# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

RUTH COHEN, an individual,	)	
Appellant/Cross-Respondent,	) (	Supreme Court Case No. 81018 (Consolidated with Electronically Filed Dec 09 2020 03:01 p.m Case No. 81172) Elizabeth A. Brown
V.	)	Clerk of Supreme Court
	)	On Appeal from District Court
PAUL PADDA, et al.	)	Case No. A-19-792599-B
Respondents/Cross-Appellants.	)	

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# **DISTRICT COURT**

# CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Case No. A-19-792599-B

Dept. No. XI

18	Plaintiff,	DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR
19	v.	ATTORNEYS' FEES ON AN ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR TIEARING
20	PAUL S. PADDA, an individual; PAUL PADDA LAW, PLLC, a Nevada professional	Hearing Requested
21	limited liability company; DOE individuals I-X; and ROE entities I-X,	- <del>-</del>

Defendants. 23

> Defendants Mr. Paul S. Padda, Esq. ("Mr. Padda") and Paul Padda Law, PLLC ("Padda Law") (collectively, "Defendants"), by and through their undersigned counsel, file the following Motion for Attorneys' Fees (the "Motion"). ///

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This Motion is made and based on the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, NRCP 54(d), NRCP 68, NRS 17.117, the papers and pleadings on file in this action, and any oral argument this Court may allow.

DATED this 10th day of March, 2020

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# ORDER SHORTENING TIME

IT IS SO ORDERED that DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES will be heard before in Dept. XI, on the \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2020 at \_\_\_\_\_.m. DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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# DECLARATION OF RYAN A. SEMERAD, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME

Ryan A. Semerad, Esq., being first duly sworn, hereby deposes and says:

- I am an associate with Holland & Hart, LLP, counsel for Defendants Paul S. Padda ("Mr. Padda") and Paul Padda Law, PLLC ("PPL") (collectively, "Defendants"). I am duly admitted to practice law in the State of Nevada. Unless stated otherwise, I make this declaration upon personal knowledge and would be competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
- 2. There exists good cause to hear Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees (the "Motion") on an order shortening time for hearing.
- 3. On February 18, 2020 the Court entered judgment against Plaintiff Ruth L. Cohen ("Plaintiff") and in favor of Defendants on all of Plaintiff's claims. Written notice of entry of judgment was served on all parties the same time.
- 4. Accordingly, under NRCP 54(d)(2)(B)(i), Defendants had twenty-one (21) days from February 18, 2020, or until March 10, 2020, to file a post-judgment motion for attorneys' fees.
- 5. On February 21, 2020, Plaintiff filed a motion for reconsideration pursuant to EDCR 2.24. Plaintiff's EDCR 2.24 motion is set for a hearing on March 23, 2020.
- 6. Given that this case is at the post-judgment phase, the best use of the Court's limited time and the most cost-effective and efficient use of the parties' and their counsel's time would be to have Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees set for hearing on the same day as Plaintiff's EDCR 2.24 motion, or March 23, 2020. Setting Defendants' Motion on March 23, 2020, allows Plaintiff to have sufficient time to file a response to the Motion while also ensuring that all of the remaining issues in this case are resolved in a timely and efficient manner.
- 7. Therefore, Defendants request that this Court grant his request for a hearing on shortened time and set the Motion for hearing on March 23, 2020.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true. 8.

DATED March 10, 2020.

√s/ Ryan A. Semerad RYAN A. SEMERAD, ESQ.

### INTRODUCTION I.

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On December 18, 2019, Defendants Paul S. Padda, Esq. ("Mr. Padda") and Paul Padda Law, PLLC ("Padda Law") (collectively, "Defendants") served Plaintiff Ruth L. Cohen ("Plaintiff") with an offer of judgment pursuant to NRCP 68 to allow judgment to be taken against Defendants and in favor of Plaintiff for the total sum of \$150,000.00, inclusive of all accrued interest, costs, attorneys' fees, and other sums that Plaintiff could claim against Defendants in this matter. Plaintiff rejected Defendants' offer of judgment by not accepting the offer within 14 days after service.

On February 18, 2020, the Court entered an order granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, disposing of all of Plaintiff's claims against Defendants, and entering judgment against Plaintiff and in favor of Defendants. Thus, Plaintiff failed to obtain a more favorable judgment after rejecting Defendants' offer of judgment. Accordingly, NRCP 68(f) and NRS 17.117(10)-(11) permit Defendants to recover the reasonable attorneys' fees they actually incurred from December 18, 2019, to present from Plaintiff.

Because Plaintiff's claims were not brought in good faith, Defendants' offer of judgment was reasonable and in good faith in both its timing and among, Plaintiff's decision to reject the offer of judgment and proceed to trial was grossly unreasonable and in bad faith, and the fees Defendants seek are reasonable and justified in amount, the Court should award the full amount of attorneys' fees sought by Defendants, \$279,167.50, from Plaintiff.

### II. RELEVANT FACTS

### A. Case Background

On April 9, 2019, Plaintiff filed her Complaint against Defendants alleging a variety of claims that sought, at bottom, to recover 33.333% of attorneys' fees earned by Padda Law on certain cases. See generally Complaint. The highest value cases Plaintiff sought to recover a portion of the attorneys' fees from were Moradi v. Nevada Property 1, LLC et al., Case No. A-14-698824-C (the "Moradi Case"), and Cochran v. Nevada Property 1, LLC et al., Case No. A-13-687601-C (the "Cochran Case"). See Complaint at ¶¶ 42-64.

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In her initial disclosures, which she served on Defendants on June 17, 2019, Plaintiff estimated her total compensatory damages at \$3,458,666.00, which was composed entirely of Plaintiff's claims to 33.333% of the attorneys' fees in the Moradi Case, the Cochran Case, and one other case, Garland v. SPB Partners, LLC et al., Case No. A-15-724139-C (the "Garland Case"). Plaintiff's claim to 33.333% of the attorneys' fees in the Moradi Case comprised the overwhelming majority of her estimated compensatory damages throughout her prosecution of this case as she estimated that Defendants earned \$10,000,000.00 in attorneys' fees from the Moradi Case such that she was supposedly owed \$3,333,333.00 from the Moradi Case, or about 96% of Plaintiff's claimed compensatory damages. However, as the Court would ultimately determine, from the very start of her action Plaintiff was barred from recovering any amount of attorneys' fees from the Moradi Case (or any other case) because Plaintiff was voluntarily, knowingly, and intentionally suspended from the practice of law and ethically barred from receiving attorneys' fees as a nonlawyer at the time attorneys' fees were paid.

On or about April 6, 2017, Plaintiff was notified that she was suspended from the practice of law by the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education pursuant to Nevada Supreme Court Rule ("SCR") 212 for her failure to complete the 2016 Continuing Legal Education ("CLE") requirements, as mandated by SCR 210. Plaintiff made a knowing and intentional decision to remain suspended from the practice of law from April 6, 2017, until December 19, 2019, the day after Defendants filed their motion for summary judgment in this case. See Exhibit 1 (Excerpts of Depo. Trans of Ruth L. Cohen from McKenna v. Chesnoff at 6:17-7:6.) ("And I don't intend to pay them \$700 to get my license back when I'm not going to use it, so. . . . So, it's my protest."; "And when I went to turn [the CLE credits] in, they said, Well, it will cost you \$700, and I said, See you. I'm just not going to do it.").

Padda Law earned attorneys' fees from the Moradi Case on or about May 23, 2017, when the parties reached a confidential settlement agreement. Padda Law earned attorneys' fees from the Cochran Case in the spring of 2019 through a confidential settlement agreement.

Thus, Padda Law did not earn any attorneys' fees in the Moradi or Cochran Cases until after Plaintiff was suspended from the practice of law on April 6, 2017. Accordingly, Plaintiff

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was a nonlawyer for purposes of NRPC 5.4(a) at the time Padda Law earned attorneys' fees in the Moradi and Cochran Cases and is forever barred from receiving any attorneys' fees from these cases.

Furthermore, while Padda Law earned attorneys' fees from the Garland Case before April 6, 2017, Padda Law only earned \$51,590.00 such that Plaintiff's claimed 33.333% interest, assuming it is valid (which it is not), would be \$17,196.67. And Plaintiff received \$51,500.00 from Defendants through a superseding buyout agreement related to any limited interest she may have had in certain cases, including the Garland Case. Further still, Plaintiff herself alleges in her Complaint that Defendants gave her \$50,000.00 "in or about the summer of 2017" supposedly related to her demand for payment of fees from the Garland Case among others. Therefore, Plaintiff was not damaged as a result of and cannot show any damages<sup>2</sup> resulting from Defendants' conduct as to the attorneys' fees earned in the Garland Case.

The Court recognized that Plaintiff has no right to any attorneys' fees when it granted Defendants' motion for summary judgment. The Court specifically held that, because of Plaintiff's knowing and intentional refusal to reinstate her law license between April 6, 2017, and December 19, 2019, Plaintiff was a nonlawyer prohibited from sharing attorneys' fees under NRCP 5.4(a) during this time period. Accordingly, the Court concluded that there were no genuine issues of material fact as to Plaintiff's claims for damages in this action and so Defendants were entitled to judgment as a matter of law on each and all of Plaintiff's claims for relief.

