IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

INDICATE FULL CAPTION:

JOE N. BROWN, AN INDIVIDUAL, Appellant,

vs.

GNL, CORP., A NEVADA CORPORATION AND THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP., A FOREIGN CORPORATION, Respondents. No. 80581 Electronically Filed

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Appellants must complete this docketing statement in compliance with NRAP 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, identifying issues on appeal, assessing presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, scheduling cases for oral argument and settlement conferences, classifying cases for expedited treatment and assignment to the Court of Appeals, and compiling statistical information.

WARNING

This statement must be completed fully, accurately and on time. NRAP 14(c). The Supreme Court may impose sanctions on counsel or appellant if it appears that the information provided is incomplete or inaccurate. *Id.* Failure to fill out the statement completely or to file it in a timely manner constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions, including a fine and/or dismissal of the appeal.

A complete list of the documents that must be attached appears as Question 27 on this docketing statement. Failure to attach all required documents will result in the delay of your appeal and may result in the imposition of sanctions.

This court has noted that when attorneys do not take seriously their obligations under NRAP 14 to complete the docketing statement properly and conscientiously, they waste the valuable judicial resources of this court, making the imposition of sanctions appropriate. *See* <u>KDI Sylvan Pools v. Workman</u>, 107 Nev. 340, 344, 810 P.2d 1217, 1220 (1991). Please use tab dividers to separate any attached documents.

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4. Nature of disposition below (check	all that apply):
\square Judgment after bench trial	☐ Dismissal:
□ Judgment after jury verdict	☐ Lack of jurisdiction
⊠ Summary judgment	☐ Failure to state a claim
☐ Default judgment	☐ Failure to prosecute
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☐ Grant/Denial of injunction	☐ Divorce Decree:
\square Grant/Denial of declaratory relief	☐ Original ☐ Modification
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5. Does this appeal raise issues conce	rning any of the following?
☐ Child Custody	
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☐ Termination of parental rights	
of all appeals or original proceedings presare related to this appeal: 77211: THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR C JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOF CLARK; AND THE HONORABLE JOJUDGE, Respondents, and JOE N. BROW BROWN, an individual, Real Parties in IT 79944: JOE N. BROWN, an individual ar Plaintiffs, vs. GNL, CORP., a Nevada cor CORP., a foreign corporation; DOE INDIT 1-100, Defendants.	WN, an individual, and his wife, NETTIE J.

7. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts. List the case name, number and court of all pending and prior proceedings in other courts which are related to this appeal (*e.g.*, bankruptcy, consolidated or bifurcated proceedings) and their dates of disposition: N/A

8. Nature of the action. Briefly describe the nature of the action and the result below: Appellant, a retired bricklayer and Vietnam War veteran, filed a complaint sounding in negligence against Respondents as a result of injuries he sustained at the Golden Nugget Casino in Laughlin, Nevada (the "Nugget"). Specifically, on May 12, 2015, Appellant and his family visited the Nugget to eat dinner at the Bubba Gump restaurant on the lower floor of the Nugget. Appellant, who was using a cane, took the "down" escalator upon being instructed to do so by the Nugget's valet. Unbeknownst to Appellant, the escalator had a history of mechanical issues and was in a faulty and dangerous condition. The escalator's wobbly step(s)/dangerous condition caused Appellant to lose his balance and fall forward—and to fracture his neck. The escalator is owned and/or operated by Respondent GNL, Corp. and serviced/maintained by Respondent ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation. Following the filing of contested pretrial motions, including summary judgment and motions in limine, the case proceeded to a multi-week jury trial at the conclusion of which the jury rendered a verdict in favor of Respondents and against Appellant on his sole claim for negligence. Subsequently, Respondents moved for and successfully obtained attorneys' fees and costs.

9. Issues on appeal.	State concisely the principal issue(s) in this	appeal (attach separate
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Please see attachment.

10. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues. If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised:

N/A

11. Constitutional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?			
⊠ N/A			
\square Yes			
□ No			
If not, explain:			
12. Other issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?			
☐ Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))			
☐ An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions			
\square A substantial issue of first impression			
⊠ An issue of public policy			
\Box An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decisions			
\square A ballot question			
If so, explain: The property owner and the servicer grossly neglected explicit minimum standards of: (i) preventative maintenance; (ii) inspections per year; and (iii) call-backs, repairs, and replacements. Respondents left mandatory logbooks vacant and empty, and ignored national safety requirements for escalators incorporated into Nevada code and statute. This ignorance has harmed multiple Nevada citizens. And, during this litigation, Respondents concealed the required maintenance logs during discoverycritically important public-safety documentsand further damaged Appellant, who was first harmed by Respondents' negligently maintained escalator.			

13. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court. Briefly set forth whether the matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court or assigned to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, and cite the subparagraph(s) of the Rule under which the matter falls. If appellant believes that the Supreme Court should retain the case despite its presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals, identify the specific issue(s) or circumstance(s) that warrant retaining the case, and include an explanation of their importance or significance:

Because this case does not fall into the category of cases over which the Supreme Court retains jurisdiction, this case should be assigned to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17(b). In specific, this appeal should be decided by the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17(b)(5) and (7).

14. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last? 13

Was it a bench or jury trial? Jury Trial

15. Judicial Disqualification. Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? If so, which Justice? No.

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16. Date of entry of	written judgment or order appealed from Jan 9, 2020
If no written judg seeking appellate	ment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for review:
17. Date written no	tice of entry of judgment or order was served Jan 9, 2020
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☐ NRCP 52(b)	Date of filing
\square NRCP 59	Date of filing
	pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the a notice of appeal. <i>See</i> AA Primo Builders v. Washington, 126 Nev, 245 0).
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19. Date notice of appea	l filed Feb 8, 2020
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21. Specify the statute o the judgment or order a (a)	r other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review ppealed from:
⊠ NRAP 3A(b)(1)	□ NRS 38.205
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(2)	□ NRS 233B.150
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(3)	□ NRS 703.376
☐ Other (specify)	
Consistent with NRAP 3Ao District Court following th	ority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order: (b)(1), Appellant is appealing from a final order entered in the e jury's verdict in favor of Respondents in this negligence action. ent is final because it disposes of all claims and of parties.

22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district courts (a) Parties: Joe N. Brown (Plaintiff) GNL, Corp. (Defendant) Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp. (Defendant)
(b) If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal, e.g., formally dismissed, not served, or other:
23. Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.
Appellant brought a negligence and loss of consortium claim against Respondents. During trial, however, Appellant discontinued the loss of consortium claim. On his sole remaining claim, i.e., negligence, the jury rendered a defense verdict on December 18, 2019. Respondents did not assert any counterclaims. Respondent GNL asserted cross-claims against Respondent TKE that were dismissed via Respondents' stipulation on 11/22/19.
24. Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action or consolidated actions below?
∑ Yes ☐ No
25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following:(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:

(b) Specify the parties remaining below:
(c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b)?
☐ Yes
\square No
(d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment?
\square Yes
\square No
26. If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):

27. Attach file-stamped copies of the following documents:

- The latest-filed complaint, counterclaims, cross-claims, and third-party claims
- Any tolling motion(s) and order(s) resolving tolling motion(s)
- Orders of NRCP 41(a) dismissals formally resolving each claim, counterclaims, crossclaims and/or third-party claims asserted in the action or consolidated action below, even if not at issue on appeal
- Any other order challenged on appeal
- Notices of entry for each attached order

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this docketing statement, that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I have attached all required documents to this docketing statement.

Joe N. Brown		Mohamed A Iqbal, Jr., Esq.	
Name of appellant Name of counsel of record			
6/8/2020 Date		Mohamed A. Iqbal, Jr. Signature of counsel of record	
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1	LIST OF DISPOSITIONS/ORDERS
2	1. Second Amended Complaint
3	2. NEO on Motion for Summary Judgment (first hearing)
4	3. NEO on Plaintiff's MiLs #1-2
5	4. NEO on TKE's MiLs #1-6
6	5. NEO on [Plaintiff's] Motion to Extend Discovery
7	6. NEO on TKE's MiLs #7-8
8	7. NEO on Motion for Summary Judgment (Punitive Damages component)
9	8. NEO on GNL's MiLs #1-3
10	9. NEO on TKE's MiL #8
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CONCISE STATEMENT OF ISSUES ON APPEAL

- I. The District Court abused its discretion and committed clear error with a series of pre-trial rulings, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) excluding all evidence of Respondents' (Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp. ("<u>TKE</u>") and GNL Corp. ("<u>GNL</u>")) willful and negligent spoliation and other discovery abuses;
 - (b) excluding two of Appellant's three experts, including Appellant's escalator expert, following expert *voir dire* that involved a denial of Appellant's due process rights;
 - (c) excluding relevant and probative deposition transcript excerpts from Christopher Dutcher and Respondent GNL's Director of Facilities, Don Hartmann, as well as other officers/senior management;
 - (d) excluding evidence of certain mechanical and operational problems, for any purpose;
 - (e) excluding evidence of several prior accidents, and at least two subsequent accidents, for any purpose;
 - (f) denying Appellant's motion to extend discovery;
 - (g) granting Respondents' motion for partial summary judgment with respect to punitive damages; and
 - (h) refusing to exclude Respondents' escalator expert despite Respondents: (i) conducting a secret inspection with that expert which was concealed from Appellant; (ii) failing to preserve evidence from that secret inspection, prejudicing Appellant's expert's own, subsequent inspection; and (iii) issuing false assertions on the record that the secret inspection was not a NRCP 34 inspection—when the evidence shows it was.
- II. During the multi-week jury trial, the District Court abused its discretion in rending a series of evidentiary rulings and determinations contrary to Nevada law that irreparably prejudiced Appellant and prevented a fair trial, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) excluding TKE's own account history—evidence of: (i) knowledge and notice from a long history of mechanical and operational problems; and (ii) an aging, dangerous, constantly-malfunctioning machine (the "Escalator") that jeopardized the safety of the riding public;
 - (b) excluding evidence regarding the Escalator's repairs, including repairs actually made and repairs recommended by Respondent TKE's technicians but not made because of Respondents' budget decisions;
 - (c) barring Appellant from asking any questions outside a narrow band of time, roughly January 1, 2015 to May 24, 2015, and as a result, excluding evidence of the Escalator's mechanical problems, substantially similar to the case *sub judice*, that occurred prior to and after the incident in question, thus foreclosing any evidence regarding Respondents' negligent response to those problems;
 - (d) excluding the blank maintenance logs reflecting Respondents' gross negligence—evidence of negligence *per se*;
 - (e) violating the doctrine of completeness, by allowing the jury to consider evidence offered by Respondents concerning the Escalator's condition in 2013 and 2014 during certain inspections—while barring evidence offered by Appellant regarding the Escalator's conditionin 2015, just days before Appellant's accident;
 - (f) barring evidence of Appellant's medical records and substantial special damages; and
 - (g) barring evidence of Respondents' communications with each other that confirmed Respondents' prior knowledge of the Escalator's dangerous condition.

