admit that you filed tax returns identifying your independent contractor status.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 13:

Plaintiff denies he has filed no tax returns with the IRS indicating he received any income from defendant in any form as an independent contractor.

REQUEST NO. 14:

Admit that you were provided with a copy of the Agreement by RCC at the time of execution of the Agreement.

OBJECTION:

Request is vague and ambiguous with respect to its use of the term "provided" as plaintiff cannot tell if the request seeks plaintiff to admit he was provided with an additional copy of such document to keep or whether he was provided with a physical copy to execute.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 14:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff denies.

REQUEST NO. 15:

Admit that you provided the documents identified as RCC_000010-14 to RCC.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 15:

Admit.

REQUEST NO. 16:

Admit that you completed the application identified as RCC_000008-9.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 16:

Admit.

REQUEST NO. 17:

Admit that under the Agreement you agreed to be liable for any payment of any federal income taxes.

OBJECTION:

Request is unduly burdensome, harassing, and made to annoy the plaintiff as defendant drafted the Agreement itself, is intimately familiar with its terms, and the Agreement speaks for itself. Request also calls for a legal conclusion.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 17:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff admits that the Agreement states he will be so responsible but denies he was anything other than an employee of defendant while working for the defendant and asserts that his legal responsibility, if any, in that respect was that of an employee of defendant.

REQUEST NO. 18:

Admit that under the Agreement you agreed to be liable for any other taxes arising out of services performed by you under the Agreement.

OBJECTION:

Request is unduly burdensome, harassing, and made to annoy the plaintiff as defendant drafted the Agreement itself, is intimately familiar with its terms, and the Agreement speaks for

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 18:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff admits that the Agreement states he will be so responsible but denies he was anything other than an employee of defendant while working for the defendant and asserts that his legal responsibility, if any, in that respect was that of an employee of defendant.

REQUEST NO. 19:

Admit that under the Agreement you agreed to be liable for paying for any insurance that you wanted.

OBJECTION:

Request is unduly burdensome, harassing, and made to annoy the plaintiff as defendant drafted the Agreement itself, is intimately familiar with its terms, and the Agreement speaks for itself. Request also calls for a legal conclusion.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 19:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff denies.

REQUEST NO. 20:

Admit that your operation of any vehicle under the Agreement was subject to the jurisdiction of the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA").

OBJECTION:

Request is unduly burdensome, harassing, and made to annoy the plaintiff as defendant drafted the Agreement itself, is intimately familiar with its terms, and the Agreement speaks for itself. Request also calls for a legal conclusion.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 20:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff denies.

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REQUEST NO. 21:

Admit that you used a time clock to document the time periods you leased a vehicle under the Agreement.

OBJECTION:

Request calls for a legal conclusion with respect to use of the term "leased." Request also calls for speculation as it seeks plaintiff to guess at what defendant's time clock did.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 21:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff denies.

REQUEST NO. 22:

Admit that RCC_000002-3 accurately reflects the dates and times you leased vehicles from RCC.

OBJECTION:

Request calls for a legal conclusion with respect to use of the term "leased." Request also calls for speculation as it seeks plaintiff to guess at what defendant's time clock did.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 22:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff denies.

REQUEST NO. 23:

Admit that RCC_000002-3 accurately reflects the amounts you received (Book), retained (Net) and paid to RCC (Due) from your operation of taxi cabs.

OBJECTION:

Request is unduly burdensome and harassing as it seeks plaintiff to identify the accuracy of defendant's own records. Request also calls for speculation.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 23:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff denies.

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REQUEST NO. 24:

Admit that at the time you were performing under the terms of the Agreement, you knew other persons were leasing taxi cabs as independent contractors from RCC.

OBJECTION:

Request calls for a legal conclusion with respect to use of the term "leasing." Request also calls for a legal conclusion in that it seeks plaintiff to define other persons by a legal term.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 24:

Pursuant to the foregoing objections, plaintiff denies that he ever "knew" that the alleged "independent contractor" status of other persons who drove taxis for defendant was legal but admits he was aware other persons drove taxicabs for defendant pursuant to the same sort of Agreement that plaintiff had signed with defendant.

The under-signed hereby affirm that the above document does not contain the Social Security Number of any person, pursuant to NRS 239B.030.

Date: 8-1-16

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2 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 3 4 Pursuant to NRCP 5 (b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of Law Offices of Curtis B. Coulter, P.C., and that I served a true and correct copy of the Plaintiff's Response To Defendant's First Set Of Requests For Admissions To Plaintiff by: 5 6 Mail on all parties in said action, by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a 7 sealed envelope with first-class postage affixed thereto, deposited in the United States Mail, at Reno, Nevada. 8 Personal delivery by causing a true copy thereof to be hand-delivered to the 9 address or addresses set forth below 10 Facsimile on the parties in said action by causing a true copy thereof to be 11 telecopied to the number indicated after the address or addresses noted below. 12 Federal Express or other overnight delivery. 13 Hand-delivery by Reno/Carson Messenger Service. 14 Addressed as follows: 15 16 Michael A. Pintar, Esq. Glogovac & Pintar 17 427 West Plumb Lane Reno, Nevada 89509 18 Mark G. Simons, Esq. 19 Therese M. Shanks, Esq. Robison, Belaustegui, Sharp & Low 20 71 Washington Street Reno, NV 89503 21 Attorneys for Defendant 22 Reno Cab Company, Inc. DATED: % 23 24 Law Offices of 25 An employee of Curtis B. Coulter, P.C. Reno, NV 89501 26 FAX (775) 324-3381 2 7 11

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DLN/ID Name:

MYERS, JEFFERSON WARD

State of Record: NV

Sex:

MALE

Height: 6 feet 00 inches

Weight: 170 lbs.

Hair: BROWN

Eye: HAZEL

Medical Certificate Expiry Date:N/A

Certificate Status: N/A Self Certification: NONE

Mailing Address:

Physical Address

License Listing:

Permit

issue Date

Exp Endorsements Report Type: 03 Years

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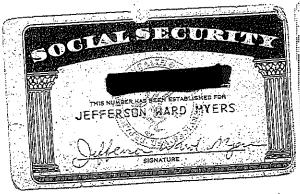
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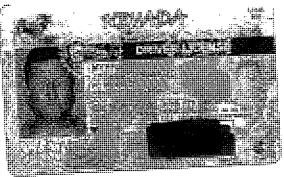
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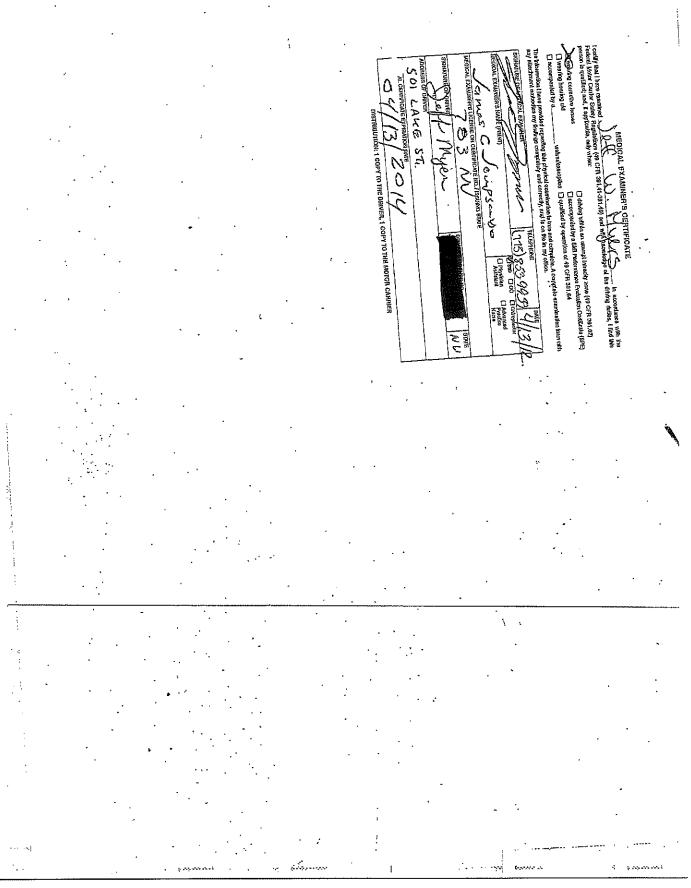
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24	Plaintiff, Jeff Myers, Individually and	on behalf of others similarly situated, by and	
Law Offices of 25 Curtis B. Coulter	through his undersigned counsel, and hereby responds to Defendant, Reno Cab Company,		
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INTERROGATORY NO. 1:

If you contend that you are not contractually bound under the terms of the Taxicab Lease Agreement entered into by and between the RCC and you (hereinafter the "Agreement"), identify all facts supporting your contention.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request also calls for a legal conclusion as it is an issue of law as to whether plaintiff is contractually bound to any contractual agreement he signs. Request is also overbroad, patently irrelevant, and made for no other reason than to harass and burden the plaintiff.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 1:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states only that Article 15, Section 16 of the Nevada Constitution (the Minimum Wage Amendment or "MWA") provides that "the provisions of this section may not be waived by agreement between an individual employee and an employer." It is the plaintiff's contention in this case that he was an employee of the defendant and was not paid for his work in compliance with the requirements of the MWA and the terms or compliance or non-compliance with any other agreement or contract have no bearing on that claim.

INTERROGATORY NO. 2:

If you contend that the Agreement is not enforceable, identify all facts supporting your contention.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request also calls for a legal conclusion as it is an issue of law as to whether an agreement is or is not enforceable. Request is also overbroad.

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RESPONSE INTERROGATORY NO. 2:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states only that Article 15, Section 16 of the Nevada Constitution (the Minimum Wage Amendment or "MWA") provides that "the provisions of this section may not be waived by agreement between an individual employee and an employer." It is the plaintiff's contention in this case that he was an employee of the defendant and was not paid for his work in compliance with the requirements of the MWA and the terms or compliance or non-compliance with any other agreement or contract have no bearing on that claim.

INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

If you contend that the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity CPCN 1025 issued by the Nevada Transportation Authority to RCC (the "Certificate") was not valid for any reason, identify all facts supporting your contention.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request also calls for a legal conclusion as it is an issue of law as to whether a certificate issued by the Nevada Transportation Authority is or is not valid. Request is also overbroad.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states only that Article 15, Section 16 of the Nevada Constitution (the Minimum Wage Amendment or "MWA") provides that "the provisions of this section may not be waived by agreement between an individual employee and an employer." It is the plaintiff's contention in this case that he was an employee of the defendant and was not paid for his work in compliance with the requirements of the MWA and the terms or compliance or non-compliance with any other agreement or contract, or the validity or invalidity of the Certificate mentioned, have no bearing on that claim. Accordingly,

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INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

If you contend that the vehicles leased to you by RCC were not operated by you in compliance with the Certificate, identify all facts supporting your contention.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request also calls for a legal conclusion as it is an issue of law as to whether plaintiff operated vehicles in compliance with the Certificate. Request.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states only that Article 15, Section 16 of the Nevada Constitution (the Minimum Wage Amendment or "MWA") provides that "the provisions of this section may not be waived by agreement between an individual employee and an employer." It is the plaintiff's contention in this case that he was an employee of the defendant and was not paid for his work in compliance with the requirements of the MWA and the terms or compliance or non-compliance with any other agreement or contract, or the validity or invalidity of the Certificate mentioned, have no bearing on that claim. Accordingly, he declines to further answer this request or obtain knowledge sufficient to answer it.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5:

If you contend that the vehicles leased to you by RCC did not comply with any applicable Nevada Revised Statute, identify all facts supporting your contention.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request is vague and ambiguous as defendant does not identify the "applicable Nevada Revised Statute" to which it refers. Request also calls for a legal conclusion as it is an issue of law as to whether any of defendant's vehicles did or

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RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 5:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states only that Article 15, Section 16 of the Nevada Constitution (the Minimum Wage Amendment or "MWA") provides that "the provisions of this section may not be waived by agreement between an individual employee and an employer." It is the plaintiff's contention in this case that he was an employee of the defendant and was not paid for his work in compliance with the requirements of the MWA and the terms or compliance or non-compliance with any other agreement or contract, or any compliance or non-compliance with any Nevada Revised Statute as requested have no bearing on that claim. Accordingly, he declines to further answer this request or obtain knowledge sufficient to answer it.

INTERROGATORY NO. 6:

If you contend that the vehicles leased to you by RCC did not comply with any applicable Nevada Administration Code regulation, identify all facts supporting your contention.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request is vague and ambiguous as defendant does not identify the "applicable Nevada Code regulation" to which it refers. Request also calls for a legal conclusion as it is an issue of law as to whether any of defendant's vehicles did or did not comply with "applicable Nevada Code regulation." Request is also overbroad.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 6:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states only that Article 15, Section 16 of the Nevada Constitution (the Minimum Wage Amendment or "MWA") provides that "the provisions of this section may not be waived by agreement between an individual employee

Law Offices of 25 Curtis B. Coulter 403 Hill Street Reno, NV 89501 26 (775) 324-3380 FAX (775) 324-3381 and an employer." It is the plaintiff's contention in this case that he was an employee of the defendant and was not paid for his work in compliance with the requirements of the MWA and the terms or compliance or non-compliance with any other agreement or contract, or any compliance or non-compliance with any Nevada Administrative Code as requested have no bearing on that claim. Accordingly, he declines to further answer this request or obtain knowledge sufficient to answer it

INTERROGATORY NO. 7:

Identify and describe all instances in which you did not comply with terms of the Agreement.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request is vague, ambiguous, and overbroad as defendant does not identify the "terms of the Agreement" to which it refers. Request also calls for a legal conclusion as it is an issue of law as to whether plaintiff complied with any terms of a legal document.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 7:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states only that Article 15, Section 16 of the Nevada Constitution (the Minimum Wage Amendment or "MWA") provides that "the provisions of this section may not be waived by agreement between an individual employee and an employer." It is the plaintiff's contention in this case that he was an employee of the defendant and was not paid for his work in compliance with the requirements of the MWA and the terms or compliance or non-compliance with any other agreement or contract have no bearing on that claim. Accordingly, he declines to further answer this request or obtain knowledge sufficient to answer it.