### В. Defendants' Offer of Judgment

On or about December 18, 2019, two weeks after the close of discovery and the same day Defendants filed their Motion for Summary Judgment, Defendants served Plaintiff with an offer of judgment pursuant to NRCP 68 to resolve all claims and defenses in this action between Defendants and Plaintiff. See Exhibit 2 (attached herein). Defendants offered to allow judgment to be taken against them and in favor of Plaintiff for "in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY

Defendants deny that they made any payments related to Plaintiff's claimed interest in fees earned in certain cases, including the Garland Case, in or about the summer of 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order and Judgement (entered Feb. 18, 2020) at page 9.

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THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$150,000.00) in order to resolve all claims between the parties. This Offer of Judgment is inclusive of attorneys' fees, expenses, prejudgment interest, and costs." See id. at 2. Plaintiff rejected Defendants' offer of judgment by not accepting the offer within 14 days after service. See NRCP 68(e); NRS 17.117(9).

Two months later, on February 18, 2020, after the parties fully briefed extensive pretrial motions, including twenty-two (22) motions in limine, as well as Defendants' dispositive motion for summary judgment, and attended five (5) different hearings before this Court, the Court granted Defendants' motion for summary judgment and entered judgment in their favor. Thus, Plaintiff failed to obtain a more favorable judgment than Defendants' offer of judgment for \$150,000.00.

### Ш. **DEFENDANTS ARE ENTITLED TO ATTORNEYS' FEES**

Because Plaintiff rejected Defendants' offer of judgment and failed to obtain a more favorable judgment, Plaintiff is responsible for Defendants' reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred from December 18, 2019, onward. See NRCP 68(f)(2); NRS 17.117(10)(b). As described in detail below, Defendants actually incurred \$279,167.50 in reasonable attorneys' fees from December 18, 2019, to present to defend against Plaintiff's claim. Because each of the required factors this Court must consider in evaluating a request for an award of attorneys' fees under NRCP 68 and NRS 17.117 weigh in favor of awarding attorneys' fees to Defendants here, the Court should award Defendants the total amount of attorneys' fees they incurred.

### A. Legal Standard

NRCP 68 establishes the rules regarding offers of judgment. A party may serve an offer of judgment "[a]t any time more than 10 days before trial." NRCP 68(a). If a party "rejects an offer and fails to obtain a more favorable judgment," that party is responsible for "the offeror's post-offer costs, applicable interest on the judgment from the time of the offer to the time of entry of the judgment and reasonable attorneys' fees, if any be allowed, actually incurred by the offeror from the time of the offer." NRCP 68(f)(2); NRS 17.117(10)(b); see also RTTC Comms., LLC v. The Saratoga Flier, Inc., 121 Nev. 34, 40–41, 110 P.3d 24 28 (2005).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The Court should be aware that Defendants properly served an earlier offer of judgment, dated June 18, 2019, which Plaintiff also rejected by failing to respond to it. Accordingly, Defendants are permitted to seek attorneys' fees dating from June 18, 2019, to present pursuant to NRCP 68(f)(2) and NRS 17.117(10)(b), a sum that would be substantially

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In determining whether to award attorneys' fees pursuant to NRCP 68, the Court must evaluate certain factors identified in by the Nevada Supreme Court in Beattie v. Thomas, 99 Nev. 579, 668 P.2d 268 (1983) (the "Beattie factors"). See Frazier v. Drake, 131 Nev. 632, 641–42, 357 P.3d 365, 372 (Ct. App. 2015). Ultimately, however, the decision to award attorneys' fees rests within the Court's discretion, and an appellate court will only review this Court's decision as to an award of attorneys' fees for an abuse of discretion. *Id.* at 642, 357 P.3d at 372.

The *Beattie* factors require the Court to evaluate:

"(1) whether the plaintiff's claim was brought in good faith; (2) whether the defendants' offer of judgment was reasonable and in good faith in both its timing and amount; (3) whether the plaintiff's decision to reject the offer and proceed to trial was grossly unreasonable or in bad faith; and (4) whether the fees sought by the offeror are reasonable and justified in amount."

Beattie, 99 Nev. at 588-89, 668 P.2d at 274.

"[N]o one factor under Beattie is determinative and [the Court] has broad discretion to grant [a] request [for attorneys' fees under NRCP 68] so long as all appropriate factors are considered." Yamaha Motor Co., U.S.A. v. Arnoult, 114 Nev. 233, 252 n.16, 955 P.2d 661, 673 n.16 (1998). The first three Beattie factors require the Court to consider the parties' motives in making or rejecting an offer of judgment and continuing the litigation. See Frazier, 131 Nev. at 642, 357 P.3d at 372. The fourth Beattie factor requires the Court to consider the amount of fees requested. See id.

When considering the amount of attorneys' fees requested under the fourth *Beattie* factor, the Court's analysis turns on the factors set forth in Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat'l Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 455 P.2d 31 (1969) (the "Brunzell factors"). Brunzell requires this Court to consider the following in determining the reasonableness of the attorneys' fees requested:

(1) the qualities of the advocate: his ability, his training, education, experience, professional standing and skill; (2) the character of the work to be done: its difficulty, its intricacy, its importance, time and skill required, the responsibility imposed and the prominence and character of the parties where they affect the importance of the litigation; (3) the work actually performed by the lawyer: the skill, time and attention given to the work; (4) the result: whether the attorney was successful and what benefits were derived.

greater than the fees Defendants seek in this Motion. Nevertheless, Defendants elect to only seek attorneys' fees from the date of their later offer of judgment to present.

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Brunzell, 85 Nev. at 349, 455 P.2d at 33.

"[I]n determining the amount of fees to award, the court is not limited to one specific approach; its analysis may begin with any method rationally designed to calculate a reasonable amount," so long as the requested amount is reviewed in light of the Brunzell factors. Haley v. Dist. Ct., 128 Nev. 171, 178, 273 P.3d 855, 860 (2012).

### В. Plaintiff Did Not Bring Her Claims in Good Faith

The first Beattie factor for this Court's consideration is whether Plaintiff brought her claims in good faith. See Beattie, 99 Nev. at 588-89, 668 P.2d at 274. The answer is Plaintiff did not.

Plaintiff, by her own account, was an active member of the Nevada State Bar from 1976 to April 6, 2017. See Complaint at ¶ 7 (noting that Plaintiff first became licensed to practice law in Nevada in 1976); see Exhibit 3 (Order of Suspension for Non-Compliant Members). In the four decades that Plaintiff was admitted to practice law, Plaintiff spent nearly 30 years with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada and another 10 years in private practice.

The events chronicled in Plaintiff's Complaint relevant to her claims against Defendants span 2014 to 2017. See generally Complaint. And Plaintiff filed her Complaint on April 9, 2019. The basic black letter law that nonlawyers may not share in attorneys' fees earned by a lawyer and that a suspension from the practice of law materially affects a person's status as a lawyer remained unchanged throughout the events described in Plaintiff's Complaint and throughout the period of time between those events and the day Plaintiff chose to file her Complaint. Moreover, it defies credulity to suggest that, given Plaintiff's extensive legal experience, Plaintiff did not know or appreciate that NRPC 5.4 prohibits sharing attorneys' fees with nonlawyers and/or that Plaintiff did not understand that she was a nonlawyer prohibited from sharing in attorneys' fees after her suspension from the practice of law on April 6, 2017. Nevertheless, Plaintiff chose to file her Complaint seeking a share of attorneys' fees with either the express or implicit knowledge that she was categorically prohibited from receiving any such fees.

As this Court knows, Plaintiff took an oath when she was admitted to practice law in Nevada. That oath requires Plaintiff to "support, abide by and follow the Rules of Professional Conduct as are now or may hereafter be adopted by the Supreme Court." Yet, Plaintiff chose to

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file an action to pursue a kind of compensatory damages that she was barred from obtaining by those very same Rules of Professional Conduct. See NRPC 5.4(a). Thus, Plaintiff did not bring her claims in good faith and the first Beattie factor weighs in favor of awarding Defendants the attorneys' fees they incurred after December 18, 2019.

# *C*. Defendants' Offer of Judgment Was Reasonable and In Good Faith in Both Its Timing and Amount

The second Beattie factor requires district courts to evaluate "whether the . . . offer of judgment was reasonable and in good faith in both its timing and amount." Beattie, 99 Nev. at 588, 668 P.2d at 274. "[T]here is no bright-line rule that qualifies an offer of judgment as per se reasonable in amount; instead, the district court is vested with discretion to consider the adequacy of the offer and the propriety of granting attorney fees." Certified Fire Prot, Inc. v. Precision Constr., Inc., 128 Nev. 371, 383, 283 P.3d 250, 258 (2012). Here, Defendants' offer of judgment on December 18, 2019, for \$150,000.00 was reasonable and in good faith both in its timing and amount.