- III. Appellant is entitled to a new trial under Nevada law because the District Court abused its discretion in denying Appellant's request for:
 - (a) the 2018 Nevada Jury Instructions on Premises Liability and instead giving an *ordinary care* instruction, ignoring Respondent GNL's duty to maintain a safe premises;
 - (b) the 2018 Nevada Jury Instructions regarding Respondents' willful and negligent spoliation and other discovery abuses; and
 - (c) the 2018 Nevada Jury Instructions on negligence per se.

Appellant has moved to consolidate this matter with case no. 81151, regarding the Court's order for the payment of Respondents' attorneys' fees and costs. Appellant respectfully reserves the right to supplement the issues raised herein upon his receipt and review of the original transcripts (and this deadline is stayed for settlement discussions under NRAP 16(a)(1)).

Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COURT **ACOM** 1 **IQBAL LAW PLLC** Mohamed A. Iqbal, Jr. (NSB #10623) 2 Christopher Mathews (NSB #10674) 101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 1175 3 Las Vegas, Nevada 89109 4 1-(702) 750-2950 (Tel) 1-(702) 825-2841 (V-Fax) 5 info@ilawlv.com 6 Attorneys for Plaintiffs Joe N. Brown and Nettie J. Brown 7 DISTRICT COURT 8 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 9 JOE N. BROWN, an individual, and his Wife, Case No.: A-16-739887-C 10 NETTIE J. BROWN, an individual, Dept. No.: XXXI 11 Plaintiffs, SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT 12 VS. (Amount in Controversy Exceeds \$50,000 13 **Arbitration Exemption Requested)** LANDRY'S, INC., a foreign corporation; GOLDEN NUGGET, INC, a Nevada corporation, d/b/a GOLDEN NUGGET 15 LAUGHLIN; GNL, CORP.; 16 THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP., a foreign corporation; DOE INDIVIDUALS 1-17 100; and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1-100, 18 Defendants. 19 20 AND ASSOCIATED CASES 21 COME NOW, Plaintiffs Joe N. Brown and Nettie J. Brown by and through their 22 attorneys of record, Iqbal Law PLLC, file this Second Amended Complaint against Landry's, 23 Inc., a foreign corporation; Golden Nugget, Inc., a Nevada corporation d/b/a Golden Nugget 24 Laughlin; GNL, Corp., a Nevada corporation; Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp., a foreign 25 corporation; DOE Individuals 1-100 and ROE Business Entities 1-100; and allege as follows: 26 /// 27 28 SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT 1 of 7

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I. THE PARTIES

- 1. Defendant Landry's, Inc. ("Landry's") is based in Houston, Texas. On information and belief, Landry's, acting directly or through subsidiaries and other related entities, owns and operates more than 500 restaurants, hotels, and casino properties throughout the United States.
- 2. Defendant Golden Nugget, Inc. ("Golden Nugget") is owned and controlled by Landry's.
 - 3. Defendant GNL, Corp., ("GNL") is owned and controlled by Landry's.
- 4. Together, Defendants, Landry's, Golden Nugget, and GNL (collectively, "Nugget Defendants") own and operate a resort hotel called the Golden Nugget Laughlin ("Laughlin Nugget"), located in the city of Laughlin in Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. Defendant Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation ("<u>TKE</u>") is a foreign corporation doing business in Clark County and throughout the State of Nevada (the Nugget Defendants and TKE are referred to herein collectively as the "<u>Defendants</u>").
- 6. Plaintiff Joe N. Brown ("<u>Joe Brown</u>") is a Nevada native and U.S. Army veteran who honorably served his country in Vietnam before returning home to live in Las Vegas. Plaintiff Nettie J. Brown ("<u>Nettie Brown</u>") is his wife. Joe and Nettie Brown (collectively, "<u>Plaintiffs</u>") have been married for over 20 years, and both reside in Clark County, Nevada.
- 7. The true names and capacities of Defendants DOE Individuals 1 through 100 are presently unknown to Plaintiffs, who therefore sue said Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therefore allege, that each Defendant designated as DOE Individuals 1 through 100 are legally responsible for the events referred to herein. This Second Amended Complaint will be amended to include them when their true names and capacities become known.
- 8. The true names and capacities of Defendants ROE Business Entities 1 through 100 are presently unknown to Plaintiffs, who therefore sue said Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therefore allege, that each Defendant designated

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as ROE Business Entities 1 through 100 are legally responsible for the events referred to herein. This Second Amended Complaint will be amended to include them when their true names and capacities become known.

II. ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS

- 9. On or about May 11, 2015, Joe and Nettie Brown traveled, with members of their family, from their Las Vegas home to vacation in Laughlin, Nevada.
- 10. While there, Joe and Nettie Brown stayed nearby the Laughlin Nugget. Plaintiffs' daughter, Sholanda Marlette, and her husband Clay Marlette, also stayed with Joe and Nettie.
- 11. The evening of May 12, 2015, Joe and Nettie Brown, and Sholanda and Clay Marlette, went to dinner at one of the restaurants at the Laughlin Nugget. All four boarded the "down" escalator installed at the Laughlin Nugget.
- 12. Joe Brown, who suffered shrapnel wounds in his legs while serving overseas and uses a cane when he walks, boarded the Laughlin Nugget escalator last.
- 13. When Joe Brown stepped onto the Laughlin Nugget escalator, the stair he stood on was loose and unstable.
- 14. Because the Laughlin Nugget escalator stairwell was narrow, and the step was shaky, Joe Brown was unable to steady himself with his cane. He reached for the escalator handrail, but was blocked by a stationary metal railing running the length of the escalator and was unable to steady himself with the handrail.
- 15. As a result, Joe Brown lost his balance and fell down the Laughlin Nugget escalator.
- 16. As a result of the fall on the Laughlin Nugget escalator, Joe Brown suffered a broken neck, and numerous additional injuries.
- 17. As a result of his injuries, Joe Brown suffers severe and debilitating pain. He requires ongoing medical services to treat his injuries and will likely require such services for the rest of his life.

- 18. Pursuant to NRS 42.001 *et seq.*, a plaintiff may recover punitive damages in addition to compensatory damages for the sake of example and by way of punishing the defendant. Here, defendants acted with, among other things, malice, both express and implied meaning conduct that is intended to injure a person or despicable conduct which is engaged in with a conscious disregard of the rights or safety of others. Conscious disregard means the knowledge of the probable harmful consequences of a wrongful act and a willful and deliberate failure to act to avoid those consequences.
- 19. Evidence in this case has shown, among other things, that: (i) the "down" escalator at the Laughlin Nugget had cracked steps, posed substantial risks to the riding public over a period of several years, and was consistently and continuously experiencing safety and maintenance problems, which led to Plaintiffs' injuries; (ii) defendants were on notice and knew of the escalator's dangerous condition for years, failed to take the steps to make the escalator safe, and failed to shut down the escalator until it was safe; and (iii) defendants had a conscious disregard of the rights and safety of the riding public, and willfully and deliberately failed to act to make the escalator safe and avoid injuring the public, including Plaintiffs.

III. JURISDICTION

- 20. The Court has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to NRS 14.020 and NRS 14.065, as: (i) Defendant Landry's does business in the State of Nevada and has purposefully established minimum contacts in Nevada by conduct and connection such that it should reasonably anticipate being held into court here; (ii) Defendants Golden Nugget and GNL are corporations organized under the laws of, and doing business in, this State; and (iii) Defendant TKE does business in the State of Nevada and has purposefully established minimum contacts in Nevada by conduct and connection such that it should reasonably anticipate being held into court here.
- 21. Further, the amount in controversy falls within the jurisdictional limit of this Court.

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IV. VENUE

- 22. Venue in this action is proper in Clark County, Nevada pursuant to NRS 13.040, as Defendants conduct business in in this County and it is the place Plaintiffs have designated in this Second Amended Complaint.
- 23. Venue is further proper in Clark County, Nevada, because Defendants' acts described herein occurred in this County.

V. CAUSES OF ACTION

First Cause of Action - Negligence

- 24. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1-23 above.
- 25. As owners, keepers, and proprietors of the Laughlin Nugget, Defendants Landry's, Golden Nugget, and GNL owed Joe and Nettie Brown a duty of care, to wit: to design, install, operate, and maintain the premises in such a way as to keep the premises in a reasonably safe condition for use.
- 26. As owners, keepers, and proprietors of the escalators installed within the Laughlin Nugget, Defendants Landry's, Golden Nugget, and GNL owed Joe and Nettie Brown a duty of care, to wit: to install, operate, and maintain the escalators in such a way as to keep them in a reasonably safe condition for use.
- 27. As the entity responsible for the servicing and repair of the "down" escalator at the Laughlin Nugget, Defendant TKE owed Joe and Nettie Brown a duty of care, to wit: to service and maintain the escalator in such a way as to keep the escalator in a reasonably safe condition for use.
- 28. Defendants Landry's, Golden Nugget, and GNL breached their duties of care by negligently designing, installing, operating, and maintaining the stairs, railings, and/or escalators used to transport persons within the Laughlin Nugget.
- 29. Defendant TKE breached its duty of care by negligently servicing and failing to repair the escalator used to transport persons within the Laughlin Nugget.

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SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT 6 of 7

For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. d. Dated this September 18, 2018. Respectfully Submitted, IQBAL LAW PLLC Mohamed A. Iqbal, Jr. (NSB# 10623) Christopher Mathews (NSB #10674) Attorneys for Plaintiffs Joe N. Brown and Nettie J. Brown

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PLEASE take notice, that an Order was entered on the Court's docket on the 19th day of April, 2019 in this matter. A Copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 19th day of April, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of GRANT & ASSOCIATES and that on this 19th day of April, 2019 I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF **ORDER** to be served as follows:

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¹ The Subject Motion was originally filed on Nov 1, 2018 and titled, "Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment on Liability and Punitive Damages." Since that time, Defendants LANDRY'S, INC. and GNI have been dismissed

March, 2019, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.; and this Honorable Court having considered all of the papers and pleadings on file herein, including the Joinder filed by Defendant THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION (TKE), as well as the argument of counsel for the parties hereto; and good cause appearing therefor;