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INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

Identify and describe all instances in which you contend RCC did not comply with the terms of the Agreement.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request is vague, ambiguous, and overbroad as defendant does not identify the "terms of the Agreement" to which it refers. Request also calls for a legal conclusion as it is an issue of law as to whether RCC complied with any terms of a legal document.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states only that Article 15, Section 16 of the Nevada Constitution (the Minimum Wage Amendment or "MWA") provides that "the provisions of this section may not be waived by agreement between an individual employee and an employer." It is the plaintiff's contention in this case that he was an employee of the defendant and was not paid for his work in compliance with the requirements of the MWA and the terms or compliance or non-compliance with any other agreement or contract have no bearing on that claim. Accordingly, he declines to further answer this request or obtain knowledge sufficient to answer it.

INTERROGATORY NO. 9:

Identify and describe the reason you entered into the Agreement.

OBJECTION:

Request is vague and ambiguous with respect to its use of the phrase "entered into the Agreement" as such term is undefined. Request also calls for a legal conclusion to the extent the term "entered into the Agreement" is understood to legally bind the plaintiff.

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RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 9:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff responds that signing the Agreement was a condition of his employment with RCC.

INTERROGATORY NO. 10:

Identify the reason(s) the Agreement was terminated.

OBJECTION:

Request calls for a legal conclusion as the termination of an agreement is a matter of law for the Court to decide. Request also assumes facts not in evidence.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 10:

The Agreement was terminated because the plaintiff ceased being an employee of the defendant and ceased working for the defendant.

INTERROGATORY NO. 11:

Identify and describe the reason you agreed in the Agreement that you were an independent contractor and now you have filed the present action contending you were an employee.

OBJECTION:

Request is compound containing multiple subparts such that if each subpart were set forth in a separate request, defendant would exceed the number of interrogatories permissible under the rules of civil procedure. Request also assumes facts not in evidence. Request also calls for a legal conclusion in that it presupposes that signing an agreement determines the employment status of the plaintiff, or that signing the Agreement waives any right of plaintiff to challenge any such employment status.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 11:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states that signing the Agreement

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INTERROGATORY NO. 12:

Identify and describe any inducements or compensation you received and/or were promised by anyone to initiate or pursue this litigation against RCC.

OBJECTION:

Request is vague and ambiguous with respect to its use of the term "inducements" as such term is undefined. Request also calls for information protected by the attorney client privilege and/or attorney work product doctrine.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 12:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states he was promised nothing to initiate or pursue this litigation against RCC.

INTERROGATORY NO. 13:

Identify and describe why you agreed in the Agreement that RCC was not obligated to provide you with any unemployment benefits or workman's compensation benefits.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request also calls for a legal conclusion in that it presupposes that signing the Agreement is a waiver of any right plaintiff has under law or any obligation RCC has under law.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 13:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states he signed the Agreement as a condition of his employment with RCC. By signing such Agreement, plaintiff was not agreeing that RCC was relieved of any legal obligations it had.

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INTERROGATORY NO. 14:

Identify and describe why you agreed in the Agreement that RCC was not obligated to withhold any federal or state income taxes and that you would be liable for payment of those taxes.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request also calls for a legal conclusion in that it presupposes that signing the Agreement is a waiver of any right plaintiff has under law or any obligation RCC has under law.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 14:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states he signed the Agreement as a condition of his employment with RCC. By signing such Agreement, plaintiff was not agreeing that RCC was relieved of any legal obligations it had.

INTERROGATORY NO. 15:

Identify and describe all licenses, permits or work-cards you obtained in order to comply with your obligations under the Agreement.

OBJECTION:

Request assumes facts not in evidence. Request also calls for a legal conclusion in that it seeks plaintiff to determine his legal requirements, if any, to comply with his obligations, if any, under the Agreement. Request is also overly burdensome and harassing in that it seeks the disclosure of information already in the possession of defendant.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 15:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states defendant already possesses copies of plaintiff's license and any other work permits that were required to become employed with RCC.

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INTERROGATORY NO. 16:

Identify and describe all actions taken by you to comply with any Nevada Transportation Authority regulation in order to comply with your obligations under the Agreement.

OBJECTION:

Request is vague and ambiguous. Request also calls for a legal conclusion in that it seeks plaintiff to make a determination as to his compliance with legal obligations and regulations which is a matter to be decided by the Court. Request also seeks the disclosure of information that is irrelevant to the claims and defenses in this case and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 16:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states only that Article 15, Section 16 of the Nevada Constitution (the Minimum Wage Amendment or "MWA") provides that "the provisions of this section may not be waived by agreement between an individual employee and an employer." It is the plaintiff's contention in this case that he was an employee of the defendant and was not paid for his work in compliance with the requirements of the MWA and the terms or compliance or non-compliance with any other agreement or contract or regulation have no bearing on that claim. Accordingly, he declines to further answer this request or obtain knowledge sufficient to answer it.

INTERROGATORY NO. 17:

Identify and describe all actions taken by you to comply with any Transportation Security Administration regulation and/or requirements in order to comply with your obligations under the Agreement.

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OBJECTION:

Request is vague and ambiguous. Request also calls for a legal conclusion in that it seeks plaintiff to make a determination as to his compliance with legal obligations and regulations which is a matter to be decided by the Court. Request also seeks the disclosure of information that is irrelevant to the claims and defenses in this case and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Request is also duplicative of Interrogatory No. 16.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 17:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff states only that Article 15, Section 16 of the Nevada Constitution (the Minimum Wage Amendment or "MWA") provides that "the provisions of this section may not be waived by agreement between an individual employee and an employer." It is the plaintiff's contention in this case that he was an employee of the defendant and was not paid for his work in compliance with the requirements of the MWA and the terms or compliance or non-compliance with any other agreement or contract or regulation or requirement have no bearing on that claim. Accordingly, he declines to further answer this request or obtain knowledge sufficient to answer it.

INTERROGATORY NO. 18:

Identify all your sources of income during the period August 13, 2013 through January 16, 2014.

OBJECTION:

Plaintiff's "sources of income" besides what he was paid by the defendant as an employee for his work for defendant is irrelevant and privileged and will not be provided

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 18:

As limited by his foregoing objection, plaintiff states that if he worked for defendant

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INTERROGATORY NO. 19:

Identify and describe in detail each fact you contend supports your claim that you were an employee and not an independent contractor.

OBJECTION:

Request calls for a legal conclusion in that it seeks plaintiff to determine an issue of law, namely his employment status.

RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 19:

Without waiving the foregoing objections, plaintiff refers defendant to the allegations in the Complaint. Specifically, plaintiff's activities for the defendant and use of the taxi cab he drove were so rigidly controlled by the defendant, his opportunity for profit or loss from those activities was so greatly controlled and restricted by the defendant, his investment in that business activity was so minimal, and the nature of that activity and defendant's business was otherwise such that under the "economic realities" present he was properly an employee of the defendant when engaged in those activities. In particular, because the "lease" of the taxi vehicle that the plaintiff drove for the defendant was for a 12 hour time period, and paid almost entirely through a percentage of the "book" or fares received during that period subject to a specific formula, that "lease" was a sham without any true economic independence or existence, the plaintiff actually being a commission compensated employee for the work he performed for defendant during each such "lease shift."

INTERROGATORY NO. 20:

Identify and describe all damages you contend you are seeking in this litigation.

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RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 20:

Plaintiff is seeking the difference between the amount of commissions he was paid during his employment and the minimum wage required to be paid to him under law, including overtime. Plaintiff is also seeking up to 30 days of continuing wages for defendant's failure to pay him all wages due under law at the time of his separation from employment. Plaintiff also seeks punitive damages. These damages are sought on behalf of the plaintiff, individually, and the putative plaintiff class as described in the Complaint.

The under-signed hereby affirm that the above document does not contain the Social Security Number of any person, pursuant to NRS 239B.030.

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3	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
4	Pursuant to NRCP 5 (b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of Law Offices of Curtis B. Coulter, P.C., and that I served a true and correct copy of the Plaintiff's Response To Defendant's First Set Of Interrogatories To Plaintiff by:	
5	X Mail on all parties in said action by placing of	
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9	Facsimile on the parties in said action by causing a true copy thereof to be telecopied to the number indicated after the address or addresses noted below.	
11	Federal Express or other overnight delivery.	
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VERIFICATION

JEFF MYERS, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is a Plaintiff in the above-entitled matter, that he has read the foregoing Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff, and knows the contents thereof, that the same is true to the best of his knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, he believes the same to be true.

DATED: This / day	y of AUGUST , 2016
	Plaintief, JEFF MYERS
STATE OF NEVADA)
COUNTY OF WASHOE) ss.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15h day of August, 2016.

By Jeff Mers

Morary Public

IRENE SANCHEZ

Notary Public - State of Newada

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Senate Bill No. 224—Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to employment; establishing a conclusive presumption that a person is an independent contractor if certain conditions are met; excluding the relationship between a principal and an independent contractor from certain provisions governing the payment of minimum wage to an employee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 16 of Article 15 of the Nevada Constitution defines the term "employee" and requires each employer to pay a certain minimum wage to each employee. Existing law imposes certain additional requirements relating to compensation, wages and hours of employees. (Chapter 608 of NRS) Section 1 of this bill establishes a conclusive presumption that a person is an independent contractor, rather than an employee, if certain conditions are met. Section 5 of this bill excludes the relationship between a principal and an independent contractor from those relationships that constitute employment relationships for the purpose of requiring the payment of a minimum wage. Section 7 of this bill applies the provisions of this bill to any action or proceeding to recover unpaid wages pursuant to a requirement to pay a minimum wage in which a final decision has not been rendered as of the effective date of this bill.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italies is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 608 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. For the purposes of this chapter, a person is conclusively

presumed to be an independent contractor if:

(a) Unless the person is a foreign national who is legally present in the United States, the person possesses or has applied for an employer identification number or social security number or has filed an income tax return for a business or earnings from self-employment with the Internal Revenue Service in the previous year:

(b) The person is required by the contract with the principal to hold any necessary state or local business license and to maintain any necessary occupational license, insurance or bonding; and

(c) The person satisfies three or more of the following criteria:



- (1) Notwithstanding the exercise of any control necessary to comply with any statutory, regulatory or contractual obligations, the person has control and discretion over the means and manner of the performance of any work and the result of the work, rather than the means or manner by which the work is performed, is the primary element bargained for by the principal in the contract.
- (2) Except for an agreement with the principal relating to the completion schedule, range of work hours or, if the work contracted for is entertainment, the time such entertainment is to be presented, the person has control over the time the work is performed.

(3) The person is not required to work exclusively for one

principal unless:

(I) A law, regulation or ordinance prohibits the person from providing services to more than one principal; or

(II) The person has entered into a written contract to

provide services to only one principal for a limited period.

(4) The person is free to hire employees to assist with the work.

- (5) The person contributes a substantial investment of capital in the business of the person, including, without limitation, the:
- (I) Purchase or lease of ordinary tools, material and equipment regardless of source;

(II) Obtaining of a license or other permission from the principal to access any work space of the principal to perform the work for which the person was engaged; and

(III) Lease of any work space from the principal required to perform the work for which the person was engaged.

The determination of whether an investment of capital is substantial for the purpose of this subparagraph must be made on the basis of the amount of income the person receives, the equipment commonly used and the expenses commonly incurred in the trade or profession in which the person engages.

2. The fact that a person is not conclusively presumed to be an independent contractor for failure to satisfy three or more of the criteria set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection I does not automatically create a presumption that the person is an

employee.

3. As used in this section, "foreign national" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 294A.325.

Secs. 2-4. (Deleted by amendment.)



Sec. 5. NRS 608.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

608.255 For the purposes of this chapter and any other statutory or constitutional provision governing the minimum wage paid to an employee, the following relationships do not constitute employment relationships and are therefore not subject to those provisions:

1. The relationship between a rehabilitation facility or workshop established by the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation pursuant to chapter 615 of NRS and an individual with a disability who is participating in a training or rehabilitative

program of such a facility or workshop.

2. The relationship between a provider of jobs and day training services which is recognized as exempt pursuant to the provisions of 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) and which has been issued a certificate by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 435.130 to 435.310, inclusive, and a person with an intellectual disability or a person with a related condition participating in a jobs and day training services program.

3. The relationship between a principal and an independent

contractor.

Sec. 6. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 7. The amendatory provisions of this act apply to an action or proceeding to recover unpaid wages pursuant to Section 16 of Article 15 of the Nevada Constitution or NRS 608.250 to 608.290, inclusive, in which a final decision has not been rendered before, on or after the effective date of this act.

Sec. 8. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.