Defendants' offer of judgment was reasonable and in good faith in its timing. First, Defendants served their offer of judgment after discovery had closed, which permitted Plaintiff to conduct extensive discovery to support her claims for relief and permitted Defendants to evaluate the reasonable value of Plaintiff's claims in light of the evidence she had procured. Second, Defendants served their offer of judgment at the same time they filed and served their Motion for Summary Judgment, which allowed Plaintiff to consider whether the offer in light of the clear legal flaws in her claims for relief as articulated in Defendants' dispositive motion. Third, Defendants served their offer of judgment in advance of the motion in limine deadline as well as the bulk of the pretrial deadlines in this case, which gave Plaintiff the opportunity to consider settlement before the bulk of the necessary pretrial machinations had to be completed and attendant costs had to be incurred. In short, Defendants timed their offer of judgment to give Plaintiff the best vantage point to consider settling her claims in light of the legal infirmities of her case and before Plaintiff had to incur most of the trial-specific costs, legal fees, and expenses.

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Defendants' offer of judgment was reasonable and in good faith in its amount. On November 20, 2019, Plaintiff served Defendants with an offer of judgment for \$2,974,999.00, see Exhibit 4 (attached), down from the \$3,455,33.00 in compensatory damages and \$20,731,998.00 in total damages Plaintiff computed in her Eleventh Supplement Disclosures served on November 18, 2019, see Exhibit 5 (attached). Then, on December 2, 2019, Plaintiff served her Twelfth Supplement Disclosure, the last such disclosure before Defendants served their December 18, 2019, offer of judgment, wherein Plaintiff calculated her compensatory damages at \$3,314,227.49 and her total damages at \$26,513,819.88. See Exhibit 6 (attached). But, Plaintiff's damages calculations always fundamentally depended on her entitlement to attorneys' fees from the Moradi Case and the Cochran Case, which constituted 95% of her compensatory damages. Given that Plaintiff's suspension from the practice of law at the time attorneys' fees were earned in the Moradi and Cochran Cases prevented Plaintiff from recovering any amount of these fees and given that Plaintiff incurred no damages from the Garland Case, Plaintiff's compensatory damages—using her own disclosures—would be \$150,522.18 from "Other Contingency Matters for Clients Who Retained C & P Prior to 12/31/2014." See Exhibit 6 at 15-16. Thus, while Defendants disputed (both then and now) that Plaintiff could ever recover any amount of attorneys' fees from any matters, Defendants' offer of judgment for \$150,000.00 accounted for 99.7% of Plaintiff's claimed compensatory damages for these "other" cases. Accordingly, by Plaintiff's own disclosures and damages computation, Defendants' December 18, 2019, offer of judgment for \$150,000.00 was reasonable and in good faith in its amount.

For all these reasons, Defendants' offer of judgment was reasonable and in good faith both in its timing and amount. Thus, the second Beattie factor weighs in favor of awarding Defendants the attorneys' fees they actually incurred after December 18, 2019.

# D. Plaintiff's Decision to Reject Defendants' Offer of Judgment and Proceed to Trial Was Grossly Unreasonable and in Bad Faith

The third Beattie factor requires the Court to consider whether Plaintiff's rejection of Defendants' December 18, 2019, offer of judgment was "grossly unreasonable or in bad faith."

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### 3. The Work Actually Performed by the Advocates

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Because of Plaintiff's failure to accept Defendants' offer of judgment, Defendants incurred attorneys' fees in connection with their defense against Plaintiff's claims. Defendants' counsel spent considerable time in performing the work outlined above and detailed in the exhibits referred to after December 18, 2019, the date of Defendants' offer of judgment. Thus, the Court ought to award the total amount of attorneys' fees incurred by Defendants from June 18, 2019, to date, or \$279,167.50.6

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DATED this 10th day of March, 2020

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## **DISTRICT COURT**

### **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

RUTH L. COHEN, an individual,

Plaintiff,
v.

Case No.: A-19-792599-B Dept. No.: XI

PAUL S. PADDA, an individual; PAUL PADDA LAW, PLLC, a Nevada professional limited liability company; DOE individuals I-X; and ROE entities I-X,

APPENDIX OF EXHIBITS TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES

Defendants.

Defendants Paul S. Padda and Paul Padda Law, PLLC (collectively, "Defendants"), by and through their counsel of record, Holland & Hart LLP and Peterson Baker, PLLC, hereby

submit the following Appendix of Exhibits to Defendants' Motion for Attorneys Fees.