THE COURT FINDS that triable issues of fact remain on the issue of Liability for determination by a jury. THEREORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion for Summary Judgment is denied in part, and without prejudice, with regard to Liability only.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the Motion with regard to Punitive Damages is not yet ripe due to the re-opening of discovery. The Motion for Summary Judgment on Punitive Damages is hereby withdrawn without prejudice to re-file or re-notice the Motion once discovery is again closed. THE COURT EXPLICITLY FINDS that Defendants GNL or TKE

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shall <u>not</u> be prohibited from re-filing the Motion due to the running of the previous dispositive DATED this 15 day of April, 2019. motion deadline. JOANNA S. KISHNER DISTRICT JUDGE JOANNA S. KISHNER Approved as to form & content: IQBAL LAW, PLLC ROGERS, MASTRANGELO, CARVALHO & MITCHELL 4/9/19 MOHAMED A. IQBAL, JR., ESQ. REBECCA L. MASTRANGEL Nevada Bar No. 10623 Nevada Bar No. 5417 101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 1175 700 South Third Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89109 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Attorney for Defendant/ Third-Party Attorney for Plaintiffs, JOE N. & NETTIE J. BROWN Defendant, THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR Submitted by: GRANT & ASSOCIATES Nevada Bar No. 8185 7455 Arroyo Crossing Parkway, Suite 300 Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 Attorney for Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff, GNL, CORP.

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appearing on behalf of Third-Party Plaintiff GNL, CORP.; and Mohamed Iqbal, Esq., of the law firm of IQBAL LAW PLLC appearing on behalf of Plaintiffs JOE N. BROWN and NETTIE J. BROWN; and the court having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file herein, and having entertained oral argument, and good cause appearing

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine #1 to exclude expert witness Davis L. Turner for failure to disclose expert inspection, related information, and documents is hereby DENIED, with the Court finding that the inspection by Mr. Turner was not an inspection pursuant to NRCP 34, that Mr. Turner's expert report was properly and timely disclosed, that Mr. Turner was deposed, that Plaintiffs did not cause a subpoena to be issued upon Mr. Turner requiring him to bring his file, and that there is no prejudice shown to Plaintiffs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiffs' Motion in Limine #2 regarding certain opinion testimony of Davis Turner, specifically, to exclude Mr. Turner's opinion that the effects of intoxication caused Plaintiff Joe Brown to fall is hereby GRANTED. The court, however, does not rule on any other testimony pertaining to intoxication or causation until evidence is presented at the time of trial.

DATED this 17 day of 4, 2019.

DISTRICT JUDGE

SUBMITTED BY:

ROGERS, MASTRANGELO, CARVALHO & MITCHELL

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ORDER REGARDING THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION'S MOTIONS IN LIMINE 1-6

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DEFENDANT/THIRD PARTY DEFENDANT THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR

CORPORATION'S Motion in Limine #1 Re: Computation of Damages, Defendant/Third Party

Defendant Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation's Motion in Limine #2 Re: Treating Physicians,

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Limit Experts to Opinions and Matters Set Forth in Their Reports, Defendant/Third Party
Defendant Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation's Motion in Limine #6 Re: Exclusion of Evidence
of Subsequent Incidents, having come on for hearing on the 4th day of June, 2019, and Rebecca
L. Mastrangelo, Esq., of the law firm of Rogers, Mastrangelo, Carvalho & Mitchell, appearing on
behalf of Defendant THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION, and Alexandra McLeod,
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Plaintiffs and the court having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file herein, and entertained
oral argument; and good cause appearing

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that:

- (1) Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation's Motion in Limine #1 Re: Computation of Damages is granted as to future medical expenses as the same were not timely disclosed. *Pizarro-Ortega v. Cervantes-Lopez*, 133 Nev. Adv. Op. 37, 396 P.3d 783 (2017). Plaintiffs' computation of past damages in the amount of \$200,271 is not affected by this ruling.
- (2) Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation's Motion in Limine #2 Re: Treating Physicians is granted as unopposed.
- (3) Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation's Motion in Limine #3 Re: Responsibility Avoidance and Reptile Theory Arguments and Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation's Motion in Limine #4 Re: Improper Voir Dire are deferred until a date closer in time to the calendar call. Counsel is to remind the court at the time of the pretrial conference and to set a date by which the parties must submit their proposed voir dire to the court after which time the court will hear argument on the propriety of the individual voir dire questions.

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firm of IQBAL LAW PLLC, appearing on behalf of Plaintiffs, Rebecca L. Mastrangelo, Esq., of

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5	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Plaintiffs' motion is
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9	JOANNA S. KISHNER
10	DISTRICT JUDGE
11	SUBMITTED BY:
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CORPORATION'S Motion in Limine #7 Re: Claim that thyssenkrupp "hid" or failed to produce evidence and Motion in Limine #8 Re: Exclude the Testimony of Sheila Nabors Swett, having come on for hearing on the 10th day of July, 2019, and Rebecca L. Mastrangelo, Esq., of the law firm of Rogers, Mastrangelo, Carvalho & Mitchell, appearing on behalf of Defendant/Third Party Defendant THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION, and Alexandra McLeod, Esq., of

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the law firm of GRANT & ASSOCIATES, appearing on behalf of Defendant GNL, CORP. and Mohamed Iqbal, Esq., of the law firm of IQBAL LAW PLLC, appearing on behalf of Plaintiffs and the court having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file herein, and entertained oral argument; and good cause appearing

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that:

- (1) thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation's Motion in Limine # 7 Re: Claim that thyssenkrupp "hid" or failed to produce evidence is GRANTED as of the present date (July 10, 2019). The parties are ordered that, absent any subsequent order of this Court modifying this ruling, they are not to inform the jury or otherwise argue in the presence of the jury that any party has hid evidence, failed to produce evidence, or has been sanctioned by the Court for any conduct during discovery; and
- (2) a ruling on thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation's Motion in Limine #8 Re: Exclude the Testimony of Sheila Nabors Swett is deferred pending an evidentiary hearing outside the presence of the jury at which time Sheila Nabors Swett will be examined as to her qualifications and opinions.