2016-09-30 01:56:27 PM \$2200 1 Jacqueline Bryant Mark G. Simons, Esq., NSB No. 5132 Clerk of the Court Therese M. Shanks, Esq., NSB No.12890 2 Transaction # 5735336 : rkwatkin ROBISON, BELAUSTEGUI, SHARP & LOW 71 Washington Street 3 Reno, Nevada 89503 Telephone: (775) 329-3151 4 Facsimile: (775) 329-7169 Email: msimons@rbsllaw.com and 5 tshanks@rbsllaw.com 6 Attorneys for Defendant 7 8 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA 9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE 10 ARTHUR SHATZ and RICHARD FRATIS. CASE NO.: CV15-01385 11 Plaintiffs, CASE NO.: CV15-01359 12 VS. 13 ROY L. STREET, individually and d.b.a. DEPT. NO.: 8 14 CAPITAL CAB. 15 Defendants. 16 CONSOLIDATED 17 **MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT** 18 Roy L. Street dba Capital Cab ("Capital Cab"), by and through Mark G. Simons of 19 Robison, Belaustegui, Sharp & Low, hereby moves this Court for summary judgment. 20 This motion is made pursuant to NRCP 56(c), and is based upon the attached 21 memorandum of points and authorities, exhibits and affidavits, and the pleadings and 22 papers on file herein. 23 DATED this 30 day of September, 2016. 24 25 ROBISON, BELAUSTEGUI, SHARP & LOW 71 Washington Street 26 Reno, Nevada 89803 27 28 Mark G. Simons, Esq., NSB No. 5132 Robison, Belaustegui, Therese M. Shanks, Esq., NSB No.12890 Attorneys for Defendants 71 Washington St.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. BACKGROUND OF CASE.

This case is about independent contractors wanting to claim that they were employees so that they can receive more money. While the plaintiffs' motivation is not unusual, this case does involve a unique statutory enactment that is separately carved out for taxicab drivers, such as Arthur Shatz ("Shatz") and Richard Fratis ("Fratis"), to be deemed independent contractors. See NRS 706.473. In addition, this case involves the application of NRS 608.0155 which creates a conclusive presumption that Shatz and Fratis are independent contractors. As will be discussed herein, Shatz and Fratis have asserted claims based upon Nevada law and their claims are barred by the parole evidence rule, as well as NRS 706.473's and NRS 608.0155's provisions.

II. THE APPLICATION OF NEVADA LAW.

This case involves the application the Nevada's Supreme Court's decision in <u>Kaldi v. Farmers Ins. Exch.</u>, 117 Nev. 273, 21 P.3d 16 (2001). In addition, NRS 706.473 codifies the independent contractor relationship with a taxi cab company. As a follow-up analysis, NRS 608.0155 implements an aggressive independent contractor determination by instructing the Court to look at a number of easily identifiable factors. If the basic factors are present, the Court is to apply the conclusive presumption that the worker is an independent contractor.

III. STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED FACTS IN SUPPORT OF MOTION.

A. SHATZ.

Shatz leased a taxi cab from Capitol Cab pursuant to a Taxicab Lease
 Agreement (the "Shatz Lease"). A copy of the Shatz Lease is attached hereto as

Exhibit 1,1

- 2. Shatz read, initialed each page and signed the Lease. Exh. 1.
- 3. Shatz admits that he was an independent contractor under his contract with Capitol Cab. Comp., ¶15 ("plaintiffs were treated as 'independent contractors' by the defendant . . .").
- 4. Shatz obtained his own licenses in order to satisfy his obligations under the Lease as an independent contractor. Exh. 1, ¶17. These licenses and permits are all imposed upon an independent contractor who desires to be a taxi cab driver pursuant to Nevada law. See NAC 706.3751(1)(a) & (c).
- 5. Copies of Shatz' licenses and related work permits are attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.²
 - 6. Shatz had his own social security number. Exh. 2, Street Aff., ¶6.
- 7. The Lease clearly and unambiguously states that Capitol Cab did not interfere with or control any aspect of his work performance. Exh. 1, Shatz Lease, ¶10.
- 8. In addition to Shatz' admission, the evidence is undisputed that Capitol Cab did not control any aspect of the following work performed by Shatz such as the following.
 - a. when Shatz wanted to lease a cab,
 - b. how long Shatz wanted to lease a cab (other than restricting the lease to 12 hours pursuant to statute)³;
 - c. what fares Shatz could pick up or decline;

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¹ See Exhibit 2, Affidavit of Robin Street ("Street Aff.") at ¶4.

² Street Aff., at ¶5.

³ See NAC 706.3761 (taxi cab drivers cannot work a shift longer than 12 hours as a matter of law).

⁴ Exh. 2, Street Aff., at ¶11.

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Fratis obtained his own licenses in order to satisfy his obligations under the 16. Lease as an independent contractor. Exh. 4, Lease, ¶17. These licenses and permits are all imposed upon an independent contractor who desires to be a taxi cab driver pursuant to Nevada law. See NAC 706.3751(1)(a) & (c).

- Copies of Fratis licenses and permits are attached hereto as Exhibit 5.5 17.
- 18. Fratis had his own social security number. Exh. 2, Street Aff., ¶13.
- 19. The Lease clearly and unambiguously states that Capitol Cab did not interfere with or control any aspect of his work performance. Exh. 4, Fratis Lease, ¶10.
- 20. In addition to Fratis' admission, the evidence is undisputed that Capitol Cab did not control any aspect of the following work performed by Fratis such as the following.
 - when Fratis wanted to lease a cab, a.
 - b. how long Fratis wanted to lease a cab (other than restricting the lease to 12 hours pursuant to statute)6;
 - C. what fares Fratis could pick up or decline;
 - d. where to drive and/or stay while not transporting a fare;
 - what routes Fratis could select to transport or locate fares; e.
 - f. what customers and/or locations to target for obtaining fares;
 - what to wear; and g.
 - h. what to say or how to act to enhance "tip" potential.

Exh. 2, Street Aff., at ¶14.

21. Fratis also had the ability to hire someone to assist him to perform his

⁵ Street Aff., at ¶12.

⁶ See NAC 706.3761 (taxi cab drivers cannot work a shift longer than 12 hours as a matter of law).

Sharp & Low 71 Washington St. Reno, NV 89503 (775) 329-3151 independent contractor duties. Exh. 4, Fratis Lease, ¶19, Exh. 2, ¶15.

- 22. Fratis was also not required to work solely for Capitol Cab. Exh. 2, Street Aff., at ¶16.
- 23. Fratis' income was based upon the effort Fratis expended in performing his work and had no relationship to any activity and or inactivity of Capitol Cab. Exh. 2, Street Aff., at ¶17.
- 24. Fratis had to pay for any liabilities caused by his own operation of the taxi cab, such as payment for traffic tickets, parking tickets, and/or repairs or damages caused to the taxi cab. Exh. 4, Fratis, ¶9.

IV. ARGUMENT.

A. NRCP 56 STANDARD,

In <u>Wood v. Safeway, Inc.</u>, 121 Nev. 724, 729-32, 121 P.3d 1026, 1029-31 (2005), the Nevada Supreme Court clarified its summary judgment jurisprudence by adopting the standards set forth in the United States Supreme Court's trilogy of cases styled <u>Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. v. Zenith Radio</u>, 475 U.S. 574 (1986), <u>Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.</u>, 477 U.S. 242 (1986), and <u>Celotex Corp. v. Catrett</u>, 477 U.S. 317 (1986). Those cases teach that "Rule 56 should not be regarded as a 'disfavored procedural shortcut' but instead 'as an integral part of the [rules of civil procedure] as a whole, which are designated to secure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every action." <u>Wood</u>, 121 Nev. at 730.

Summary judgment is proper whenever "the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issues as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law." NRCP 56. "To successfully oppose a motion for summary judgment, the non-moving party must show specific facts, rather than general allegations

and conclusions, presenting a genuine issue of material fact for trial." <u>LaMantia v.</u> Redisi, 118 Nev. 27, 29, 38 P.2d 877, 879 (2002).

Of note, "[t]he substantive law controls which factual disputes are *material*," not the party opposing summary judgment. Wood, 121 Nev. at 731, 121 P.3d at 1031 (emphasis added). Finally, the non-moving party, the opposing party may not build its case on the "gossamer threads of whimsy, speculation and conjecture." Id. at 731, 121 P.3d at 1030 (footnote and citations omitted).

B. AS A MATTER OF LAW SHATZ AND FRATIS WERE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.

When the terms of a written contract are unambiguous, the Court is charged with enforcing the contract as written. Davis v. Beling, 128 Nev. Adv. Op. 28, 278 P.3d 501, 515 (2012) ("the initial focus is on whether the language of the contract is clear and unambiguous; if it is, the contract will be enforced as written."). In addition, when the terms of a written contract are unambiguous, the interpretation and enforcement of the contract is an issue of law. Galardi v. Naples Polaris, LLC, 129 Nev. Adv. Op. 33, 301 P.3d 364, 366 (2013) ("contract interpretation presents a question of law that the district court may decide on summary judgment"). Here, the Court must enforce the terms of the Leases and grant summary judgment as requested.

The Leases clearly state that Shatz and Fratis are independent contractors. The clear and unambiguous language of the Leases state: "LESSEE is an independent contractor." Exhs. 1 and 4, ¶10 (emphasis added). The Lease further states that nothing contained in the Lease creates an employer-employee relationship as follows:

[Capitol Cab] and [Shatz and Fratis] acknowledge and agree that there does not exist between them the relationship of employer and employee . . . either express or implied, but that the relationship of the parties is strictly that of lessor and lessee

Exhs. 1 and 4, Lease, ¶10 (emphasis added). Because the foregoing language is clear

and unambiguous, the complaint fails and summary judgment must be granted as requested.

In an almost identical factual scenario, in <u>Kaldi v. Farmers Ins. Exch.</u>, 117 Nev. 273, 278–79, 21 P.3d 16, 19–20 (2001), a plaintiff brought suit contending that he was an employee even though he had a written contract stating he was **not** an employee. In granting summary judgment for the defendant, the Court held as follows:

Kaldi contends that his exclusive agency arrangement with Farmers created **20 an employer-employee relationship between himself and the companies. The plain language of the Agreement does not support Kaldi's assertion. "It has long been the policy in Nevada that absent some countervailing reason, contracts will be construed from the written language and enforced as written." Here, provision "I" of the agreement specifically states that Kaldi is not an employee of Farmers and that nothing in the Agreement is intended to create an employee/employer relationship. . . . As the Agreement unambiguously provides that Kaldi was an independent contractor, not an employee, we reject his argument that it created an employment relationship.

<u>Id</u>. (emphasis added) (citations omitted). The <u>Kaldi</u> Court then affirmed the trial court's dismissal of the plaintiff's complaint. <u>Id</u>. at 23.

As in <u>Kaldi</u>, the Leases clearly state that Shatz and Fratis are **independent contractors**, not employees. Further, the Lease language not only affirms the independent contractor relationship, the Leases affirmative state that there are no employee/employer relationships. Accordingly, the plain language of the Leases confirm that Shats and Fratis were independent contractors. Therefore, based upon the clear language of the Leases and based upon the controlling precedence established in <u>Kaldi</u>, this Court must grant summary judgment as requested.

C. THE PAROLE EVIDENCE RULE BARS ANY ATTEMPT BY SHATZ AND FRATIS TO CONTRADICT THE EXPRESS TERMS OF THE LEASES.

In addition to the foregoing, Nevada's parole evidence rule bars any attempt by Shatz and Fratis to contradict the clear and unambiguous terms in the Leases which

expressly state that these individuals were independent contractors. For more than a century, the Nevada Supreme Court has held that parole evidence is inadmissible "[w]hen parties reduce a contract to writing, all prior oral negotiations and agreements are merged in the writing, and the instrument must be treated as containing the whole contract, and parol [evidence] is not admissible to alter its terms." Gage v. Phillips, 21 Nev. 150, 26 P. 60, 61 (1891). Thus, where a written contract is clear and unambiguous on its face, the terms of the agreement must be construed from the language within the contract. Southern Trust Mortg. Co. v. K&B Door Co., Inc., 104 Nev. 564, 568, 763 P.2d 353, 355 (1988). Courts are also not at liberty to insert or disregard words in a contract. Royal Indem. Co. v. Special Serv. Supply Co., 82 Nev. 148, 413 P.2d 500, 502 (1966) ("Every word must be given effect"). Finally, "[t]he parole evidence rule forbids the reception of evidence which would vary or contradict the contract" Kaldi v. Farmers Ins. Exch., 117 Nev. 273, 281, 21 P.3d 16, 21 (2001) (citation omitted); Lowden Inv. Co. v. Gen. Elec. Credit Co., 103 Nev. 374, 379, 741 P.2d 806, 809 (1987) ("[p]arol evidence is not admissible to vary or contradict the terms of a written agreement.").

Because the Leases clearly and unambiguously state Shatz and Fratis were independent contractors, Shatz and Fratis are barred from attempting to contradict the terms of the Leases because the parol evidence rule bars any such attempt. See also Sandy Valley Assocs. v. Sky Ranch Estates Owners Assoc., 35 P.3d 964, 967-968 (Nev. 2001) ("Parol evidence is not admissible to vary or contradict the clear and unambiguous terms of a written agreement." (receded from on other ground in Horgan v. Felton, 123 Nev. 577, 170 P.3d 982 (2007)).

D. NRS 706.473 ESTABLISHES INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP FOR TAXICAB DRIVERS.

In addition to the foregoing grounds for granting summary judgment, taxicab

companies are governed by NRS Chapter 706. NRS 706.473(1) permits a taxicab operator to "lease a taxicab to an independent contractor." Specifically, NRS 706.473 states in relevant part as follows:

- 1. ... a person who holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity which was issued for the operation of a taxicab business may, upon approval from the authority, lease a taxicab to an independent contractor who does not hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity. . . .
- 2. A person who enters into a lease agreement with an independent contractor pursuant to this section shall submit a copy of the agreement to the authority for its approval. . . .