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# EXHIBIT 1

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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                      DISTRICT OF NEVADA
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   MICHELLE McKENNA,
           Plaintiff,
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                                      CASE NO.
         vs.
                                      2:14-CV-01773-JAD-CWH
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    DAVID Z. CHESNOFF, CHTD. P.C. )
   d/b/a CHESNOFF & SCHONFELD;
    DAVID Z. CHESNOFF, and RICHARD)
    A. SCHONFELD,
           Defendants.
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         VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF RUTH COHEN, ESQ.
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              Taken on Thursday, January 4, 2018
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                        At 10:15 a.m.
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                       Las Vegas, Nevada
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          VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF RUTH COHEN, ESO.
                                                                        THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the beginning of
 2 taken on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 10:15 a.m., at
                                                            2 Media No. 1 in the deposition of Ruth Cohen in the
   3770 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 300, Las Vegas,
                                                            3 matter of McKenna versus Chesnoff and Schonfeld, held
 4 Nevada, before Christy Lyn DeJonker, Certified Court
                                                            4 at Litigation Services on January 4th, 2018, at
 5 Reporter, in and for the State of Nevada.
                                                            5 10:15 a.m. The court reporter is Christy DeJonker. I
 7 APPEARANCES:
                                                            6 am J.P. Marretta, the videographer, an employee of
 8 For the Plaintiff:
                                                            7 Litigation Services. This deposition is being
                  KELLY B. STOUT, ESQ.
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                                                            8 videotaped at all times unless specified to go off the
                  BAILEY KENNEDY
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                  8984 Spanish Ridge Avenue
                                                            9 video record.
                  Las Vegas, Nevada 89148
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                                                                        Would all present please identify themselves,
                  (702) 562-8820
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                                                           11 beginning with the witness.
                  kstout@baileykennedy.com
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                                                                        THE WITNESS: Ruth Cohen. I'm the witness.
13 For the Defendants:
                                                                        MS. STOUT: Kelly Stout, counsel for
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                  SEAN D. COONEY, ESQ.
                                                           14 Ms. McKenna. Also present with me today is
                  THORNDAL, ARMSTRONG, DELK,
                                                           15 Ms. McKenna.
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                  BALKENBUSH & EISINGER
                  1100 East Bridger Avenue
                                                                        MR. COONEY: I'm Sean Cooney. Attorney for
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                  Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
                                                           17 David Chesnoff, Richard Schonfeld, and the law firm of
                  (702) 366-0622
                                                           18 Chesnoff & Schonfeld.
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                  sdc@thorndal.com
                                                                       THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you. Will the court
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19 The Videographer:
                                                           20 reporter please swear in the witness.
                 J.P. MARRETTA
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                                                           21 Thereupon --
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                                                                                 RUTH COHEN, ESO.,
22 Also Present: RICHARD SCHONFELD
                  MICHELLE MCKENNA
                                                           23 was called as a witness, and having been first duly
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                                                           24 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
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                                                                        THE WITNESS: Sure. Before we start, does
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                                                            1 anybody else hear that noise coming from the other
  WITNESS: RUTH COHEN, ESQ.
                      EXAMINATION FURTHER EXAMINATION
                                                            3
                                                                        MR. COONEY: Yes, I hear it. And I don't
 4 By Mr. Cooney:
                                                            4 know what can be done about it.
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                                                                        THE WITNESS: Okay.
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                                                                        MR. COONEY: I think they're having a
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                                                            7 telephonic deposition.
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                                                                      THE WITNESS: Oh, all right. It's kind of
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                                                            9 loud. I'm hard of hearing on the right side.
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          Confidential Mediation Statement
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                                                                   Q. Good morning, Ms. Cohen.
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          Lien for Attorney's Fees
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                                                                   A. Good morning.
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                                                                    Q. My name is Sean Cooney. We met once before,
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                                                           15 I think about a year ago. I represent David Chesnoff,
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                                                           16 Richard Schonfeld and their firm, Chesnoff & Schonfeld
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                                                           17 in McKenna's suit against them.
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                                                                       Now, we were talking off the record prior to
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                                                           19 the deposition. I believe you said that you retired;
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                                                           20 is that correct?
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                                                                   A. Fully retired, yes.
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                                                                   Q. And prior to retirement, you were a
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                                                           23 practicing lawyer?
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                                                                   A. Yes.
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                                                                   Q. Okay. As a practicing lawyer, did you take
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 1 many depositions?
                                                                   A. No.
        A. Hundreds.
                                                                   Q. Given that you're a lawyer, I'm going to sort
         Q. Okay. So is it fair to say that you're
 3
                                                           3 of skip the standard educational background stuff. And
 4 familiar with the deposition process?
                                                           4 I just want to start with your law school and move
         A. I know it by heart, yeah.
                                                           5 forward. Where did you go to law school?
         Q. So if it's okay with you, I'm just going to
                                                                   A. Seaton Hall University School of Law.
 7 dispense with the admonitions. We don't have to go
                                                                   O. Where is that?
 8 through all of those.
                                                                   A. Actually, the school of law is located in
             Is that fine?
 9
                                                           9 Newark, New Jersey. The main campus is in East Orange,
        A. That's fine.
                                                           10 New Jersey.
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11
         Q. Great. Now, even though you're retired, do
                                                                   Q. When did you graduate from law school?
12 you still maintain an active law license?
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                                                                   A. I guess before you were born. 1975.
        A. I don't.
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                                                                   Q. That was before I was born. It was the year
14
        Q. Are you, like, in inactive status?
                                                           14 my brother was born.
15
        A. No. I am suspended from the practice of law.
                                                                   A. Thought so.
16
         Q. And what was the basis for the suspension?
                                                          16
                                                                   Q. And after graduating law school, did you take
        A. I didn't complete my CLEs. I'm 11 credits
                                                          17 the bar exam here in Nevada?
                                                                   A. No. I took the New Jersey bar exam.
18 short. And I don't intend to pay them $700 to get my
                                                          18
19 license back when I'm not going to use it, so. And I
                                                                   Q. Okay. And I assume you passed that?
                                                          19
                                                                   A. I did.
20 don't know if you know this or not, but you have to
                                                           20
21 continue to pay and go to school until you're 70. They
                                                                   Q. And how long did you practice in New Jersey?
22 don't let you off the hook, even if you're retired from
                                                                   A. I didn't. I moved here.
23 the practice of law. It's ridiculous. So it's my
                                                                   Q. Okay. When did you move to Nevada?
24 protest.
                                                           24
                                                                   A. I moved to Nevada in February of 1976.
        Q. When was your license suspended?
                                                                   Q. Did you take the bar at that time?
                                                                                                            Page 9
        A. I don't know. Last year sometime. The
                                                                   A. I did.
 2 credits were for 2016. Like I said, I was 11 credits
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                                                                       Were you licensed in Nevada also in '76?
 3 short. I bought classes, took them. And when I went
                                                                   A. Yes.
 4 to turn them in, they said, Well, it will cost you
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                                                                   Q. And who did you go to work for after becoming
 5 $700, and I said, See you. I'm just not going to do
                                                           5 licensed?
                                                                   A. I started with the Clark County District
 6 it.
        Q. Okay. When did you retire?
                                                           7 Attorney's office.
                                                                   Q. And how long did you work for them?
        A. Well, I partially retired, like, two years
 9 ago. I was only working part-time. I think it was two
                                                                   A. About a year and a half.
                                                                   Q. So starting in '76 through --
10 years ago. I fully retired -- well, I like to say this
                                                          10
11 summer, but it was really before that because there was
                                                                   A. No, I started January '77.
                                                          11
12 no -- I was only doing consults and there was no work
                                                          12
                                                                   Q. Okay. And you worked, you said, through
13 coming in. So I would go to the office, look at my
                                                          13 1978?
14 computer and do some paperwork, but I didn't meet with
                                                                  A. Yes, spring of 1978.
15 any clients, because we didn't have any. I mean,
                                                                   Q. And after working for the DA's office, who
16 employment clients. We had plenty of clients.
                                                          16 did you work for?
17
        Q. Okay. Before we get a little more into that,
                                                                  A. I worked for the Department of Justice,
                                                          17
18 I just wanted to ask you some background questions.
                                                          18 United States Attorney's office, District of Nevada.
19
             Did you do anything to prepare for the
                                                                   Q. And how long did you work for the U.S. DOJ?
                                                          19
                                                                   A. 29 years.
20 deposition today?
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21
        A. No.
                                                                   Q. So you said you worked for the District of
22
        Q. Didn't review any documents?
                                                          22 Nevada. Was there a particular division you worked for
23
        A.
                                                          23 while at the DOJ?
24
        Q. Did you speak with anybody prior to coming in
                                                                   A. No, it covered the whole state. There is a
                                                          25 Reno office, but that's a satellite office of the main
25 today?
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 1 office here. So they loosely divide the state for
                                                            1 chiefs.
 2 purposes of federal courts. I did cases up in Reno.
                                                                    Q. Is there a reason why you in the 29 years you
 3 So I was primarily assigned to the Southern Nevada
                                                            3 were at the DOJ, that you never sought a supervisory
 4 office.
         Q. Okay. Were there particular types of cases
                                                                   A. Sought one? Maybe you haven't heard, but
 6 that you handled as a U.S. attorney?
                                                            6 this is the time of women, and they are all coming
         A. Yes. The first eight years was criminal, and
                                                            7 forward. And there's all kinds of sexual
 8 then I switched to the civil side and did 21 years
                                                            8 discrimination. I worked for a bunch of white men; a
 9 civil.
                                                            9 lot of them were in the military and there weren't very
10
         Q. In your -- while you were working on the
                                                           10 many women doing much of anything. Unless, of course,
11 civil side of things, was there a particular practice
                                                           11 they kissed the butts of the white men, then a couple
12 area that you focused on, in terms of the case,
                                                           12 did get to be supervisors. Even the first female
13 antitrust or something else of that nature?
                                                           13 United States attorney didn't do much to help the
14
         A. I did a variety of cases. I did almost all
                                                           14 situation. It was okay. I mean, I liked my job. It
15 of the medical malpractice cases initially. I did
                                                           15 was a real good job. Saw a lot of cases. I got to do
16 employment discrimination, all types. I did Bivens
                                                           16 things lawyers never in their wildest dreams in their
                                                           17 entire careers would ever do.
17 actions. I'm sure there's other things. I can't think
18 of them right now. I represented the United States
                                                                    Q. If I'm doing my math right, you left the
19 anytime anybody sued it, and they sued it a lot.
                                                           19 U.S. DOJ in 2007?
        Q. I assume the med mal, that would be med mal
                                                                   A. '7, I retired.
21 defense --
                                                           21
                                                                   Q. Did you go into private practice in 2007?
                                                                   A. I did.
22
        A. Right.
                                                           22
         Q. -- where somebody that worked for the United
                                                           23
                                                                    Q. Did you open your own firm?
24 States was accused of --
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                                                                   A. No. I worked for Atkins, Winner & Sherrod,
        A. Military usually, VA.
                                                           25 an insurance defense firm.
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                                                                    Q. What prompted you to leave the DOJ and go
         Q. Any prisoner cases?
         A. I actually did a few of those; had a couple
                                                            2 into private practice?
 3 of trials, actually. Hated them all.
                                                                    A. I had earned a full retirement, and they were
         Q. I'm not familiar with what a Bivens action
                                                            4 giving incentives for people to go. And I said, Fine,
 5 is. Can you explain that for me?
                                                               show me the door. I'm out the door.
 6
         A. When an employee agent, official -- officer
                                                                    Q. How long did you work for Atkin Winner?
                                                                    A. I think it was about four years. Three and a
                                                            7
 7 of the United States is sued, they are often sued under
                                                              half, four years.
 8 a -- there is a constitutional area, but they are often
                                                            8
 9 sued under a Bivens form of action. And that's -- that
                                                            9
                                                                   Q. 2011-ish, then?
10 is how you saw a lot of federal agents get sued. It's
                                                           10
                                                                   A. Right.
11 a constitutionally created cause of action. And
                                                                   Q. What did you do after Atkin Winner?
12 there's lots of defenses to it and it's really
                                                           12
                                                                   A. I went into practice with Paul Padda.
13 successful.
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                                                                   O. Is that with the firm Cohen & Padda?
        Q. Other than the med mal, did you handle any
                                                           14
                                                                   A. It was. He and I had been assistant U.S.
15 personal injury cases?
                                                           15 attorneys together.
        A. Yes, slip and falls, car accidents.
16
                                                                   Q. And did you stay with Mr. Padda through your,
                                                           17 I guess, partial retirement a couple of years ago and
17
         Q. What was sort of the highest job title you
                                                           18 full retirement this year -- or last year, I should
18 held prior to leaving the DOJ?
        A. Well, if you're not a supervisor, everybody
                                                           19 say. Now that we're in 2018.
20 is an assistant United States attorney. I did a short
                                                                   A. Exactly.
21 supervisory stint, but I was an assistant United States
                                                                   Q. I'm sorry. Going back to your time with
22 attorney.
                                                           22 Atkin Winner, what kind of cases did you handle for
        Q. About how long were you a supervisor for?
                                                           23 them?
        A. Oh, very short period of time. Maybe six
                                                           24
                                                                   A. Well, it was an insurance defense firm. They
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25 mostly did personal injury defense, but I think it was