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DATED this Lodge of July, 16 17 18 19 SUBMITTED BY: 20 ROGERS, MASTRANGELO, CARVALHO & MITCHELL 21 22 Rebecca L. Mastrangelo, Esq. 23 Nevada Bar No. 5417 700 S. Third Street 24 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Attorney for Defendant 25 THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT: 26 27 PONSE Mohamed Igbal, Esq. 28 toxanda

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VS. THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION a foreign corporation; DOES 1-75; ROE CORPORATION 1-75 and ROE CORPORATION 1-25, **Third-Party Defendants**

 $\frac{\textbf{NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER GRANTING SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON}}{\textbf{PUNITIVE DAMAGES}}$

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Order Granting Summary Judgment on Punitive Damages was entered in this matter on the 23rd day of September, 2019; a copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 27th day of September, 2019.

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considered all of the papers and pleadings on file herein, as well as the argument of counsel for the parties hereto; and good cause appearing therefor;

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Plaintiff Joe Brown's fall which is the subject of this lawsuit occurred on 5-12-15, on the "down" escalator at Golden Nugget Laughlin, leading from the casino floor to the lower restaurant level.
- 2. TKE (as successor to Dover Elevator Company) was the servicing company contracted to maintain and, as necessary, repair the subject "down" escalator at Golden Nugget Laughlin prior to and at the time of Plaintiff's fall.
- 3. Cracked escalator steps were replaced in 2012 and the "down" escalator received all new steps (salvaged steps were used on the neighboring "up" escalator).
- 4. State of Nevada required annual inspections and testing were completed on or about July 14, 2014 and February 11, 2015, and, according to the checklist, the steps were specifically checked. As there were no violations noted and there was nothing out of order with the subject "down" escalator, a new permit was issued for the time period including Plaintiff's fall. Likewise, the previous five (5) semi-annual inspections, both internal and external. revealed no discrepancies or code violations.
- 5. State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Industrial Relations, Mechanical Compliance Section records including Notices of Violation reveal that there were no violations/corrections in the preceding five years, approximately, that were not abated prior to the 5-12-15 incident when Mr. Brown fell.
- б. State regulations mandate whenever an individual is injured on a piece of machinery and transported to the hospital for care that the equipment be taken out of service until inspection by the State.
- 7. The day following Brown's accident (5-13-15), State Inspector Steve Robertson arrived on site to investigate the occurrence and inspect the "down" escalator. Robertson specifically "checked the steps to make sure they were in good working order."

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- 8. As a result of his investigation, Inspector Robertson found no malfunctions or violations, and placed the down escalator back in service. Inspector Robertson determined the accident to have been caused by user error rather than equipment failure, and listed Brown's cane as a "contributing factor."
- 9. No further issue with replacement escalator steps cracking was identified until later in 2015, after Plaintiff's accident (and was subsequently cured with 40 additional replacement steps).
- 10. There has been no admissible evidence presented demonstrating that GNL had notice after it paid for the repairs and before Brown's fall that the down escalator still had cracked steps that could have posed a danger. The documentary evidence demonstrates that GNL was not notified of cracked steps again until after Brown's incident, not before.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Nevada law has long recognized that "a plaintiff is never entitled to punitive damages as a matter of right." Dillard Dept. Stores, Inc. v. Beckwith, 115 Nev. 372, 380, 989 P.2d 882, 887 (1999) (quoting Ramada Inns v. Sharp, 101 Nev. 824, 826, 711 P.2d 1, 2 (1985)).
- 2. Tort liability alone is insufficient to support an award of punitive damages. Wichinsky v. Mosa, 109 Nev. 84, 89, 847 26 P.2d 727 (1993). Punitive damages statutes in Nevada require conduct exceeding recklessness or gross negligence. Wyeth v. Rowatt, 244 P.3d 765, 126 Nev. Adv. Rep. 44 (2010); Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. v. Thitchener, 124 Nev. 725, 743, 192 P.3d 243, 255 (2008).
- As used in the Nevada statute, "[m]alice, express or implied, means conduct 3. which is intended to injure a person or despicable conduct which is engaged in with a conscious disregard of the rights or safety of others." NRS 42.001(3). Nevada courts have made clear "[t]he term malice as used in the statute means malice in fact and denotes ill-will, or a desire to do harm for the mere satisfaction of doing it." Warmbrodt v. Blanchard, 692 P.2d 1282, 1286 (Nev. 1984) (emphases added).
- "Conscious disregard" is defined in NRS 42.001 as "the knowledge of the probable harmful consequences of a wrongful act and a willful and deliberate failure to act to

avoid those consequences." The Nevada Supreme Court has made it clear repeatedly that "conscious disregard" in the punitive damages statute, NRS 42.005, requires a "culpable state of mind that must exceed mere recklessness or gross negligence." Countrywide, supra, 124 Nev. at 743; First Nat. Bank of Ely v. Progressive Cas. Ins. Co., 2012 WL 5944847 (D. Nev. Nov. 27, 2012). "Even unconscionable irresponsibility will not support a punitive damages award." Maduike v. Agency Rent-A-Car, 114 Nev. 1, 5, 953 P.2d 24, 26 (1998), citing First Interstate Bank v. Jafbros Auto Body, 106 Nev. 54, 57, 787 P.2d 765, 767 (1990).