In the present case, Capitol Cab holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity that was issued for the operations of a taxi cab business. Exhs. 1 and 4, Leases, First Whereas Clause ("[Capitol Cab] is an intrastate common motor carrier operating under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity CPCN 1025 issued by the Nevada Transportation Authority").

Capitol Cab submitted its independent contractor lease agreements to the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA") for approval pursuant to the provisions of NRS 706.472(1)'s provisions. Exh. 2, Street Aff., at ¶18. The NTA approved Capitol Cab's independent contractor lease agreements. Id. at ¶19. Accordingly, Capitol Cab has complied with the provisions of NRS 706.473 and obtained the NTA's approval and validation of the independent contractor relationship by and between Capitol Cab and Shatz and Fratis.

This statutorily based independent contractor status was discussed by the Nevada Supreme Court in <u>Yellow Cab of Reno, Inc. v. Second Judicial Dist. Court of State ex rel. Cty. of Washoe</u>, 127 Nev. 583, 592, 262 P.3d 699, 704 (2011). The Nevada Supreme Court specifically recognized that NRS 706.473's provisions applied to independent contractors who comply with the requirements of NRS 706.475's provisions.

In rendering its decision, the <u>Yellow Cab</u> Court stated that the appropriate analysis for determining the independent contractor relationship under this statutory scheme was not the control exercised by the alleged employer but **whether the statutory criteria for the independent contractor relationship was established**. Specifically, the Nevada Supreme Court held:

As Yellow Cab points out . . . NRS 706.473 specifically authorizes the licensing of a taxicab to an independent contractor if the requirements of that statute and any administrative regulations promulgated in accordance with NRS 706.475 are met. Thus, under the statutory scheme, the existence of this statutorily created independent contractor relationship turns not on the issue of control, but on whether all of the statutory and administrative requirements for creating such an independent contractor relationship have been satisfied.

<u>Id.</u> (emphasis added). In the present case, the undisputed facts establish that the requirements have been met and summary judgment must be granted.

NRS 706.473 requires Capitol Cab to obtain the approval of its independent contractor agreement from the NTA. Capitol Cab did so and the NTA approved its independent contractor agreements. Thereafter, NRS 706.475(2)(a) states that the NTA shall adopt regulations that establish "[t]he minimum qualifications for an independent contractor" who seeks to lease a taxi cab. In conformance with this statute, NAC 706.3751 details the minimum requirements an independent contractor must have in order to lease a taxi cab under the NTA approved independent contractor agreement. Those requirements include a valid driver's license, a valid driver's permit, a medical report attesting to the physical abilities to operate a taxi cab and a copy of the independent contractor's driving record. See NAC 706.3751(1)(a), (b) and (c). Shatz and Fratis obtained each of these items and provided them to Capitol Cab in order to enter into their independent contractor relationships with Capitol Cab. Exhs. 1 and 4, Lease ¶17 (detailing Shatz' and Fratis' obligations to provide the foregoing documents

required by NAC 706.3751); see also SOF, ¶¶4-6, 16-18.

Based upon the foregoing, there is no need for the Court or the parties to inquire further into the control or lack thereof by Capitol Cab over Shatz' and Fratis' work. This is because the Nevada Supreme Court held in <u>Yellow Cab</u> that all that is required is an analysis of whether the statutory provisions have been complied with to establish "the existence of this statutorily created independent contractor relationship" As shown, the relevant facts are undisputed and NRS 706.473's statutory provisions are fully satisfied, and therefore, summary judgment must again be granted in Capitol Cab's favor as requested.

E. NRS 608.0155 CONCLUSIVELY ESTABLISHES INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP.

Even if this Court ignored the language of the Lease, ignored the Nevada Supreme Court's decision in Haldi, did not apply NRS 706's provisions and ignored the Nevada Supreme Court's analysis in Yellow Cab, Shatz' and Fratis' complaint again fails because of NRS 608.0155's provisions. NRS 608.0155 creates a conclusive presumption of independent contractor status when a number of easily identifiable criteria are met. Specifically, NRS 608.0155 states in this regard as follows:

- 1. ... [A] person is conclusively presumed to be an independent contractor if:
 - (a) the person possesses or has applied for a[] ... social security number;
 - (b) the person is required by the contract with the principal to hold any necessary state business registration or local business license and to maintain any necessary occupational license . . . ; and
 - (c) The person satisfies three or more of the following criteria:
 - (1) Notwithstanding the exercise of any control necessary to comply with any statutory, regulatory or

contractual obligations, the person has control and discretion over the means and manner of the performance of any work and the result of the work. rather than the means or manner by which the work is performed, is the primary element bargained for by the principal in the contract.

- (2) Except for an agreement with the principal relating to the completion schedule, range of work hours or, if the work contracted for is entertainment, the time such entertainment is to be presented, the person has control over the time the work is performed.
- (3) The person is not required to work exclusively for one principal . . .
- (4) The person is free to hire employees to assist with the work.

An analysis of the foregoing criteria demonstrates that as a matter of law, Shatz and Fratis are conclusively deemed independent contractors under Nevada law.

To place NRS 608.0155's provisions in context, this statute was enacted in 2015 in response to the Nevada Supreme Court's 2014 decision on Terry v. Sapphire Gentlemen's Club, 336 P.3d 951 (Nev. 2014), wherein the Court implemented the "economic realities" test to determine if a worker was an employee or an independent contractor under Nevada law. The foregoing test was based upon considerations of federal law.

After the Court's 2014 ruling in Sapphire Club, Nevada's 78th Legislative Session enacted SB 224 which superseded the economic realities test for claims based upon Nevada law. SB 224 was codified at NRS 608.0155.7 NRS 608.0155's provisions

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⁷ In addition, SB 224 amended NR 608.255 to include that an independent contractor relationship does not constitute an employment relationship and, as such, is exempt from Article 15, Section 16's provisions. See NRS 608.255(3). Further, NRS 608.255(7) was clarified to state that the provisions of 608.0155 apply immediately to any pending or future action in which a final decision has not been rendered.

reaffirm Nevada's commitment to honoring the independent contractor relationship. In addition, NRS 608.0155's provisions send a clear signal to the Courts that, as a matter of law, certain workers are conclusively deemed independent contractors when certain factors are established. Again, as will be discussed below, NRS 608.0155's aggressive approach instructs the Court to look at a number of easily identifiable factors.

In addition to the enactment of NRS 608.0155's provisions, the Nevada

Legislature amended NRS 608.255(3) to state that as a matter of law, the "relationship between a principal and an independent contractor" does not give rise to an employment relationship and Capitol Cab is not subject to any "statutory or constitutional provision governing the minimum wage paid to an employee"

(Emphasis added). Therefore, because Shatz and Fratis are independent contractors, they have no statutory or constitutional rights to receive payment as employees from Capitol Cab.

1. NRS 608.0155(1)(a): Social Security Number.

NRS 608.0155(1)(a) states that if the worker has their own social security number then this factor is conclusively satisfied. Shatz and Fratis obtained their own social security numbers. See SOF ¶¶6, 18. Accordingly, this factor conclusively establishes the independent contractor presumption.

2. NRS 608.0155(1)(b): LICENSES & PERMITS.

NRS 608.0155(1)(b) states that if the worker has obtained their own licenses and permits to perform the work, then this factor is conclusively satisfied. Shatz and Fratis obtained their own driver's licenses, chauffeur's licenses, police cards and medical reports to conduct the work. See SOF ¶¶4-6, 16-18. Accordingly, this factor conclusively establishes the independent contractor presumption.

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3. NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(1): MEANS, MANNER AND RESULT.

This provision requires the Court to evaluate whether "the person has control or discretion over the means and manner of the performance of any work and the result of the work." Initially, this factor is conclusively established because Shatz and Fratis have admitted that they were "free from interference and control" in the operations of their work by Capitol Cab. Exh. 1 and 4, Leases, ¶10 ("[Shatz/Fratis] acknowledge[s] and agree[s] that . . . [Shatz/Fratis is] free from interference or control on the part of [Capitol Cab], except as otherwise provided in chapter 706 of the NRS and/or NAC"

Because Shatz and Fratis have already admitted that Capitol Cab did not interfere with and/or control any aspect of their work, Shatz and Fratis are bound by their own admission. Yee v. Weiss, 110 Nev. 657, 662, 877 P.2d 510, 513 (Nev. 1994) ("Courts have consistently held that one is bound by any document one signs").

In addition to Shats' and Fratis' own admissions, when considering Shatz' and Fratis' activities, it is clear that they had had complete autonomy over the means and manner of "the performance" of their work as well as the result of the work they each performed. The undisputed facts are as follows. Even though Shatz and Fratis leased a vehicle in 12-hour shifts, Shatz and Fratis could drive as long or short as they wanted to during that period. Shatz' and Fratis' income was based solely and exclusively upon their own work ethic. It is further suggested that because their income was tied directly to their own effort, this situation is the hallmark of an independent contractor relationship since Shatz and Fratis retained the exclusive right to work as long or short as they desired without consequence.

In addition, Shatz and Fratis had the autonomy to pick up whatever fare they desired and/or to decline any fare. Shatz and Fratis selected when and where they would drive to seek out fares and/or could station themselves at any location they

desired in anticipation of fares arriving. Shatz and Fratis selected whatever driving route they desired to deliver a fare. Shatz and Fratis selected what they wanted to wear while driving, what they wanted to say to their fares and had complete control on satisfying any fare in order to obtain a tip. All tips received by Shatz and Fratis were theirs and theirs alone. Shatz and Fratis only paid a flat rate of 50% of all fares received for their rental fee, along with a \$5 dollar administrative fee. Exhs. 1 and 4, Leases, Exhibit A. As shown, Shatz' and Fratis' admission and the foregoing facts demonstrate that they controlled the means and manner of their own performance and the result of their own work ethic.

While it is anticipated Shatz and Fratis will argue that they were limited to working a 12 hour shift established by Capitol Cab as evidence of Capitol Cab's control, this factor is irrelevant and has no bearing on the analysis. This factor is irrelevant because as shown, the taxi cab industry is regulated by the NTA.⁸ The NTA has extensive requirements for a taxi cab company relating to how the taxi cab company can operate its business.⁹ Of relevant point, NAC 706.3761 precludes any driver from driving more than 12-hours in a given shift. This 12-hour regulatory time limitation was also specifically included in the terms of the Leases (see Exhs. 1 and 4, Lease, ¶¶3, 5). In

⁸NRS 706.475 states as follows: "The [NTA] authority shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to: (a) Carry out the provisions of NRS 706.473; and (b) Ensure that the taxicab business remains safe, adequate and reliable."). Accordingly, the NTA exercises regulatory oversight of the taxi cab industry to ensure that it remains safe and reliable for the citizens in our community. The NTA's regulatory oversight, and the conditions it places on Capitol Cab are not factors the Court can evaluate to determine there is an employee relationship.

⁹For instance, there are numerous Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") provisions, enacted pursuant to the provisions of NRS 706.475, that address such things as: the territory the cabs can service (NAC 706.368); registration and operation of the taxicab (NAC 706.371); the color scheme of the taxicab (NAC 706.3742); dispatch operations (NAC 706.3743); security deposit under a lease (NAC 706.3752); and a 12-hour limitation on driver's hours (NAC 706.3761).

addition, the Leases clearly call out that the Leases as well as Capitol Cab's and Shatz' and Fratis' activities are regulated to and subject to the jurisdiction and rules of the NTA. Given the NTA's oversight and regulation, NRS 608.0155(c)(1)'s provisions make it clear that the Court may not consider this 12-hour time limitation as a "control" exercised by Capitol Cab. NRS 608.0155(c)(1) ("Notwithstanding the exercise of any control necessary to comply with any statutory, regulatory or contractual obligations . . .

."). Accordingly, this time period limitation on how long Shatz and Fratis could work is not evidence of an employment relationship as a matter of law and this factor again conclusively establishes the independent contractor presumption.

4. NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(2): TIME WORK PERFORMED.

NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(2) requires the Court to evaluate the extent that "the person has control over the time the work is performed." Again, as stated above, evidence of "control" exercised by the would-be employer as to the time by which performance must be completed or the acceptable range of work hours does not defeat this presumption of independent contractor status. Here, Shatz and Fratis had complete control over when and if they performed any work based upon their own admissions. Further, Shatz and Fratis could work anytime they wanted during the Lease period. Accordingly, this factor conclusively establishes the independent contractor presumption because Shatz and Fratis fully controlled the time in which the work was performed by them.

5. NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(3): NO EXCLUSIVE WORK.

NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(3) provides that if the worker is free to work for others, then this factor establishes an independent contractor relationship. In the present case, Shatz

¹⁰ Exh. 1 and 4, Leases, ¶16 ("This Lease does not relieve [Capitol Cab] from its duties and responsibilities under NRS Chapter 706 or NAC Chapter 706. [Shatz/Fratis] and/or [Capitol Cab] are subject to the jurisdiction of the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA").").

and Fratis were free to enter into other work relationships with other persons or entities. Exh. 2, Street Aff., ¶¶9, 16. In addition, there is nothing in the Lease that prevented Shatz or Fratis from working for any other person or entity. Accordingly, this factor conclusively establishes the independent contractor presumption.

6. NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(4): FREE TO HIRE OTHERS.

NRS 608.0155(1)(c)(4) provides that if the worker is able to hire others to assist him in his work then this factor establishes an independent contractor relationship. In the present case, Shatz and Fratis were freely able to hire other persons to assist them in their endeavors. Exhs. 1 and 4, Leases ¶19. All that was required was for Shatz and Fratis to obtain written approval from Capitol Cab because, under the applicable NTA regulations, Capitol Cab must obtain and maintain a file for any driver who would drive a leased vehicle. See NAC 706.3751 (detailing the obligations imposed upon Capitol Cab before authorizing any driver to drive a taxi cab). Accordingly, Shatz and Fratis had the contractual right to hire anyone they wanted to assist them with the work they performed and, again, this factor conclusively establishes the independent contractor presumption.