25 months. I was just filling in between different civil

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 1 CNA. It was an insurance company that liked me, and
                                                            1 Ms. McKenna?
 2 they gave me all kinds of weird cases to do. Personal
                                                                   A. It was tried after, but it came in years
 3 injury, but weird ones, and I kind of liked that. I
                                                            3 before. I was a full-time partner. It came into
 4 was of counsel to them. So I was able to bill at
                                                            4 Cohen & Padda.
 5 partner rate.
                                                                   Q. Going back to your time with the U.S. DOJ, I
        Q. Did you handle any plaintiff cases with Atkin
                                                            6 just want to clarify. Do you recall how many TBI cases
 6
 7 Winner?
                                                            7 you handled?
                                                                   A. Just one.
 Ω
        A. Yes.
        Q. Do you have any estimate as to what
                                                                   Q. Any TBI cases, any defense cases with Atkin
10 percentage of your practice was plaintiff versus
                                                           10 Winner?
                                                                   A. Oh, geez. The firm had one, and I did not
11 defense?
        A. I would say 10 percent was plaintiff. They
                                                           12 participate.
13 were my cases. The firm didn't give them to me. The
                                                                   Q. So you did not personally handle any TBI
14 people came to me, and I took their cases.
                                                           14 cases while at Atkin Winner?
        Q. Were these also personal injury cases?
                                                           15
                                                                   A. No, I weighed in on the meetings, strategies
16
        A. No.
                                                           16 and stuff. But no, they didn't ask me to take any role
17
        Q. What types of cases were they mostly?
                                                           17 or take any depositions or anything.
        A. I can't give you a genre. I did a couple of
                                                                   Q. And while at Cohen & Padda, you referenced a
19 criminal defense matters. I did a couple of
                                                           19 Cosmopolitan case.
20 contract-type cases, and then I did some plaintiff
                                                           20
                                                                   A. Yes.
                                                                   Q. Did you work actively in that case?
21 personal injury.
                                                           21
                                                                   A. Initially I did, yes.
        Q. And then when you left Atkin Winner and
                                                           22
                                                                   Q. And who was the firm that -- you made
23 opened up the firm with Mr. Padda, did you continue to
24 do mostly defense work, or did your practice shift?
                                                           24 reference to another firm coming in to help on the
        A. Oh, we shifted.
                                                           25 case; is that correct?
                                                                   A. Well, they took over the litigation, yes.
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         Q. Was Cohen & Padda exclusively a plaintiff
 2 firm?
                                                                   Q. And who was that?
                                                                   A. Brian Paddish. It's apparently a big
        A. For the most part. We did do some criminal
 4 defense, and I think we did a couple of, like, contract
                                                            4 personal injury firm in California.
 5 cases for defendants. But primarily it was personal
                                                                   Q. Actually I have run into them several times.
 6 injury on the plaintiff's side.
                                                              I used to do defense work in Santa Barbara.
        Q. And throughout your career and going all the
                                                                   A. Oh, so you know who they are.
 8 way back to your time with Clark County District
                                                                   Q. So I've had some run-ins with Mr. Paddish.
 9 Attorney's office, did you ever handle any traumatic
                                                                   A. Apparently people don't like him.
10 brain injury cases?
                                                           10
                                                                   Q. He's an interesting character. Let's put it
11
        A. We did do a couple, yeah. Uh-huh.
                                                           11 that way.
        Q. Do you recall when those were? And when I
                                                                        In addition to this Cosmopolitan case, you
13 ask you that, I am saying exclusive of Ms. McKenna's
                                                           13 also had Ms. McKenna's case at Cohen & Padda; is that
                                                           14 correct?
14 case.
        A. I don't recall specifics, but somewhere when
                                                           15
                                                                   A. Right. And I am thinking there was something
15
16 I was in the U.S. Attorney's office there was somebody
                                                           16 else, but it's not coming to mind right now.
17 that had traumatic brain injury. Then just recently in
                                                           17
                                                                   Q. Now, my understanding is that Cohen & Padda
18 a case that began when I was in the office, Paul --
                                                           18 took over Ms. McKenna's case in -- at the very end of
                                                              July of 2013; is that correct?
19 well, the firm he hired brought in the largest verdict
20 for any individual plaintiff, and that was brain
                                                                   A. I don't remember.
21 injury.
                                                                   Q. Well, I should be able to find the
        Q. That was the Cosmopolitan case?
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                                                           22 substitution of attorney. But in any event, there was
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                                                           23 a substitution of attorney filed in the case, correct?
        A. Yes.
        Q. But that case came in after you had
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                                                                   A. Yes. Absolutely.
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                                                                   Q. And it's your understanding that upon the
25 finished -- or after you finished working with
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filling of a fully executed substitution of attorney, 2 then the new attorneys are then the attorneys of 3 record, correct? 4	
2 then the new attorneys are then the attorneys of 3 record, correct? 4	Page 20
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4 A. Correct. 5 Q. So whatever the date on the substitution of 6 attorney is, that would be the date you guys officially 7 took over the case, correct? 8 A. Yeah, I would think so. I didn't prepare it 9 nor did I file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it, but yes, I would think so. I of the file it is sease have you been imvolved in? 10 A. That is the same answer I just gave. It 1 didn't change. I didn't cade anything to it. 11 So. On the one from the U.S. Attorney's office 1 and then the Cosmopolitan case? 12 A. Yeah. 13 A. That is the same answer I just gave. It 1 didn't change. I didn't cade anything to it. 14 G. One from the U.S. Attorney's office 1 didn't change. I didn't change. I didn't cade anything to it. 15 Q. So the one from the U.S. Attorney's office 1 didn't change. I didn't cade anything to it. 16 and then the Cosmopolitan case? 17 A. Yeah. 18 Q. Bow involved were you in the handling of 19 Ms. McKenna's case? 19 Ms. McKenna's case? 20 A. I was pretty much involved. I am the one 21 that took her to mediation. I met her, I spoke with 2 herr, I spoke with 2 herr, I got to know her. And then I spoke with 2 herr, I got to know her. And then I spoke with 2 herr, I got to know her. And then I spoke with 2 herr, I got to know her. And then I spoke with 2 herr fall and the file came over. I read the file and went into 2 deliansate a little bettar what your involvement was so I don't remember. 2 Q. Norw who that file plant	
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20 reference to, is that the first time that you had 20 idea. Why don't we do that.	bably a good
21 spoken to Ms. McKenna? 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off	ff the
22 A. Yes. 22 record. The time is 10:43.	
Q. Do you recall when that was?	
24 A. No. 24 (Whereupon, Mr. Richard Schonfeld j	a joined
25 Q. Was it — 25 the deposition.)	