5. Even assuming arguendo that all the down escalator steps were not replaced in 2012-2013 or that maintenance of the subject escalator may be found to be lacking, punitive damages are not recoverable for negligent conduct or even grossly negligent or reckless conduct.

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3	punitive damages shall be dismissed from the Second Amended Complaint.		
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JOE N. BROWN, an individual, and his Wife, NETTIE J. BROWN, an individual, Plaintiffs. VS. GNL, CORP., a Nevada corporation; THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP., a foreign corporation; DOE INDIVIDUALS 1-100. **ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1-100,** Defendants. GNL, CORP., a Nevada corporation;

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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER REGARDING GNL, CORP.'S **MOTIONS IN LIMINE #1-3**

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Third-Party Defendants

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER REGARDING GNL, CORP.'S MOTIONS IN LIMINE #1-3

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Order Regarding GNL, Corp's Motions in Limine #1-3 was entered in this matter on the 14th day of October, 2019; a copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 16th day of October, 2019.

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Case No.: A-16-739887-C

ORDER REGARDING GNL, CORP.'S **MOTIONS IN LIMINE #1-3**

1:00 p.m.

Defendant, GNL, CORP.'s Motions in Limine #1-3, and Defendant, THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION's Joinders to said Motions, having come on for hearing on the 10th day of July, 2019, the Honorable Joanna S. Kishner, District Court, Clark County, Department XXXI presiding; and this Honorable Court having considered all of the papers and

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pleadings on file herein, as well as the argument of counsel for the parties hereto; and good cause appearing therefor;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. A ruling on GNL, Corp.'s Motion in Limine #1 to Exclude Exclude Srinivas Nalamachu, M.D. for Unauthorized Practice of Medicine in Nevada is deferred in part pending a pre-trial, evidentiary hearing outside the presence of the jury at which time Srinivas Nalamachu, M.D will be questioned as to the scope of his NRCP 35 examination of Plaintiff Joe Brown at his home here in Las Vegas, Nevada, and for clarification and more information to be provided on what this witness intends to testify.
- 2. Motion #2 and Joinder regarding Prior and Subsequent Events and Repairs are GRANTED. Because Plaintiffs have failed to meet the the substantial similarity requirement, twelve (12) prior incidents on 4-9-10; 8-28-10; 11-25-10; 2-8-12; 5-9-12; 8-17-12; 1-23-13; 2-23-13; 4-21-13; 5-26-13; 9-30-13; and 2-14-15, as well as a subsequent incident on 5-25-15 shall be excluded from evidence at that time of trial.
- 3. Motion #3 and Joinder regarding relitigating discovery disputes in front of the jury are GRANTED. Neither the timing of production of evidence nor the outcome of previous discovery disputes is relevant to any fact of consequence at trial and all references, argument, or testimony on those topics will be excluded from trial. The Court admonishes the parties are to follow the law, and evidence not not previously disclosed will not come in at trial.

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ASSOCIATES		1	IT IS SO ORDERED this 10 day o	of 000, 2019.
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11	certify that I am an employee of Rogers, Mastrangelo, Carvalho & Mitchell, and on the 24th
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13	ORDER was served via electronic means with the Eighth Judicial District Court, addressed as
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ORDER REGARDING THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION'S MOTION IN LIMINE #8

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DEFENDANT/THIRD PARTY DEFENDANT THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION'S Motion in Limine #8 Re: Exclude the Testimony of Sheila Nabors Swett and the evidentiary hearing previously ordered in regard to the same (order entered 8/7/19) having come on for hearing on the 7th day of October, 2019, and Rebecca L. Mastrangelo, Esq., of the law firm of Rogers, Mastrangelo, Carvalho & Mitchell, appearing on behalf of Defendant/Third

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Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

appearing, the court finds as follows:

1. Plaintiffs disclosed Sheila Swett, aka Sheila Nabors Swett, as an escalator expert and produced a report and a rebuttal report authored by Ms. Swett.

Party Defendant THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION, and Alexandra McLeod,

of WEINBERG, WHEELER, HUDGINS, GUNN & DIAL, appearing on behalf of Defendant

GNL, CORP. and Mohamed Iqbal, Esq., of the law firm of IQBAL LAW PLLC, appearing on

behalf of Plaintiffs and the court having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file herein, heard

the voir dire testimony of Sheila Nabors Swett, and entertained oral argument; and good cause