7. The Court Must Impose The Conclusive Presumption That Shatz and Fratis Are Independent Contractors.

When the evidence is undisputed and the application of law is clear, then summary judgment must be granted. While Shatz and Fratis may argue that they were employees, Shatz and Fratis also cannot overcome the clear and unambiguous language contained in the Leases wherein Shatz and Fratis repeatedly affirm that they are independent contractors. Further, Shatz and Fratis cannot overcome the clear and unambiguous language in the Leases that Capitol Cab did not exercise any interference or control over their work. Finally, Shatz and Fratis cannot overcome the undisputed evidence that establishes that they are conclusively presumed to be independent

Robison, Belaustegui, Sharp & Low 71 Washington St. Reno, NV 89503 (775) 329-3151 contractors pursuant to the provisions of NRS 608.0155. Accordingly, summary judgment must be granted as requested.

V. SHATZ' AND FRATIS' COMPLAINT PREMISED ON OLD "ECONOMIC REALITIES" ANALYSIS.

As an entirely separate ground for dismissal, Shatz' and Fratis' Complaint is based upon the premise of the old "economic realities" test employed in <u>Terry v.</u>

<u>Sapphire Gentlemen's Club</u>, 336 P.3d 951 (Nev. 2014). Comp., ¶15. Because Shatz' and Fratis' Complaint fails to acknowledge the application of NRS 706.473's controlling provisions, summary judgment must be granted because Shatz' and Fratis' Complaint fails to state a valid claim for relief.

When the Nevada Legislature enacted NRS 608.0155's provisions, the legislature stated that the provisions applied to any pending or future cases in which a final decision had not been rendered. See **Exhibit 6**, Senate Bill 224, Section 7.¹¹ Accordingly, the legal basis for Shatz' and Fratis' Complaint has been superseded by Nevada law and judgment in Capitol Cab's favor is again required.

VI. CONCLUSION.

Shatz and Fratis have already admitted they entered into the Leases with Capitol Cab and that the Leases define them as independent contractors. Shatz and Fratis further acknowledged that Capitol Cab did not control and/or interfere with any aspect of the work they performed. Based upon the foregoing, Shatz and Fratis are bound by the terms of the Lease and summary judgment in Capitol Cab's favor must be granted. Yee v. Weiss,110 Nev. 657, 662, 877 P.2d 510, 513 (Nev. 1994) ("Courts have consistently held that one is bound by any document one signs"). In addition, as detailed herein, Shatz' and Fratis' claims are barred by NRS 706.473's and NRS 609.0155's provisions.

¹¹ The Court can take judicial notice of SB 224's provisions. <u>See</u> NRS 47.140(2).

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3	DATED this day of September, 2016.
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CAPITOL CAB COMPANY TAXICAB LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS TAXICAB LEASE AGREEMENT ("Lease") made this 23 day of March
011, between ROY L. STREET dba CAPITOL CAB COMPANY., a Nevada entity, with its principal place of
usiness at 3835 Sheep Drive, Carson City, Nevada (hereinafter referred to as "LEASING COMPANY"), and
an independent contractor with his/her principal residence located at
1517 PINTO CF., hereinafter referred to as "LESSEE").

WHEREAS, LEASING COMPANY is an intrastate for hire common motor carrier operating under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity CPCN 2445 issued by the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA");

WHEREAS, LEASING COMPANY is the owner of taxicabs and other vehicles;

WHEREAS, LESSEE desires to lease from LEASING COMPANY a vehicle and other services under the term and conditions herein set forth; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to confirm their understanding in writing.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

- LEASE. LESSEE agrees to lease from LEASING COMPANY a taxicab with the name, insignia, certificate number, and painted in the approved color scheme of LEASING COMPANY (the "Leased Taxicab"). At the commencement of this lease, LEASING COMPANY shall deliver the Leased Taxicab in good working order, properly licensed, and with a full tank of fuel. LEASING COMPANY shall equip the Leased Taxicab with a radio, taximeter, identifying decals, seals and other equipment required by applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances (collectively the "Regulatory Authorities").
- TAXICAB FEES, LICENSING. LEASING COMPANY shall maintain and pay for all
 operating licenses, taxes, and fees on the Leased Taxicab. At times other than Lease Periods

- (as defined below), LEASING COMPANY may either use the Leased Taxicab itself or lease the Leased Taxicab to other lessees.
- 3. OWNERSHIP, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR. LEASING COMPANY is the owner of the Leased Taxicab, which is in a good mechanical condition and meets the requirements for operating taxicabs in the location where the taxicab will be operated. Regularly scheduled maintenance shall be LEASING COMPANY'S responsibility; provided, however, in order to keep the Leased Taxicab in good mechanical condition, LESSEE shall inspect the Leased Taxicab at the beginning of each 12 hour period and report any condition requiring repair or maintenance to LEASING COMPANY. LESSEE shall return the taxicab to LEASING COMPANY at the end of each 12 hour period to enable LEASING COMPANY to comply with the provisions of NAC § 706.380. All repairs will be done in a timely fashion and a file will be maintained by LEASING COMPANY for records concerning the maintenance of the taxicab. At no time is LESSEE authorized or allowed to make any alterations or changes of any kind to the Taxicab.
- 4. <u>INSURANCE</u>. Insurance or self insurance will be provided by LEASING COMPANY in an amount sufficient to meet regulatory requirements.
- LEASE PERIOD. Each period LESSEE uses the Leased Taxicab shall be deemed a separate Lease Period ("Lease Period"). Each Lease Period will be determined by LESSEE and LEASING COMPANY and will be indicated on Exhibit "A". LESSEE shall not, however, operate the taxicab for more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period. This Lease shall serve as a master lease agreement, which will govern each and every Lease Period.
- 6. <u>ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLEASING</u>. LESSEE shall not transfer, assign, sublease, or otherwise enter into an agreement to lease the taxicab to another person, nor shall LESSEE'S rights be subject to encumbrance or subject to the claims of his or her creditors.
- 7. <u>OPERATING AUTHORITY</u>. LEASING COMPANY is a certified carrier and services provided by LESSEE are regulated by appropriate regulatory authorities. LESSEE'S use of

- the Leased Taxicab shall be in a manner authorized by LEASING COMPANY'S certificate to operate and the LEASING COMPANY'S Tariff.
- Rental Fee to LEASING COMPANY in the amount set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. LESSEE shall pay the rental fees set forth in Exhibit "A" for each 12 hour lease period, as well as the late fees, set forth in Exhibit "A". Any Late Fees, as listed on Exhibit "A", shall be paid to LEASING COMPANY by LESSEE at the end of the current or prior to the beginning of the next 12 hour Lease Period after incurring such Late Fee. If, for any reason, LESSEE cannot or does not complete the 12 hour Lease Period, LESSEE shall not be entitled to any reduction of the Rental Fee.
- 9. SECURITY DEPOSIT. In addition to the rental payment, LESSEE will pay to LEASING COMPANY, at or before commencement of the first 12 hour Lease Period, a security deposit in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), paid in full or by other payment arrangement as determined by LEASING COMPANY. The security deposit shall be maintained at One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) while this lease is in effect. Said security deposit must be maintained by the LEASING COMPANY in an account separate from the carrier's operating account. Said security deposit, less proper deductions, shall be returned to LESSEE not later than thirty (30) days after the termination of this Lease. Pursuant to NAC 706.3752, any deductions must be itemized and in writing, and supported by receipts that evidences the repairs to the taxicab in an amount equal to the amount deducted, and provided to the LESSEE upon return of the remaining security deposit.

LEASING COMPANY may also deduct from said security deposit any amount due to LEASING COMPANY, including, but not limited to, delinquent rental charges, unauthorized repairs and/or maintenance, unpaid traffic fines, unauthorized charges incurred by LEASING COMPANY or other damages sustained by LEASING COMPANY.

10. <u>RELATIONSHIP</u>. Neither Party is the partner, joint venturer, agent, or representatives of the

other Party. LESSEE is an independent contractor. LEASING COMPANY and LESSEE acknowledge and agree that there does not exist between them the relationship of employer and employee, principal and agent, or master and servant, either expressed or implied, but that the relationship of the parties is strictly that of lessor and lessee, the LESSEE being free from interference or control on the part of LEASING COMPANY in the operation of the Leased Taxicab. LESSEE acknowledges that:

- a. He or she is not eligible for federal or state unemployment benefits or workman's compensation benefits.
- b. LEASING COMPANY is not responsible for withholding federal or state income taxes, or any other taxes, but LESSEE will be liable for payment of those taxes.
- c. LEASING COMPANY is not responsible for withholding or paying, in any way, contribution for taxes under the Federal Insurance Act, and LESSEE will be liable for those and all other taxes.
- d. LEASING COMPANY agrees to furnish only liability insurance on the Leased Taxicab, in a sum not less than required by applicable law, and LEASING COMPANY shall not be responsible nor liable in any way for any injury to LESSEE resulting from the use or operation of such taxicab.
- e. LEASING COMPANY is a certified carrier and services provided by LESSEE are regulated by appropriate authorities. LESSEE'S use of the Leased Taxicab shall be in a manner authorized by LEASING COMPANY'S certificate to operate the Leased Taxicab and LEASING COMPANY'S Tariff.
- 11. TRIP SHEET. At the beginning of each 12 hour lease period, LESSEE must date and time stamp the trip sheet provided by LEASING COMPANY. At the end of each 12 hour lease period, LESSEE must provide the LEASING COMPANY with the completed date and time stamped trip sheets for that 12 hour lease period.
- 12. <u>DAILY VEHICLE INSPECTION</u>. In order to keep the Leased Taxicab in good mechanical

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condition, LESSEE shall inspect the Leased Taxicab at the beginning and end of each 12 hour lease period and document on a daily inspection sheet to be submitted daily and report any condition requiring repair or maintenance to LEASING COMPANY.

- 13. <u>NO PERSONAL USE</u>. The Leased Taxicab is for commercial use only and may not be utilized for the personal use of the LESSEE.
- ADVERTISING. In accordance with applicable law, only LEASING COMPANY is authorized to hold itself out and to advertise that it is a motor carrier authorized to provide taxicab services within the area authorized by its certificate of public convenience and necessity, CPCN 2445, including but not limited to, the use of the internet, telephone, television, radio, business cards, any form of print media, or any other form of advertising, because the taxicabs are owned by leasing company all top sign as well as any other advertising placed on or in the Taxicab is at the direction and control of the LEASING COMPANY. At its option, LEASING COMPANY may provide business cards for LESEE's use.

LESSEE shall not engage in any advertising or promotion whether by the internet, telephone, television, radio, business cards, any form of print media, or any other form of advertising which either reflects or gives the impression, whether intended or not, that LESEE is holding himself/herself out as a motor carrier authorized to provide taxicab services. In the event LESEE engages in such advertising LESEE will be solely responsible for any fines or other fees imposed by the NTA.

15. REPLACEMENT VEHICLE. In the event that any repair or maintenance takes more than eight (8) hours in any week, LEASING COMPANY shall attempt to provide a replacement Leased Taxicab, if available. If a replacement Leased Taxicab is not available, then LESSEE shall be entitled to a pro-rata refund of the Rental Fee, if applicable. Repairs and maintenance on Leased Taxicabs must be performed at LEASING COMPANY'S facilities, unless prior written authorization is obtained from LEASING COMPANY to have the

- repairs and maintenance done elsewhere. LESSEE shall be responsible for the cost of unauthorized repairs and/or maintenance, and for all damages caused thereby.
- 16. REGULATORY AUTHORITIES. This Lease does not relieve LEASING COMPANY from its duties and responsibilities under NRS Chapter 706 or NAC Chapter 706. LESSEE and/ or LEASING COMPANY are subject to the jurisdiction of the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA") and shall comply with all federal rules, regulations, ordinances, administrative codes, health and safety provisions and statutes in the operation of the Leased Taxicab. In the event of a violation of such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, administrative codes, health and safety provisions and statutes, the NTA may take enforcement action against LESSEE and LEASING COMPANY. Both the LESSEE and LEASING COMPANY are subject to all laws and regulations relating to the operation of a taxicab which have been established by the NTA (as set forth in Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code Chapters 706) and other regulatory agencies and LESSEE understands that a violation of those laws and regulations will breach the agreement.
- 17. MEDICAL AND DRIVING HISTORY. To ensure compliance with the provisions of NAC 706.3751, before this LEASE AGREEMENT can be deemed approved, the LESSEE must provide to the LEASING COMPANY:
 - (a) A certificate from a licensed physician which is dated not more than 90 days before the date on which LESSEE begins to lease a taxicab from the LEASING COMPANY pursuant to NRS 706.473, which demonstrates that LESSEE is physically qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 391.43, which certificate the LESSEE must also maintain in his/her possession when operating the taxicab; and
 - (b) A copy of the driving record of the LESSEE obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles which demonstrates that the LESSEE has not, within the past three (3) years:

- i. Been convicted of driving under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance;
- ii. Been convicted of careless or reckless driving;
- iii. Been convicted of failing to stop and remain at the scene of an accident; or
- iv. Failed to keep a written promise to appear in Court of any offense.
- 18. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS. LEASING COMPANY must maintain driver qualification files (for the LESSEE), trip sheets (for the LESSEE), and vehicle maintenance files (for the Leased Taxicab) as required pursuant to the provisions of NRS and NAC Chapters 706.
- 19. WARRANTY. LESSEE warrants that he/she possesses, and at all times during the term of this Lease, and any renewals or extensions hereof, shall possess, the proper driver's license to lawfully operate a taxicab as required by the regulatory authorities. LESSEE agrees to comply with all local, state, and federal laws and ordinances of Regulatory Authorities relating to the operation of motor vehicles and taxicabs. LESSEE is responsible for the payment of all parking and traffic violations, fines and penalties, including any towing, booting, or impound fees or charges, as a result of LESSEE'S use of the Leased Taxicab and any fees or fines imposed by the NTA against LESSEE. LESSEE agrees to promptly pay or contest, and to indemnify and hold harmless LEASING COMPANY from such fines, penalties, towing, booting or impound fees or charges and fees or fines imposed by the NTA against LESEE.