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             THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record.
                                                            1 an initial client meeting?
 2 The time is 11:00
                                                                    A. It's my practice to take notes. I am just
 3
             THE WITNESS: Can you hear me?
                                                            3 one of those people. But I don't always, especially if
 4
             THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Perfect.
                                                            4 I don't realize it's going to be a lengthy meeting and
 5
             THE WITNESS: I put my own microphone on. I
                                                            5 I didn't bring a pad and a pen. I don't remember
 6 just wanted to make sure.
                                                            6 whether I did or I didn't. If I did, they should be in
 7 BY MR. COONEY:
                                                            7 the file. If I didn't, it's not there.
 8
        Q. Okay. Before we went off the record, I had
                                                                   Q. Did Ms. McKenna tell you anything at that
 9 asked you a question about what you had discussed with
                                                            9 first meeting about her employment status at the time?
10 Ms. McKenna. Ms. Stout had interposed an objection on
                                                           10
                                                                   A. I am sure she did, but I don't remember. I
11 attorney-client privilege. I'm going to try to break
                                                           11 know she was no longer working at Pure. But I don't
12 my question down a little bit.
                                                           12 recall if she told me that she had another job at the
             MS. STOUT: What might be useful is I can
                                                           13 time. Work was not easy for her because her mind
14 clarify that I'm not asserting a privilege as to the
                                                           14 didn't work so good anymore.
15 identification of topics discussed. And perhaps if
                                                                   Q. And how did you come to that conclusion?
16 Ruth identified topics, it would be a little bit
                                                                   A. Well, apparently she lost her job at Pure
17 simpler to proceed with respect to the privilege issue.
                                                           17 because she couldn't add checks anymore. And according
18 BY MR. COONEY:
                                                           18 to what she said, because of the almost strangulation
        Q. Okay. Without sort of getting into the
                                                           19 she suffered, her carotids were screwed up, and there
20 details of sort of the topic matters, what matters did
                                                           20 wasn't enough oxygen to go to the brain.
21 you discuss with Ms. McKenna at that first meeting that
                                                                   Q. This was information you had gotten from
22 you had with her?
                                                           22 Ms. McKenna?
        A. Are the two of you kidding? Like I remember
                                                                   A. Yes.
                                                                   Q. When did Ms. McKenna decide to retain
24 the matters I discussed. We discussed her case and why
25 it was moving slowly and, you know, if we could help
                                                           25 Cohen & Padda? Was it at that meeting, some time
                                                                                                            Page 25
                                                Page 23
 1 her. She was basically destitute.
                                                            1 after?
        Q. Did she tell you whether she had consulted
                                                                   A. I don't remember. I don't think she ever
 3 with any other lawyers other than Cohen & Padda?
                                                            3 said those words, at least not to me.
                                                                   Q. But at some point thereafter, Ms. McKenna
 5
        Q. And did you feel that you could help her out
                                                            5 signed a substitution of attorney, correct?
 6 with her case?
                                                                   A. Correct.
        A. I felt we could try.
                                                                   Q. And you said that you called
                                                            7
        Q. And ultimately you did, correct?
                                                            8 Chesnoff & Schonfeld to get her file from them; is that
 9
        A. Yes.
                                                            9 correct?
        Q. Did she express to you at that meeting
10
                                                                   A. I think we sent over a fax, and I think
11 whether or not she was upset with my clients in their
                                                           11 Richard Schonfeld called me. But I could have called
12 handling of her case?
                                                           12 him. But I think he called me.
                                                                   Q. Was that conversation in regard to
       A. She was extremely upset.
14
        Q. Did she tell you why?
                                                           14 transferring the file, or did you also discuss the
15
        A. Taking too long.
                                                           15 substance of the case with him?
16
        Q. Is there any other reason she expressed to
                                                                   A. It was taking a little time to get the file,
                                                           16
17 you why she was upset with the handling?
                                                           17 so I know we discussed it. They were putting it
        A. I am not sure what she expressed. She
                                                           18 together. And we discussed, you know, why they were
19 expressed other things, but I just don't recall them at
                                                           19 losing the file and we were getting it.
20 the time.
                                                                   Q. So basically, reasons why Ms. McKenna had
        Q. Did you take notes of that first meeting with
                                                           21 fired them and hired you?
22 Ms. McKenna?
                                                                   A. Correct.
                                                           22
       A. Oh, boy. I do often take notes, but I don't
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                                                                   Q. Did you discuss the substance of the case
24 remember if I took them at that meeting.
                                                           24 against Mr. Jones with Mr. Schonfeld?
        Q. Is it your typical practice to take notes at
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                                                                   A. I don't think we discussed that. I mean,
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Page 26 Page 28 1 that was a given. No reason to discuss it. 1 we did in a lot in those cases; have a medical eye look Q. How do you mean it was a given? 2 at it and tell us what we should know. Some of those 3 A. He strangled her. I mean, that wasn't an 3 records are very hard to read. Well, you know. You do 4 issue. 4 defense work. 5 Q. Okay. Did you discuss any legal strategy Q. Now, after the review was done, did 6 matters with Mr. Schonfeld? 6 Cohen & Padda send out any additional requests for 7 medical records, either through subpoenas or just A. No. Why would I -- that doesn't make any 8 having Michelle request them? 8 sense. I told him what he didn't do and why we were 9 taking the case. q A. I don't remember. 10 Q. Okay. What was it that you told him that he 10 Q. If those requests were made, would those have 11 had not done? 11 been documented in the file? A. You didn't sue all the right people. You 12 A. Yes. 13 weren't doing her case fast. She was upset about it. Q. Now, I have not looked through the file in 14 The woman couldn't work. But you didn't sue the right 14 detail in quite some time, so I do not recall whether 15 people. And we were hoping to get into court quick, so 15 any such requests were made. But on the assumption 16 we could add these parties. 16 that there were no requests made, would it be fair to Q. Okay. So other than not suing the proper 17 conclude that you felt that the medical file was 18 parties and the speed at which the case wasn't 18 complete? 19 prosecuted, anything else that you had told him that he 19 A. I don't know if I felt that or not. Q. Let me see if I can shorten the question up 20 had not done? A. I don't think so. I didn't just tell him. 21 and make it a little clearer. If you quys didn't ask 22 He asked me, and that's when I told him. I wouldn't 22 for any more medical records, would it have been 23 have volunteered it. 23 because you felt they were all there? Q. Okay. But one way or the other, those are A. It could have been that or it could have been 25 that Michelle provided a bunch of records. I know one 25 sort of the two main reasons that you relayed to Page 27 1 Mr Schonfeld about --1 or more of her physicians did come up with records. A. It wasn't a pleasant conversation. 2 But I don't know if it was -- if we already got them Q. I imagine it wasn't. I am just trying to get 3 from Chesnoff & Schonfeld or whether we didn't and -- I 4 at what it is you told him about why Michelle had fired 4 don't know if it was duplicates or not duplicates. But 5 them and hired you. 5 I do know that Michelle came in with some records and A. Okay. 6 one of her treating physicians. Don't ask me which 7 one, but one of them provided some records. Again, it 7 Q. Did you try to get any type of background 8 from Mr. Schonfeld on Ms. McKenna's sort of medical 8 could have just been duplicates. I don't know, but I 9 state at the time you took over the case? 9 knew they came in. We moved pretty quickly to get into A. No. I mean, I think they turned over any 10 court, though. 11 medical records they had and we had the names of the Q. Do you know -- do you know approximately the 12 physicians, so we could get all the records if we 12 volume of the records that Michelle brought into you 13 didn't feel that we got them all. 13 guys after you took the case over? Q. Did you review the medical records in A. I don't. 15 Ms. McKenna's case? Q. Do you recall what provider they were from? A. I know for sure I didn't review all the A. I don't. 16 Q. Now, if Ms. McKenna had brought additional 17 medical records. I may have reviewed some medical 17 18 records. I know one of -- well, I didn't -- I didn't 18 records in to your firm and given them, how would that 19 review all of the medical records. 19 be documented in your file? Like, if I wanted to go Q. Did somebody else at the firm do it for you? 20 look at your file, how would I know what documents were 21 provided by her after your retention? A. I believe so, yes. A. I'm not sure. I don't know how the computer O. Was it Mr. Padda or someone else? A. Well, he would have reviewed some of the 23 document retention worked. We had been through a 24 couple of different programs, so I'm just not sure. I 24 records, but I think -- I think we might have sent them

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25 out to have them reviewed. I think. That is something