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- 2. NRS 50.275 provides that an expert must satisfy certain requirements in order to testify as an expert witness. These requirements include that: (1) she must be qualified in an area of "scientific, technical or other specialized knowledge" (the qualification requirement); (2) her specialized knowledge must "assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue" (the assistance requirement); and (3) her testimony must be limited "to matters within the scope of [her] specialized knowledge" (the limited scope requirement).
- 3. In determining whether an expert is properly qualified, the court considers the following factors: (1) formal schooling and academic degrees, (2) licensure, (3) employment experience, and (4) practical experience and specialized training. *Hallmark v. Eldridge*, 124 Nev. 492, 189 P.3d 646 (2008). These factors are not exhaustive, may be accorded varying weights, and may not be equally applicable in every case. *Id*.
- 4. As to the qualification requirement, Ms. Swett has some formal schooling and an Associate's degree but no Bachelor's degrees. She is not an engineer. She holds no engineering license, no elevator/escalator mechanic's license, nor any license which would allow her to perform maintenance or repair work on escalators. While Ms. Swett has some employment experience involving elevators and escalators, the majority of her work experience in the past 20

years has involved elevators, rather than escalators. As to escalators, her work experience in the past 20 years has been observing and inspecting. She has never performed any maintenance or repairs on any escalators and neither of her business entities employs anyone who performs maintenance or repairs on escalators. Ms. Swett has no practical experience or specialized training pertaining to escalator maintenance and repair.

- 5. The court has also considered whether Ms. Swett's testimony is based upon reliable methodology and would be able to assist the trier of fact. In determining the same, the court considers whether the expert's opinion is: (1) within a recognized field of expertise; (2) testable and has been tested; (3) published and subjected to peer review; (4) generally accepted in the scientific community; and (5) based more on particularized facts rather than assumption, conjecture, or generalization. *Hallmark v. Eldridge, supra*, 124 Nev. at 500–02.
- 6. Ms. Swett's opinions were not formed under any reliable or scientific methodology but were formed merely after her review of documents and photographs, a "cursory" observation of the subject escalator (three years post incident and after substantial changes had been made to the equipment), and an observation of the escalator steps which were removed post-incident. Despite having the removed escalator steps available for a thorough inspection of the alleged cracks in the steps, Ms. Swett chose to look at only a very few of the steps and did not inspect any of them for cracks. Merely saying that she observed cracks in photographs is not reliable or scientific methodology. Her formulation of opinions in this case was not based upon any published works nor anything subjected to peer review. Her formulation of opinions in this case was not tested or testable. Moreover, Ms. Swett's opinions consist of assumptions and conjecture as she admitted that she could not state whether or not Plaintiff Joe Brown was standing on a cracked step at the time of his fall, or whether the escalator steps were so dirty in May of 2015 that they would've prevented the escalator mechanic from seeing any cracks. Ms. Swett herself never observed any cracks in the steps and she did not experience any shaking or rocking of the steps at the time she rode the escalator. Ms. Swett never spoke to, nor

reviewed the deposition testimony of, the Plaintiffs, the other riders of the escalator at the time of Mr. Brown's fall, or the State of Nevada inspector who inspected the escalator after Mr. Brown's fall. Ms. Swett was unable to identify the code for escalators adopted by the State of Nevada which applied to the escalator at the time of Mr. Brown's incident. Ms. Swett did not consider any other possible reasons for Mr. Brown's fall or perform any scientific analysis to exclude other possibilities.

- 7. Based upon the Points and Authorities set forth in THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION'S MOTION IN LIMINE #8 and its Reply brief in support of the Motion, as well as the testimony of Sheila Swett, the court finds that Ms. Swett is not qualified to render opinions as to escalator maintenance and supervision of maintenance and that she is not qualified to render opinions as to GNL, INC.'s oversight, training, and response to the alleged danger of escalator cracks.
- 8. Based upon the Points and Authorities set forth in THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION'S MOTION IN LIMINE #8 and its Reply brief in support of the Motion, as well as the testimony of Sheila Swett, the court further finds that Ms. Swett's formulation of her opinions in this case fails the reliability and assistance requirements of NRS 50.275 for the reasons set forth above.

Based upon the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that DEFENDANT/THIRD PARTY DEFENDANT THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION'S Motion in Limine #8 Re: Exclude the Testimony of Sheila Nabors Swett is hereby GRANTED as to all the opinions set forth in Sheila Swett's initial expert report dated May 4, 2018, and as to any similar opinions set forth in Sheila Swett's rebuttal report dated May 28, 2018. This order does not necessarily preclude Sheila Swett from testifying in some capacity as a rebuttal expert, and a decision regarding same is deferred until trial.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Judgement On Jury Verdict was entered on January 8, 2020, in this matter. A copy is attached hereto.

Dated this ____ day of January, 2020.

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I hereby certify that on the day of January, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT** was electronically filed and served on counsel through the Eighth Judicial District Court's electronic service system pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2 and NEFCR 9, via the electronic mail addresses noted below, unless service by another method is stated or noted:

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Defendants.

Case No.: A-16-739887-C Dept. No.: XXXI

JUDGMENT ON JURY VERDICT

This action came on regularly for trial with the calling of the first witness on December 6, 2019, in Dept. XXXI of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Honorable Joanna S. Kishner, District Judge, presiding. The issues having been duly tried, and the jury having duly rendered a General Verdict in favor of Defendants on December 18, 2019, which General Verdict was filed by the Clerk on December 18, 2019, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED, in accordance with the jury's General Verdict, that Plaintiff shall take nothing and that Judgment is hereby entered in favor of all Defendants, with Defendants to recover their costs.

The Court reserves amendment of this Judgment based on any proper requests or motions for costs or fees which may be timely submitted by Defendants.

SO ORDERED this 2 -day of 5

JOANNA S. KISHNER

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