LESSEE warrants that only he or she shall drive the Leased Taxicab during the Leased Period, unless LEASING COMPANY authorizes, in writing, another person to drive the Leased Taxicab.

20. <u>REPORT OF ACCIDENTS/CRIMES</u>. LESSEE must give LEASING COMPANY, through LEASING COMPANY'S authorized agents and/or employees, immediate radio notice of a violent crime (in which the LESSEE is the victim) or any accident, loss or claim in which

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LESSEE is involved, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.

- 21. HOURS OF OPERATION. The LESSEE shall not operate the taxicab for more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.
- 22. LEASED TAXICAB RETURN. At the end of each 12 hour Lease Period, LESSEE agrees to return the Leased Taxicab at the agreed time to LEASING COMPANY'S premises in the same condition in which it was received by LESSEE, except for normal wear and tear. LESSEE agrees to pay an additional charge for late return, as outlined in Exhibit "A", and to compensate LEASING COMPANY for any damages to the Leased Taxicab as set forth herein. Failure to return with a full tank of gas will result in a charge to LESSEE to fill the tank.
- 23. TERMINATION. LEASING COMPANY shall have the right, but not the obligation, to immediately terminate this Lease at any time in the event that LESSEE:
 - Fails to pay the Rental Fee or any towing, booting, or impounded fees or charges, any a. other fines, fees or penalties as required herein;
 - Ъ. Fails to maintain a proper drivers license:
 - c. Fails to timely report any accident;
 - d. Encumbers, assigns, subleases, or otherwise enters into an agreement to lease the Leased Taxicab to another person;
 - e. Fails to return the Leased Taxicab in good condition with a full tank of gas;
 - f. Violates any rule or regulation of the Nevada Transportation Authority of the State of Nevada:
 - Violates any rule or regulation of the Airport Authority of Washoe County; ġ.
 - h. Drives the Leased Taxicab under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol;

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i. Fails to submit to a breath or urine test, upon objective facts, that LESSEE is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol;



- j. Fails to sign the ACKNOWLEDGMENT contained on the Daily Tripsheet at the beginning of each Lease Period;
- k. Is convicted of any felony or misdemeanor for driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol;
- 1. Gives one (1) day's notice of intention not to enter into an additional Lease Period; or
- m. Allows any unauthorized person to drive the Leased Taxicab during any Lease Period.

Notwithstanding any of the above causes for termination, LEASING COMPANY shall have the right to terminate, at will, this Lease upon giving one (1) day's written notice to LESSEE of LEASING COMPANY'S intention to terminate the Lease. Termination hereunder shall be effective one (1) day after giving said written notice.

A failure by LEASING COMPANY to terminate the Lease for LESSEE'S violation of one or more of the above grounds for termination of this Lease shall not constitute a waiver of LEASING COMPANY'S right to terminate this Lease for any subsequent violations on the same or other grounds by LESSEE.

- 24. <u>NEVADA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY APPROVAL</u>. A LEASING COMPANY'S lease agreement is not deemed effective until approved by the NTA. This Lease shall be deemed to be modified, as necessary, to conform to said statutes and regulations and changes thereto.
- 25. <u>RETENTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT</u>. The LEASING COMPANY must retain copies of each lease agreement for a minimum of three years.
- 26. ATTORNEY'S FEES. In the event of any dispute between the LESSEE and LEASING COMPANY relating to this Lease, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable costs incurred by the prevailing party in connection therewith and in pursuing and collecting remedies, relief and damages.

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- 27. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. This agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with and through application of the laws of the State of Nevada.
- 28. RADIO SERVICE. LEASING COMPANY shall make available to LESSEE radio dispatching services as a means of referring prospective passengers LESSEE has the option to use radio dispatch. If LESSEE accepts the dispatch call, then LESSEE must pick up passengers through such radio dispatch. However, LESSEE has no obligation to respond to radio calls if LESSEE chooses not to utilize dispatch service. LESSEE is not obligated to report his location to LEASING COMPANY or to remain in any specific place at any fixed hours.
- 29. ARBITRATION. Any dispute or controversy arising between the parties involving the interpretation, enforcement or application of any provision in this Lease Agreement, or pertaining to the performance or any breach of this Lease Agreement, or in any way arising out of or related to this Lease Agreement, shall be determined by the Nevada Court Annex Arbitration Program as set forth in the Nevada Arbitration Rules, with either party retaining its right to seek a trial de novo.
- 30. MISCELLANEOUS. It is understood between LEASING COMPANY and LESSEE that it is in each party's best interest to maintain the reputation and goodwill of LEASING COMPANY and LESSEE. In this regard, cleanliness of Leased Taxicab, courtesy, personal grooming, dress, appearance, safety, and observance of traffic laws are to each party's mutual benefit. It is also understood between LEASING COMPANY and LESSEE that a file will be maintained by LEASING COMPANY which contains LESSEE'S qualifications to drive the taxicab.
- 31. RELEASE AND INDEMNITY OF ALL CLAIMS. The LEASING COMPANY and the LESSEE does for itself, its heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby release, remise, and forever discharge the State of Nevada, the NTA, the Nevada Attorney General, and each of their members, agents, and employees in their individual and

representative capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known or unknown, in law or equity, which LEASING COMPANY and the LESSEE ever had, now has, may have, or claim to have against any or all of said entities or individuals arising out of or by reason of the processing or investigation of or other action relating to this agreement.

Furthermore, LEASING COMPANY and the LESSEE hereby agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend, not excluding the State's right to participate, the State of Nevada, the NTA, the Nevada Attorney General, and each of their, members, agents, and employees in their individual and representative cpacities from any and all claims, suits, and actions, brought by anyone associated with this application, or by any third party, against the agencies or persons named in this paragraph, arising out of the submission, investigation, and deliberation concerning this agreement, and against any and all liabilities, expenses, damages, charges and costs, including court costs and attorneys' fees, which may be sustained by the persons and agencies named in this paragraph as a result of said claims, suits and actions.

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32. <u>COMPLETE AGREEMENT</u>. This Lease constitutes the entire lease, agreement, and understanding between the parties as to the subject matter hereto, and merges all prior discussions between them. None of the parties shall be bound by any conditions, definitions, warranties, understandings or representations other than as expressly provided herein.

Executed in duplicate this 23 day of March, 2011.

LEASING COMPANY:	
	Roy L. Street dba CAPITOL CAB COMPANY
	By: Darry Laulese
	Its: Manager
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EXHIBIT "A"

RENTAL FEE AND LATE FEES

RENTAL FEES		
12-HOUR PERIOD Five (5) dollars, plus 50% of Total Book of the shift, plus Gas	24-HOUR PERIOD NOT AVAILABLE	ONE WEEK PERIOD S dollars, plus Gas. Lessee retains 100% of the Total Book.
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AFFIDAVIT OF ROBIN STREET IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

COUNTY OF WASHOE)
)ss.
STATE OF NEVADA)

- I, Robin Street, under penalty of perjury, hereby state:
- 1. I am the named Defendant in this matter doing business as Capitol Cab.
- 2. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in the affidavit and am competent to testify thereto.
- 3. I submit this affidavit in support of Capitol Cab's Motion for Summary Judgment ("Motion"), to which this affidavit is attached as Exhibit 2.
- 4. Exhibit 1 to the Motion is a true and correct copy of the Taxicab Lease Agreement with Arthur Shatz.
- 5. Exhibit 3 to the Motion are true and correct copy of the licenses and permits submitted by Shatz.
 - 6. Shatz had his own social security number.
- 7. Capitol Cab did not control any aspect of the following work performed by Shatz such as the following.
 - a. when Shatz wanted to lease a cab,
 - how long Shatz wanted to lease a cab (other than restricting the lease to 12 hours pursuant to statute);
 - c. what fares Shatz could pick up or decline;
 - d. where to drive and/or stay while not transporting a fare;
 - e. what routes Shatz could select to transport or locate fares;
 - f. what customers and/or locations to target for obtaining fares;
 - g. what to wear;
 - h. what to say or how to act to enhance "tip" potential;
- 8. Shatz also had the ability to hire someone to assist him to perform his independent contractor duties.

- Shatz was also not required to work solely for Capitol Cab.
- 10. Shatz' income was based upon the effort Shatz expended in performing his work and had no relationship to any activity and or inactivity of Capitol Cab.
- 11. Exhibit 4 to the Motion is a true and correct copy of the Taxicab Lease Agreement with Richard Fratis.
- 12. Exhibit 5 to the Motion are true and correct copy of the licenses and permits submitted by Fratis.
 - 13. Fratis had his own social security number.
- 14. Capitol Cab did not control any aspect of the following work performed by Fratis such as the following.
 - a. when Fratis wanted to lease a cab,
 - b. how long Fratis wanted to lease a cab (other than restricting the lease to 12 hours pursuant to statute);
 - c. what fares Fratis could pick up or decline;
 - d. where to drive and/or stay while not transporting a fare;
 - e. what routes Fratis could select to transport or locate fares;
 - f. what customers and/or locations to target for obtaining fares;
 - g. what to wear;
 - h. what to say or how to act to enhance "tip" potential;
- 15. Fratis also had the ability to hire someone to assist him to perform his independent contractor duties.
 - 16. Fratis was also not required to work solely for Capitol Cab.
- 17. Fratis' income was based upon the effort Fratis expended in performing his work and had no relationship to any activity and or inactivity of Capitol Cab.
- 18. Capitol Cab submitted its independent contractor lease agreements to the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA") for approval pursuant to the provisions of NRS 706.472(1)'s provisions.

- 19. The NTA approved Capitol Cab's independent contractor lease agreements.
- 14. In many instances, Shatz and Fratis only worked 6 hours or less during the 12-hour periods they leased a taxicab.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

DATED this 29 day of September, 2016

ROBIN STREET

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Robin Street this 22 day of September 2016, at Reno, Nevada.

NOTARY PUBLIC

JODI ALHASAN
Notary Public - State of Nevada
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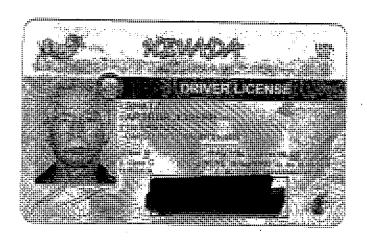
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Work Permit

Carson City Sheriff's Office, Carson City, Nevada Ken Furlong, Sheriff



Date issued: 09-30-2013 Expires: 09-30-2016



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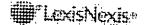




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Controlled Substance Test Report

Attn: Barry Lawless

5385 Sheep Dr.

Carlson City, NV 89706

Phone: 775-885-0300

Donor Name: Arthur Shatz

Donor ID:

Employee Id 1:

Account Number: 181781-00000

Employee Id 2:

Emp. Category: UNKNOWN

Client Name: Capital Cab Company

Test Result: Negative

Result Description: Negative

Substances Found:

MRO Verified Comment:

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DLN/ID: Sex: MALE

Height: 6 feet 00 inches

State of Record:

Physical Exp Date:

Mailing Address:

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Weight: 180 lbs.

Hair:BROWN

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Name: SHATZ, ARTHUR JOSEPH

DLN/ID

State of Record:

DOB: 11-10-1950 Physical Exp Date:

Sex: MALE

Eye: BLUE

Mailing Address:

Height: 6 feet 00 inches

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Height: 6 feet 00 inches

Weight: 180 lbs.

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DOB: 11-10-1950

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CAPITOL CAB COMPANY TAXICAB LEASE AGREEMENT

	THIS TAXICAB LEASE AGREEMENT ("Lease") made this 25 day of Merch
	20 11, between ROY L. STREET dba CAPITOL CAB COMPANY., a Nevada entity, with its principal place of
	business at 5835 Sheep Drive, Carson City, Nevada (hereinafter referred to as "LEASING COMPANY") and
_	Sicil Inams an independent contractor with his/hor principal will
	1174 Mannen fare de W, hereinafter referred to as "LESSEE").

WHEREAS, LEASING COMPANY is an intrastate for hire common motor carrier operating under a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity CPCN 2445 issued by the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA");

WHEREAS, LEASING COMPANY is the owner of taxicabs and other vehicles;

WHEREAS, LESSEE desires to lease from LEASING COMPANY a vehicle and other services under the term and conditions herein set forth; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to confirm their understanding in writing.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

LEASE. LESSEE agrees to lease from LEASING COMPANY a taxicab with the name, insignia, certificate number, and painted in the approved color scheme of LEASING COMPANY (the "Leased Taxicab"). At the commencement of this lease, LEASING COMPANY shall deliver the Leased Taxicab in good working order, properly licensed, and with a full tank of fuel. LEASING COMPANY shall equip the Leased Taxicab with a radio, dispatching system, taximeter, identifying decals, seals and other equipment required by applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances (collectively the "Regulatory Authorities").