25 don't know if it was -- I have often seen it put into a

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 1 folder saying "from client," but I don't know in her
                                                            1 says, you know, plaintiff's records or plaintiff
 2 case how it was -- I don't know who was maintaining the
                                                            2 brought in. Even if they were duplicates, we would
 3 file for us. We had a couple of different caseworkers
                                                            3 note what the plaintiff brought in, if they brought
 4 and a paralegal. I don't know how they put it in the
                                                            4 something in later on.
 5 file. Maybe Paul himself put it in the file. I just
                                                                   Q. Do you recall asking Ms. McKenna to bring in
 6 don't know.
                                                            6 any particular records?
         Q. Now, I believe you testified that you didn't
                                                                   A. You know, I don't. I could have, but I don't
 8 recall whether the medical review had been done
                                                            8 recall that I did.
 9 in-house or whether you sent it out to somebody. Am I
                                                                   Q. Did you do a review of the experts that had
10 remembering that right?
                                                           10 been retained by Chesnoff & Schonfeld? And when I say
11
        A. Yes.
                                                           11 that, I mean look at the reports, see what topic there
12
         Q. If it had been done in-house, would there
                                                           12 is ---
13 have been a memo generated regarding the medical
                                                           13
                                                                   A. I am sure I did, but I don't remember.
14 records?
                                                                   Q. Now, it's my understanding from the file,
       A. I don't know. Oftentimes, yes. Sometimes
                                                           15 that Cohen & Padda designated a couple of additional
16 just a verbal conversation about, you know, look at
                                                           16 experts to testify on Ms. McKenna's behalf; is that
17 this. You know, look what's in the record. But I
                                                           17 correct?
18 don't know because it wasn't a conversation I had with
                                                          18
                                                                   A. I have a vague recollection of that. But if
19 the paralegal or caseworker. You'd have to ask Paul.
                                                           19 you are going to ask me who, I am not going to
        Q. If you had sent the medical records out for
                                                           20 remember. If you want to tell me, I will see if it
21 review, would the third-party reviewing service --
                                                           21 refreshes my memory.
22 would they have generated some kind of a memo for you
                                                                   Q. Well, the first question I want to ask before
23 guys?
                                                           23 I get into that is, were you involved in the decision
24
      A. Oh, of course. They'd want to get paid.
                                                           24 to hire additional experts?
25
         Q. So if it was sent out to a third party, I
                                                                  A. No.
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 1 could figure that out by looking at your file and
                                                                   O. Is that a decision that Mr. Padda was
 2 seeing if there was some kind of a memo from somebody
                                                            2 involved with?
 3 who wasn't Cohen & Padda doing that?
                                                                  A. Yes.
        A. Correct.
                                                                   Q. Do you recall ever having conversations with
 5
         Q. Now, in your experience, when you send
                                                            5 any new experts that the firm was intending to retain
 6 medical records out to a third party, is part of their
                                                            6 on Ms. McKenna's behalf?
 7 job to identify gaps in the records, letting you know
                                                                   A. No.
 8 what else that you might want to go look for?
                                                                   Q. Do you recall being involved with decisions
 9
        A. Certainly.
                                                            9 on what documents or other evidence to provide to those
        Q. And is it your practice when you get a memo
10
                                                           10 experts, so that they could do their expert work?
11 from one of these third-party reviewing services, if
                                                           11
                                                                   A. I don't remember doing that.
12 they identify gaps, is it your practice to seek those
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                                                                   Q. Is this something that Mr. Padda handled?
13 records?
                                                                   A. He would have, or the medical expert would
        A. Sure. Unless, like I said, the client said,
                                                           14 have requested certain records. It would have been
15 Oh, wait, I got a box. Because that has happened to us
                                                          15 provided to that expert.
16 where a client says, Oh, I have another box.
                                                                   Q. One of the experts that Cohen & Padda
17
        Q. And when I say, "seek the records," I don't
                                                           17 disclosed on Ms. McKenna's behalf was Dr. Stan Smith.
18 necessarily mean subpoenaing them or going directly to
                                                          18
                                                                       Do you recall that name?
19 the provider. I mean to also include asking your
                                                                   A. Yeah, that's the economist.
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                                                                   Q. Yes.
20 client if they have a particular set of records.
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      A. But, yeah, that wouldn't be documented if we
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                                                                   A. Yeah.
22 asked the client. It would be documented if the client
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                                                                   Q. Did you ever talk to Dr. Smith with regards
23 brought in extra records. But like I said, I am not
                                                           23 to Ms. McKenna's case?
24 sure how it would be documented on the computer. I
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                                                                   A. I didn't.
25 just know I have seen folders within our case file that 25
                                                                   Q. The other expert was a lifecare planner by
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 1 the name of Laura Lampton. Do you recall that name?
                                                                    Q. Now, after that conversation you had with
 2
        A. No. That's not a lifecare planner I have
                                                            2 Mr. Schonfeld, did you do any investigation, like, into
 3 11sed
                                                            3 who was responsible for providing the security at the
 4
         Q. One of the first sort of items in court that
                                                            4 Pure Nightclub that night?
 5 I recall seeing after your taking over the case was an
                                                                   A. I don't remember, because we had to get into
 6 attempt to extend the discovery deadlines.
                                                            6 court to ask for permission to add new parties. We
 7
             Do you remember that?
                                                            7 could have done that afterwards. The Court didn't
 8
        A. Yes.
                                                            8 allow it because we were out of time. So that was a
         Q. Were you involved in the discussions with
 9
                                                            9 real problem.
10 Jones' defense lawyer on trying to get that extension?
                                                           10
                                                                   Q. So the short answer is, no, you did not do
11
        A. Whose defense lawyer?
                                                           11 any investigation as to who was responsible for the
12
         Q. Mr. Jones. Patrick Jones. Were you
                                                           12 security at the Pure Nightclub that night?
13 involved -- and Matt Callister was his lawyer. Did you
                                                                   A. I think we had the name of the company.
14 talk to Callister about getting the discovery
                                                           14
                                                                   Q. Do you recall what the name of that company
15 extension?
                                                           15 was?
16
        A. I believe I did, because I think I went to a
                                                           16
                                                                   A. No, but it was either Pure or Caesars Palace
17 deposition. I have known Matt Callister for years. So
                                                           17 that cut the security force a couple of weeks before
18 I know I was involved in a deposition at his office,
                                                           18 this incident. And so failure to provide adequate
19 but I don't know if it was on this case or not. I just
                                                           19 security is a huge cause of action in all kinds of
20 don't remember.
                                                           20 cases,
        Q. Did you do any of the drafting for the --
                                                                   Q. Did you ever determine who was responsible
22 what was a joint motion to extend discovery?
                                                           22 for making the decision to cut the security?
        A. No. I stopped being able to use the computer
                                                                   A. No. We certainly would have if discovery had
24 for drafting quite a while ago. My hands just don't
                                                           24 opened and we were allowed to add them as a party. But
25 work.
                                                           25 we weren't allowed to, so. I think you're not
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        Q. Did you appear in court for the hearing on
                                                            1 understanding the window of time we had. It was very
 2 that motion?
                                                            2 short.
        A. Paul did.
                                                            3
                                                                   Q. Notwithstanding whether or not Pure or
        Q. Did you discuss with Mr. Callister the amount
                                                            4 Caesars were added as parties, you could have sent them
 5 of time that you guys wanted in terms of the discovery
                                                            5 a third-party subpoena to try to get information on
                                                              these grounds, correct?
        A. If I had a discussion with him, I'm sure I
                                                                   A. Sure. Or taken depositions, yeah.
                                                            7
 8 did. But I don't remember.
                                                                   Q. Do you recall ever doing that?
                                                                   A. I didn't.
        Q. One of the reasons that you had told
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                                                            9
10 Mr. Schonfeld for the transfer of the file, was that he
                                                           10
                                                                   Q. Was there a person at your firm who sort of
11 had not sued the right people.
                                                           11 had final say on what to do on this case?
12
             Do you remember that?
                                                                   A. Well, I guess that would have been Paul. He
13
        A. Yes.
                                                           13 basically took over the litigation.
        Q. And who were the additional people that you
                                                                   Q. Now, if you wanted to do something on the
                                                           15 case, would you have to run it by him, or was he
15 felt should have been sued?
        A. If I remember correctly, Caesars Palace, for
                                                           16 letting you sort of do your own thing?
17 sure. Pure Nightclub, if they weren't already there,
                                                                   A. I wouldn't run it by him, but I would let him
18 and the security force. There was a lack of security
                                                           18 know. I wouldn't want to conflict something he was
19 the night that Michelle got strangled.
                                                           19 doing. When we lost the ability to add parties and get
20
    Q. The security force, was that a third-party
                                                           20 a lot more discovery, I think there was mediation
21 company?
                                                           21 scheduled pretty quickly after that. A matter of a
        A. I didn't know, but certainly it was something
                                                           22 couple of months, I believe.
23 to explore. As you well know, in personal injury law
                                                                   Q. Does the name of Dr. Mark Haacke ring a bell
24 you try to get as many pockets as you can. Sort it out
                                                           24 to you?
25 later.
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                                                                   A. Not at all.
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         Q. I'll represent to you that Dr. Haacke -- and
                                                            1 talk to you that other than this issue with adding
 2 I'm not actually sure if I am pronouncing it correctly.
                                                            2 receipts, that she was perfectly capable of doing all
 3 It's spelled H-A-A-C-K-E -- was a Ph.D. my clients had
                                                            3 other aspects of her job?
 4 hired prior to Cohen & Padda taking over the case to
                                                                    A. I don't know she ever said that, and I don't
 5 provide expert opinions in regards to vascular flow.
                                                            5 think I asked her. Maybe she was; maybe she wasn't. I
             Does that refresh your memory at all?
                                                               don't know. We didn't discuss it.
                                                                    Q. Did you ever consider having Ms. McKenna
         Q. Do you recall ever reviewing a report?
                                                               evaluated by a vocational rehabilitation expert?
         A. No.
                                                                    A. I didn't.
10
         Q. Does the name Dr. James Loong ring a bell to
                                                                    Q. Now, in terms of the additional experts that
11 you? Last name is spelled L-O-O-N-G. And, again, I
                                                           11 were disclosed on Ms. McKenna's behalf, did you have
12 may be mispronouncing his name.
                                                           12 any involvement in preparing the expert disclosures
        A. What's his area?
                                                           13 that were served on Ms. McKenna?
14
         Q. Neuropsychology.
                                                                   A. No.
         A. Yeah, I think it was a Chinese guy, if I
15
                                                                    O. Do you know if Mr. Padda handled that?
16 remember correctly.
                                                           16
                                                                    A. We had another associate working with us, and
       Q. Do you recall reviewing his evaluation of
17
                                                           17 she might have done that, and he would have reviewed
18 Ms. McKenna?
                                                           18 it. I was mostly working employment and other cases.
19
         A. I think, yes, I did.
                                                           19 Paul basically did the personal injury. That was his
         Q. Do you recall having any problems with his
                                                           20 choice.
21 evaluation?