LESSEE agrees that LESSEE will operate the Leased Taxicab for a minimum of

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- three (3) days per seven day week, unless LEASING COMPANY authorizes LESSEE to deviate from the three (3) day minimum.
- 2. TAXICAB FEES, LICENSING. LEASING COMPANY shall maintain and pay for all operating licenses, taxes, and fees on the Leased Taxicab. At times other than Lease Periods (as defined below), LEASING COMPANY may either use the Leased Taxicab itself or lease the Leased Taxicab to other lessees.
- 3. OWNERSHIP, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR. LEASING COMPANY is the owner of the Leased Taxicab, which is in a good mechanical condition and meets the requirements for operating taxicabs in the location where the taxicab will be operated. Regularly scheduled maintenance shall be LEASING COMPANY'S responsibility; provided, however, in order to keep the Leased Taxicab in good mechanical condition, LESSEE shall inspect the Leased Taxicab at the beginning of each 12 hour period and report any condition requiring repair or maintenance to LEASING COMPANY. LESSEE shall return the taxicab to LEASING COMPANY at the end of each 12 hour period to enable LEASING COMPANY to comply with the provisions of NAC § 706.380. All repairs will be done in a timely fashion and a file will be maintained by LEASING COMPANY for records concerning the maintenance of the taxicab. At no time is LESSEE authorized or allowed to make any alterations or changes of any kind to the Taxicab.
- 4. <u>INSURANCE</u>. Insurance or self insurance will be provided by LEASING COMPANY in an amount sufficient to meet regulatory requirements.
- 5. <u>LEASE PERIOD</u>. Each period LESSEE uses the Leased Taxicab shall be deemed a separate Lease Period ("Lease Period"). Each Lease Period will be determined by LESSEE and LEASING COMPANY and will be indicated on Exhibit "A". LESSEE shall not, however, operate the taxicab for more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period. This Lease shall serve as a master lease agreement, which will govern each and every Lease Period.
- 6. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLEASING. LESSEE shall not transfer, assign, sublease, or



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- otherwise enter into an agreement to lease the taxicab to another person, nor shall LESSEE'S rights be subject to encumbrance or subject to the claims of his or her creditors.
- 7. OPERATING AUTHORITY. LEASING COMPANY is a certified carrier and services provided by LESSEE are regulated by appropriate regulatory authorities. LESSEE'S use of the Leased Taxicab shall be in a manner authorized by LEASING COMPANY'S certificate to operate and the LEASING COMPANY'S Tariff.
- RENTAL FEE. In consideration of the use of the Leased Taxicab, LESSEE agrees to pay a Rental Fee to LEASING COMPANY in the amount set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. LESSEE shall pay the rental fees set forth in Exhibit "A" for each 12 hour lease period, as well as the late fees, set forth in Exhibit "A". Any Late Fees, as listed on Exhibit "A", shall be paid to LEASING COMPANY by LESSEE at the end of the current or prior to the beginning of the next 12 hour Lease Period after incurring such Late Fee. If, for any reason, LESSEE cannot or does not complete the 12 hour Lease Period, LESSEE shall not be entitled to any reduction of the Rental Fee.
- 9. SECURITY DEPOSIT. In addition to the rental payment, LESSEE will pay to LEASING COMPANY, at or before commencement of the first 12 hour Lease Period, a security deposit in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), paid in full or by other payment arrangement as determined by LEASING COMPANY. The security deposit shall be maintained at One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) while this lease is in effect. Said security deposit must be maintained by the LEASING COMPANY in an account separate from the carrier's operating account. Said security deposit, less proper deductions, shall be returned to LESSEE not later than thirty (30) days after LESSEE provides a written request for return of said deposit after termination of this Lease and / or any Employment with LEASING COMPANY. However, LEASING COMPANY may maintain the security deposit longer than thirty (30) days after any written request for return of the security deposit when money due to the LEASING COMPANY under any provision of this lease is known to be owed, but

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the value of the amount owed is not yet ascertained. LEASING COMPANY shall return the security deposit within thirty days (30) of ascertaining the amount owed to LEASING COMPANY. Pursuant to NAC 706.3752, any deductions must be itemized and in writing, and supported by receipts that evidences the repairs to the taxicab in an amount equal to the amount deducted, and provided to the LESSEE upon return of the remaining security deposit.

LEASING COMPANY may also deduct from said security deposit any amount due to LEASING COMPANY, including, but not limited to, delinquent rental charges, unauthorized repairs and/or maintenance, administrative fees, failed mandatory and / or random drug tests, unpaid traffic fines, unauthorized charges caused by LESSEE and / or incurred by LEASING COMPANY or other damages caused by LESSEE and / or sustained by LEASING COMPANY.

LESSEE may not obtain an advance or loan against the security deposit for any reason at anytime.

- 10. RELATIONSHIP. Neither Party is the partner, joint venturer, agent, or representatives of the other Party. LESSEE is an independent contractor. LEASING COMPANY and LESSEE acknowledge and agree that there does not exist between them the relationship of employer and employee, principal and agent, or master and servant, either expressed or implied, but that the relationship of the parties is strictly that of lessor and lessee, the LESSEE being free from interference or control on the part of LEASING COMPANY, except as otherwise provided in chapter 706 of the NRS and/ or NAC, in the operation of the Leased Taxicab. LESSEE acknowledges that:
 - a. He or she is not eligible for federal or state unemployment benefits or workman's compensation benefits.
 - b. LEASING COMPANY is not responsible for withholding federal or state income taxes, or any other taxes, but LESSEE will be liable for payment of those taxes.

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- c. LEASING COMPANY is not responsible for withholding or paying, in any way, contribution for taxes under the Federal Insurance Act, and LESSEE will be liable for those and all other taxes.
- d. LEASING COMPANY agrees to furnish only liability insurance on the Leased Taxicab, in a sum not less than required by applicable law, and LEASING COMPANY shall not be responsible nor liable in any way for any injury to LESSEE resulting from the use or operation of such taxicab.
- e. LEASING COMPANY is a certified carrier and services provided by LESSEE are regulated by appropriate authorities. LESSEE'S use of the Leased Taxicab shall be in a manner authorized by LEASING COMPANY'S certificate to operate the Leased Taxicab and LEASING COMPANY'S Tariff.
- 11. TRIP SHEET. At the beginning of each 12 hour lease period, LESSEE must date and time stamp the trip sheet provided by LEASING COMPANY. At the end of each 12 hour lease period, LESSEE must provide the LEASING COMPANY with the completed date and time stamped trip sheets for that 12 hour lease period.
- 12. <u>DAILY VEHICLE INSPECTION</u>. In order to keep the Leased Taxicab in good mechanical condition, LESSEE shall inspect the Leased Taxicab at the beginning and end of each 12 hour lease period and document on a daily inspection sheet to be submitted daily and report any condition requiring repair or maintenance to LEASING COMPANY.
- 13. <u>NO PERSONAL USE</u>. The Leased Taxicab is for commercial use only and may not be utilized for the personal use of the LESSEE. Personal use includes, but is not limited to, using the leased taxi for personal travel, errands, and / or parking said taxi for an extended period of time at any location so that the driver may sleep.

LEASING COMPANY maintains insurance for commercial use of the Taxicab in accordance with Chapter 706 of the NRS and NAC. If LESSEE, utilizes the Taxicab for personal use in violation of the Lease, LESSEE will be solely responsible for any damage

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caused to and / or by LESSEE in operation of the Taxicab.

ADVERTISING. In accordance with applicable law, only LEASING COMPANY is authorized to hold itself out and to advertise that it is a motor carrier authorized to provide taxicab services within the area authorized by its certificate of public convenience and necessity, CPCN 2445, including but not limited to, the use of the internet, telephone, television, radio, business cards, any form of print media, or any other form of advertising, because the taxicabs are owned by leasing company all top sign as well as any other advertising placed on or in the Taxicab is at the direction and control of the LEASING COMPANY. At its option, LEASING COMPANY may provide business cards for LESEE's use.

LESSEE shall not engage in any advertising or promotion whether by the internet, telephone, television, radio, business cards, any form of print media, or any other form of advertising which either reflects or gives the impression, whether intended or not, that LESEE is holding himself/herself out as a motor carrier authorized to provide taxicab services. In the event LESEE engages in such advertising LESEE will be solely responsible for any fines or other fees imposed by the Nevada Transportation Authority.

15. REPLACEMENT VEHICLE. In the event that any repair or maintenance takes more than twelve (12) hours in any week, LEASING COMPANY shall attempt to provide a replacement Leased Taxicab, if available. If a replacement Leased Taxicab is not available, then LESSEE shall be entitled to a pro-rata refund of the paid Rental Fee, if applicable. However, no LESSEE shall be entitled to a pro-rata refund of the Rental Fee when the damage requiring repair was caused by any LESSEE of the Taxicab listed on Exhibit "B". Repairs and maintenance on Leased Taxicabs must be performed at LEASING COMPANY'S facilities, unless prior written authorization is obtained from LEASING COMPANY to have the repairs and maintenance done elsewhere. LESSEE shall be responsible for the cost of unauthorized repairs and/or maintenance, and for all damages

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- 16. REGULATORY AUTHORITIES. This Lease does not relieve LEASING COMPANY from its duties and responsibilities under NRS Chapter 706 or NAC Chapter 706. LESSEE and/ or LEASING COMPANY are subject to the jurisdiction of the Nevada Transportation Authority ("NTA") and shall comply with all federal rules, regulations, ordinances, administrative codes, health and safety provisions and statutes in the operation of the Leased Taxicab. In the event of a violation of such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, administrative codes, health and safety provisions and statutes, the NTA may take enforcement action against LESSEE and LEASING COMPANY. Both the LESSEE and LEASING COMPANY are subject to all laws and regulations relating to the operation of a taxicab which have been established by the NTA (as set forth in Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code Chapters 706) and other regulatory agencies and LESSEE understands that a violation of those laws and regulations will breach the agreement.
- 17. MEDICAL AND DRIVING HISTORY. To ensure compliance with the provisions of NAC 706.3751, before this LEASE AGREEMENT can be deemed approved, the LESSEE must provide to the LEASING COMPANY:
 - (a) A certificate from a licensed physician which is dated not more than 90 days before the date on which LESSEE begins to lease a taxicab from the LEASING COMPANY pursuant to NRS 706.473, which demonstrates that LESSEE is physically qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 391.43, which certificate the LESSEE must also maintain in his/her possession when operating the taxicab; and
 - (b) A copy of the driving record of the LESSEE obtained from the Department of Motor

 Vehicles which demonstrates that the LESSEE has not, within the past three (3)

 years:
 - Been convicted of driving under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or a

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controlled substance;

- ii. Been convicted of careless or reckless driving;
- iii. Been convicted of failing to stop and remain at the scene of an accident; or
- iv. Failed to keep a written promise to appear in Court of any offense.
- 18. <u>MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS</u>. LEASING COMPANY must maintain driver qualification files (for the LESSEE), trip sheets (for the LESSEE), and vehicle maintenance files (for the Leased Taxicab) as required pursuant to the provisions of NRS and NAC Chapters 706.
- WARRANTY. LESSEE warrants that he/she possesses, and at all times during the term of this Lease, and any renewals or extensions hereof, shall possess, the proper driver's license to lawfully operate a taxicab as required by the regulatory authorities. LESSEE agrees to comply with all local, state, and federal laws and ordinances of Regulatory Authorities relating to the operation of motor vehicles and taxicabs. LESSEE is responsible for the payment of all parking and traffic violations, fines and penalties, including any towing, booting, or impound fees or charges, as a result of LESSEE'S use of the Leased Taxicab and any fees or fines imposed by the NTA against LESSEE. LESSEE agrees to promptly pay or contest, and to indemnify and hold harmless LEASING COMPANY from such fines, penalties, towing, booting or impound fees or charges and fees or fines imposed by the NTA against LESEE.

LESSEE warrants that only he or she shall drive the Leased Taxicab during the Leased Period, unless LEASING COMPANY authorizes, in writing, another person to drive the Leased Taxicab.

20. REPORT OF ACCIDENTS/CRIMES. LESSEE must give LEASING COMPANY, through LEASING COMPANY'S authorized agents and/or employees, immediate notice by any means, including, but not limited to, radio and telephone, of a violent crime (in which the LESSEE is the victim) or any accident, loss or claim in which LESSEE is involved, or as

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soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.

In the event, that LESSEE is involved in an accident caused by another, where the other driver flees the scene of the accident. LESSEE is responsible to obtain a reasonable description of the other vehicle involved in the accident, including, but not limited to, the make, model, color, license plate of the vehicle. LESSEE shall also immediately notify LEASING COMPANY of any accident involving a vehicle that has fled the scene and LESSEE shall remain at the accident scene to allow LEASING COMPANY to investigate until advised by LEASING COMPANY to leave the accident scene. In accordance with NAC 706.3752, LESSEE shall remain liable for any and all damages to the Leased Taxicab.

- 21. <u>HOURS OF OPERATION</u>. The LESSEE shall not operate the taxicab for more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.
- LEASED TAXICAB RETURN. At the end of each 12 hour Lease Period, LESSEE agrees to return the Leased Taxicab at the agreed time to LEASING COMPANY'S premises in the same condition in which it was received by LESSEE, except for normal wear and tear. LESSEE agrees to pay an additional charge for late return, as outlined in Exhibit "A", and to compensate LEASING COMPANY for any damages to the Leased Taxicab as set forth herein. Failure to return with a full tank of gas will result in a charge to LESSEE in the amount of the cost of fuel to fill the tank and an administrative fee related to the same.
- 23. <u>TERMINATION</u>. LEASING COMPANY shall have the right, but not the obligation, to immediately terminate this Lease at any time in the event that LESSEE:
 - a. Fails to pay the Rental Fee or any towing, booting, or impounded fees or charges, any other fines, fees or penalties as required herein;
 - b. Fails to maintain a proper drivers license;
 - c. Fails to timely report any accident, including but not limited to those referenced in subsection 20 of the Lease Agreement;
 - d. Encumbers, assigns, subleases, or otherwise enters into an agreement to lease the

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Leased Taxicab to another person;

- e. Fails to return the Leased Taxicab in good condition with a full tank of gas;
- f. Violates any rule or regulation of the Nevada Transportation Authority of the State of Nevada;
- g. Violates any rule or regulation of the Airport Authority of Washoe County;
- h. Drives the Leased Taxicab under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol;
- i. Fails to submit to a breath or urine test that is requested pursuant to; random testing, mandatory testing requirements under Chapter 706 of NRS and / or NAC, or upon objective facts, that LESSEE is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol;
- j. Fails to sign the ACKNOWLEDGMENT contained on the Daily Tripsheet at the beginning of each Lease Period;
- k. Is convicted of any felony or misdemeanor for driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol;
- Is deemed by LEASING COMPANY to be unsafe or unfit to meet the safety requirements of chapter 706 of NRS and / or NAC;
- m. Gives notice of intention not to enter into an additional Lease Period; or
- n. Allows any unauthorized person to drive the Leased Taxicab during any Lease Period.

In addition to the above causes for termination, LEASING COMPANY also shall have the right to terminate, for no cause, this Lease upon giving notice to LESSEE of LEASING COMPANY'S intention to terminate the Lease. Termination hereunder shall be effective immediately after giving said notice.

A failure by LEASING COMPANY to terminate the Lease for LESSEE'S violation of one or more of the above grounds for termination of this Lease shall not constitute a waiver of LEASING COMPANY'S right to terminate this Lease for any subsequent violations on the same or other grounds by LESSEE.

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- 24. <u>NEVADA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY APPROVAL</u>. A LEASING COMPANY'S lease agreement is not deemed effective until approved by the NTA. This Lease shall be deemed to be modified, as necessary, to conform to said statutes and regulations and changes thereto.
- 25. <u>RETENTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT</u>. The LEASING COMPANY must retain copies of each lease agreement for a minimum of three years.
- 26. <u>ATTORNEY'S FEES</u>. In the event of any dispute between the LESSEE and LEASING COMPANY relating to this Lease, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable costs incurred by the prevailing party in connection therewith and in pursuing and collecting remedies, relief and damages.
- 27. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. This agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with and through application of the laws of the State of Nevada.
- 28. <u>DISPATCH SERVICE</u>. LEASING COMPANY shall make available to LESSEE a dispatching service as a means of referring prospective passengers. LESSEE has the option to use the dispatching service. If LESSEE accepts use of the dispatching service by logging into the digital dispatch system, then LESSEE must pick up passengers through such dispatch system. However, LESSEE has no obligation to respond to dispatched calls if LESSEE chooses not to utilize the dispatch service. LESSEE is not obligated to report his location to LEASING COMPANY or to remain in any specific place at any fixed hours.
- 29. <u>ARBITRATION</u>. Any dispute or controversy arising between the parties involving the interpretation, enforcement or application of any provision in this Lease Agreement, or pertaining to the performance or any breach of this Lease Agreement, or in any way arising out of or related to this Lease Agreement, shall be determined by the Nevada Court Annex Arbitration Program as set forth in the Nevada Arbitration Rules, with either party retaining its right to seek a trial de novo.

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- 30. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>. It is understood between LEASING COMPANY and LESSEE that it is in each party's best interest to maintain the reputation and goodwill of LEASING COMPANY and LESSEE. In this regard, cleanliness of Leased Taxicab, courtesy, personal grooming, dress, appearance, safety, and observance of traffic laws are to each party's mutual benefit. It is also understood between LEASING COMPANY and LESSEE that a file will be maintained by LEASING COMPANY which contains LESSEE'S qualifications to drive the taxicab.
- RELEASE AND INDEMNITY OF ALL CLAIMS. The LEASING COMPANY and the LESSEE does for itself, its heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby release, remise, and forever discharge the State of Nevada, the Nevada Transportation Authority, the Nevada Attorney General, and each of their members, agents, and employees in their individual and representative capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known or unknown, in law or equity, which LEASING COMPANY and the LESSEE ever had, now has, may have, or claim to have against any or all of said entities or individuals arising out of or by reason of the processing or investigation of or other action relating to this agreement.

Furthermore, LEASING COMPANY and the LESSEE hereby agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend, not excluding the State's right to participate, the State of Nevada, the Nevada Transportation Authority, the Nevada Attorney General, and each of their, members, agents, and employees in their individual and representative cpacities from any and all claims, suits, and actions, brought by anyone associated with this application, or by any third party, against the agencies or persons named in this paragraph, arising out of the submission, investigation, and deliberation concerning this agreement, and against any and all liabilities, expenses, damages, charges and costs, including court costs and attorneys' fees, which may be sustained by the persons and agencies named in this paragraph as a result of said claims, suits and actions.

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32. <u>COMPLETE AGREEMENT</u>. This Lease constitutes the entire lease, agreement, and understanding between the parties as to the subject matter hereto, and merges all prior discussions between them. None of the parties shall be bound by any conditions, definitions, warranties, understandings or representations other than as expressly provided herein.

Executed in duplicate this 25 day of March, 2011.

LEASING COMPANY:	
	Roy L. Street dba CAPITOL CAB COMPANY
	By: David Januar
	Its: Manager
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EXHIBIT "A"

RENTAL FEE AND LATE FEES

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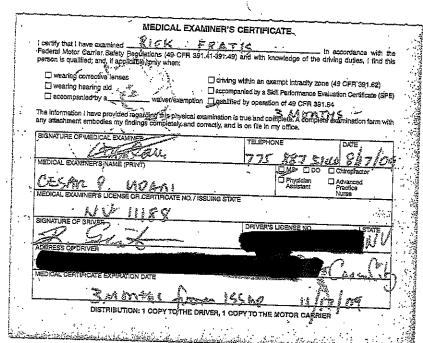
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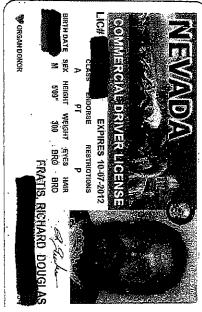
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EMPLOYEE REGISTRATION WORK CERTIFICATE
CARSON CITY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Carson City, Nevada

NameFratis, Richard D Number

Date of Birth Height: 5 * 9 **

Weight: 300 Hair: Bro Eyes: Bro

Date of Issue: 01/17/07 Expiration Date: 01/17/10

Place of Employment: Capitol Cab

Position: Driver

DRIVER'S NAME

DRIVER'S NAME

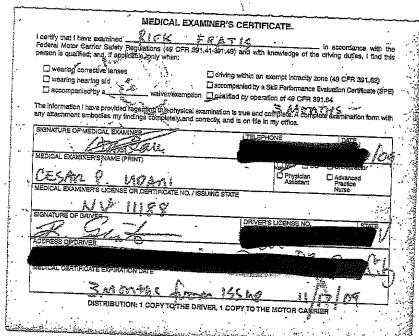
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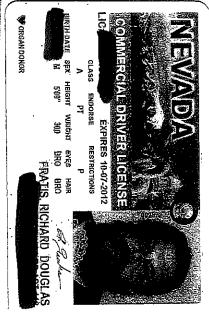
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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE

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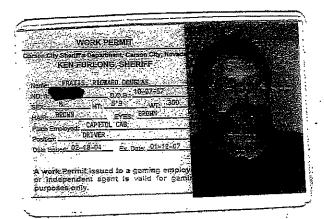


This is to certify that the undersigned, an employee as defined by City Municipal Code 8.28, has registered with this Department in compliance with city ordinance enacted. Any change of place of employment must be reported to the Sheriff's Department.

Applicant's Signature

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Certifying Official



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Work Permit

Carson City Sheriff's Office, Carson City, Nevada Ken Furlong, Sheriff

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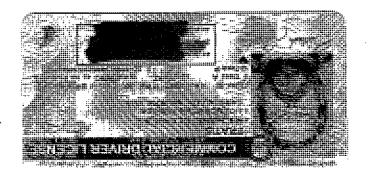
Employer: CAPITOL CAB

DRIVER

Date Issued: 01-20-2010



Expires: 01-20-2013



CONCENTRA Medical Centers CAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE in accordance with FMCSR Wearing Corrective Lenses Driving within an exempt intracity zone (49 CFR 391.62) ☐ Wearing Hearing Aid Accompanied by a Skill Performance Evaluation Certificate Accompanied by a waiver/exemption Qualified by operation of 49 CFR 391.64 The information I have provided regarding this physical examination is true and complete. A complete exam form with any etrachment embodies my findings completely and correctly, and is on file in my office.

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NOTE: Driver MUST carry a copy of this certificate when operating a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with 49 CFR 391.41 (a)



STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES 555 WRIGHT WAY CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89711-0400 (775) 684-4590 Record Request 1/11/2010

Name: FRATIS, RICHARD DOUGLAS

State of Record: NV

Physical Exp Date: 04-11-2009

Sex: MALE

Height: 5 feet 09 inches

Weight: 300 lbs.

Hair: BROWN

Eye: BROWN

Mailing Address:

Physical Address:

License Listing:

Class Status

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Medical Examination Report FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER FITNESS DETERMINATION

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RECORD REQUEST 2/14/2011

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Name: FRATIS, RICHARD DOUGLAS

Sex: MALE Height: 5 feet 9 inches

State of Record: NV

DOB:

Weight: 300 lbs. Hair: BROWN Eye: BROWN

Physical Exp Date: 10-18-2011

Mailing Address:

Physical Address;

License Listing:

Report Type: 3 Years.

Licn Type Class Status Permit **Issue Date** Exp Date Restrictions Endorsements

NCDL С SURRENDER NORMAL 05-07-1998 10-07-2002

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Conviction Listing:

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Please print your Driver History report for your records. Your transaction confirmation number is 0060691654.

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3488 Goni Road CARSON CITY, NV 89706
Phone: (775) 887-5030 Fax: (775) 887-5040

Service Date: 10/18/2011 SSN:

Patient Name: Fratis, Richard D. 565-11-4004

Medical Examination Report FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER FITNESS DETERMINATION

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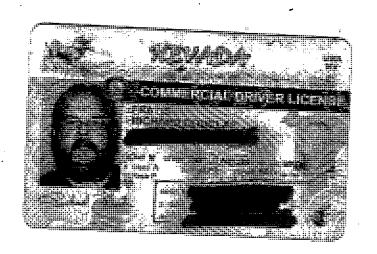
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Medical Examination Report FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER FITNESS DETERMINATION

6. LABORATORY A	ND OTHER TEST FINDINGS Numerical reading	g must	be rec	corded.						
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en if a condition does not	disqualify a driver, the medical examiner may consider defer as possible particularly if the condition, if neglected, could re	ming the	driver	temporanily. Also, the erious illness that mid	driver	should be at driving.	advised to take the n	ecessary steps to		
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	ial motor vehicle safely. Enter applicable item number before tical Examiner for guidance.	e each c	omme	ent. If organic disease	is pre	sent, note f	hat it has been comp	enseted for.		
BODY SYSTEM	CHECK FOR:	YES •	NO	BODY SYSTEM		CHEC	(FOR:		YES*	NO
General Appearance	Marked overweight, tremor, signs of alcoholism, problem			7. Abdomen and V	iscera			, masses, bruits, hemia,		/
2. Eyes	drinking, or drug abuse. Pupillary equality, reaction to light, accommodation, ocular	1	-	8. Vascular			abdominal wall muse pulse and amplitude,	carotid or arterial bruits,		
,	motility, coular muscle imbalance, extraocular movement, nystagmus, exophthalmos, Ask about retinopathy,					varicose v	eins.		ļ	
	cataracts, aphakia, glaucoma, macular degeneration and		6	 Genito-urinary Extremitles - Li 	mb.	Hernias.	nairment of len foot	toe, arm, hand, finger.	 	
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4. Mouth and Throat	Irremediable deformities likely to interfere with breathing			otherwise quali	fled.		o. Insufficient mobility a pedals properly.	and strength in lower limb		ļ
5. Heart	or swallowing Murmurs, extra sounds, enlarged heart, pacemaker,			11, Spine, other			surgery, deformities,	limitation of motion		
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Temporarily disc	qualified due to (condition or medication):			Medical Examiner's N	•	***************************************	6	ecupational Health Provider		
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RECORD REQUEST 04-02-2013

DLN/ID

State Of Record: NV

DOB:

Name: FRATIS, RICHARD DOUGLAS

Sex: MALE

Height: 5 feet 09 inches

Weight: 300 lbs.

Hair: BROWN

Eye: BROWN

Medical Certificate Expiry Date: N/A

Certificate Status: N/A Self Certification: NONE

Mailing Address:

Physical Address:

Report Type: 3 Years License Listing:

Issue Date **Exp Date Endorsements** Licn Type Class Status **Permit**

10-03-2012 10-07-2016 PT **VALID** NORMAL CDL

Restriction Details: P - Phys exam every 2 yrs

10-07-2002 NCDL С SURRENDER NORMAL 05-07-1998

Restriction Details: N/A

Conviction Listing:

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Demerit Points:

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Work Permit

Carson City Sheriff's Office, Carson City, Nevada Ken Furlong, Sheriff

Name: FRATIS, RICHARD D

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

	I certify that on June 19, 2020 I served a copy of the foregoing JOINT APPENDIX
VOLUN	ME 1 OF III upon all counsel of record by ECF system which served all parties
electron	ically.

Dated this 19th Day of June, 2020

/s/ LEON GREENBERG

Leon Greenberg