                                                                    Q. Do you recall that associate's name?
        A. I don't remember.
                                                                    A. God, I can see her, and I can't think of her
         Q. Did you ever consider replacing Dr. Loong
                                                           23 name. I can't think of it right at the moment. It
24 with another expert in the same field?
                                                           24 will come to me. Probably at 3:00 a.m.
        A. I didn't.
                                                                    Q. Why don't we do this. We'll put a blank in
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         Q. Do you recall replacing any of the experts
                                                            1 the transcript and --
 2 that my client had hired?
                                                                   A. Okav.
        A. I believe so, but I don't remember which one
                                                                    Q. -- after the deposition is over, you will
 4 and with whom.
                                                            4 have a chance to review it. And if you recall the name
         Q. Now, I recall that one of the things you
                                                            5 at that time --
 6 discussed with Ms. McKenna at the first meeting you had
                                                                    A. That would be fine.
 7 with her was her sort of inability to work; is that
                                                                    Q. -- put it in the blank. Or if it comes to
 8 correct?
                                                               you at any point in the deposition, please feel free to
                                                               volunteer.
 9
        A. Correct.
         Q. And the reason she said -- or the reason she
                                                                   A. Okay.
11 told you why she had been fired from the Pure Nightclub
                                                                 (Please supply information on Certificate of Deponent
12 was inability to add receipts, I think is what you
                                                                   located on the second-to-the-last page hereof.)
13 said?
                                                           13 BY MR. COONEY:
14
        A. Checks, yeah.
                                                                   Q. In terms of who Cohen & Padda employed, you
15
        Q. Was there any other reason that she expressed
                                                           15 would have records of that?
16 to you as to why she had been fired from Pure?
                                                           16
                                                                   A. Oh. sure.
        A. No.
17
                                                           17
                                                                   Q. Or the firm would have records of that, since
18
        Q. Did she tell you that she had sued Pure for
                                                           18 you are retired?
19 wrongful termination at the time she came to you?
                                                           19
                                                                   A. Of course.
20
        A. No. Sounds like a good idea, though.
                                                                   Q. A question going back to your retirement,
21
        Q. Are you aware that she has --
                                                           21 even though you're retired, do you still have any
22
        A. No.
                                                           22 ownership interest in the firm of Cohen & Padda?
23
        Q. -- that she has since sued this?
                                                           23
                                                                   A. No.
                                                                   Q. Does that firm still exist now?
24
        A. No.
                                                           24
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                                                                   A. No. It's Paul Padda.
        Q. Did she tell you at the time that she came to
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         Q. When you got the file from Chesnoff &
                                                            1 from Dr. Smith?
 2 Schonfeld -- and when I say "the file," I mean their
                                                                   A. Well, that's possible.
 3 file on Ms. McKenna's case against Mr. Patrick Jones.
                                                                    Q. Do you recall ever seeing any requests by
         A. Right.
                                                            4 Dr. Smith for additional information that he might need
         Q. Did you review it for sort of like income and
                                                            5 to complete his work?
 6 work history documentation?
                                                                    A. No.
 7
        A. I don't know what that is. Income and work
                                                                    Q. Now, Dr. Smith has his own company. Do you
 8 history document?
                                                            8 recall seeing any e-mails from anybody else associated
         Q. Basically, information about the amount of
                                                            9 with Dr. Smith's company?
10 money that Ms. McKenna had made before and after the
                                                           10
                                                                    A. I don't recall. I did get cc'd on a lot of
11 attack, her work history, such as who she had worked
                                                           11 stuff, though. I mean, I'm talking about in general on
12 for and how long.
                                                           12 cases. Not necessarily Michelle's case, but cases.
                                                                    Q. Notwithstanding the issue of what parties
13
        A. Oh, I've never seen that.
         Q. So you didn't look through the file for those
                                                           14 were in the case, did you ever form an opinion on what
15 particular documents?
                                                           15 her case against Patrick Jones was worth?
                                                                    A. I am sure that I did, and I am sure it was an
16
        A. No.
17
        Q. Is there a reason why you didn't do that?
                                                           17 initial demand we made at the mediation with Gene
18
        A. Well, first of all, I wasn't tasked with
                                                           18 Porter. But I can't recall now. I would think it
19 going through the file. Second of all, it was our
                                                           19 would have been substantial.
20 desire to get moving quickly and to get into court as
                                                                    Q. Do you recall if it was more than a million
21 quickly as we can. We weren't looking at her income at
                                                           21 dollars?
22 that time. It would have been something that would
                                                           22
                                                                   A. It could have been.
23 have been done much later. We were trying, as I said,
                                                                    Q. More than 2 million?
                                                           23
                                                                   A. Possible too.
24 to get to court to let us add parties. And we were
                                                           24
                                                                    Q. More than 5 million?
25 very late in the day for that. But we were hoping the
 1 court might understand, and we didn't get to.
                                                                    A. Probably not. I know there was some surgical
        Q. Okay. And your answer sort of brings to mind
                                                            2 procedure that Michelle wanted that was very expensive,
 3 a follow-up, which is, did you ever direct anybody else
                                                            3 so that would have figured in there.
 4 at your firm or a third-party, for that matter, to
                                                                    Q. Do you recall what that procedure was?
 5 review Ms. McKenna's file for the work history
                                                            5
                                                                   A. Something about opening up her carotids.
                                                                    Q. Does the term "stent" ring a bell to you?
 6 documentation?
                                                            6
        A. Not that I know of. This associate that we
                                                                    A. Well, it rings a bell to me because I know
 8 hired was tasked, along with our paralegal, to put that
                                                            8 that people with heart problems get it all the time.
 9 file together. And the associate was -- well, she came
                                                            9 So I don't know where stent -- where I have heard it.
10 with me to the mediation, but I don't know what
                                                           10 So anyway, it was for her carotid arteries, though.
11 instruction Paul gave her with regard to summarizing
                                                                    Q. Now, prior to the mediation, Cohen & Padda
12 things in the file. But I know she was tasked with
                                                           12 served an offer of judgment on Matt Callister; is that
13 that.
                                                           13 correct?
        Q. Did you ever ask Ms. McKenna to provide your
                                                                   A. I don't remember.
15 firm with income documentation, tax returns, paystubs,
                                                           15
                                                                    Q. Let me see if I can find that.
16 et cetera?
                                                           16
                                                                   A. How much was it for?
                                                                    Q. Let me find it. I'm going to show you what
17
        A. I didn't ask her. Somebody else could have.
                                                           17
18 I didn't do it.
                                                           18
                                                               we will go ahead and mark as an exhibit to the
        Q. And I believe you previously testified that
                                                           19 deposition. I'll represent to you that this is what I
20 you never spoke to Dr. Stan Smith?
                                                           20 understand to be the offer of judgment that was served.
        A. No. I wouldn't know him if I fell over.
                                                           21
                                                                             (Exhibit 1 marked.)
22
        Q. Did you ever exchange emails with him?
                                                           22
                                                                        THE WITNESS: It has the name of the
23
        A. No.
                                                           23 associate on the document.
        Q. Do you ever recall seeing an email maybe
                                                           24 BY MR. COONEY:
25 where you were cc'd, but it wasn't directed to you,
                                                                   Q. Oh, it's on the document. Even better. Is
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 1 that Rachel Solo?
                                                                   A. Yes.
        A. That's correct.
                                                                   Q. Do you recall what changes you made?
 2
 3
             Okay. I have looked at it. It doesn't
                                                            3
                                                                   A. I don't. I often changed things that Rachel
 4 refresh my recollection, but it is my signature.
                                                            4 wrote.
        Q. Okay. Well, I believe the --
                                                                   Q. Do you recall asking Rachel to add more
                                                            5
 6
        A. Do you want me to leave it here?
                                                            6 detail to the mediation statement?
 7
        Q. Yeah, that's fine. Leave it there. I
                                                                   A. I don't recall.
 8 believe the OJ was for $500,000, correct?
                                                                   Q. Now, there is a mediation statement, or a
 ٩
                                                              previous mediation statement, such as the one we have
        A. Correct.
10
        Q. Do you know why that number was chosen?
                                                           10 attached as Exhibit 2. Is that sort of your typical
11
        A. Probably it had something to do with Jan
                                                           11 practice in providing information to a mediator?
12 Jones' homeowners insurance.
                                                                   A. No.
        Q. Okay. Well, I'll represent to you in my
                                                                   Q. What is your typical practice, or was, I
14 review of the file that Jan Jones' homeowners insurance
                                                          14
                                                              should say, since you retired?
15 policy limit was $500,000. So is there a reason why
                                                                   A. It would have been more substantial. I'm not
16 the OJ would match the homeowner's insurance limit?
                                                          16 sure why there was no medical information attached to
        A. That is all there was. You know, I don't
                                                           17 it. I don't recall. It might have been we had a short
18 know. I could tell you this: I signed it; I saw it.
                                                           18 window of time, but -- oh, I see it was. James Loong's
19 I did not prepare it, and I don't recall coming up with
                                                          19 report was attached and Laura Lampton. Okay. I didn't
                                                           20 think we did because it wasn't attached to this. Okay.
20 that number.
        Q. So you weren't involved in the decision to do
                                                           21 No, that would be standard. I just have done
22 the OJ for 500,000?
                                                           22 mediations statements that were a lot longer.
        A. I didn't say that. I don't remember whether
                                                                   Q. Okay. In terms of -- and when you say
24 I was or I wasn't.
                                                           24 "mediation statements," are you referring to just the
                                                           25 statement itself, or are you referring to that as well
        Q. During your career, have you ever done any
                                                Page 47
                                                            1 as the exhibits, such as the ones that are attached
 1 insurance bad faith litigation?
        A. No.
 3
        Q. Now, you accompanied Ms. McKenna to the
                                                                   A. No. I was talking about the size of the
 4 mediation; is that correct?
                                                            4 actual statement. It just seems a little sparse right
        A. That's correct.
                                                            5 now, as I look at it. But it does lay out the facts,
        Q. I want to show you a document that we will
                                                            6 just not in tremendous detail. It gives enough for
 7 mark as, I quess, Exhibit 2. It is entitled
                                                            7 somebody to understand what's going on. But that was
 8 Confidential Mediation Statement. Take a second to
                                                            8 not necessarily my practice.
 9 look at that. It's only a couple of pages long. Let
                                                            9
                                                                   Q. Did Mr. Padda come to the mediation?
10 me know when you have had a chance to --
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                                                                   A. No.
11
        A. You want me to read the whole --
                                                          11
                                                                   Q. Do you know why he didn't go?
        Q. You don't have to read it word for word.
                                                          12
13 Just familiarize yourself with it.
                                                                   Q. Do you know why this particular mediation
        A. All right. I have skimmed this.
                                                          14 statement wasn't as substantial as what you normally
14
15
        Q. Now, on page 3 of the document, I see what
                                                          15 would do?
16 refers to your electronic signature.
                                                          16
                                                                   A. I didn't prepare it.
        A. Yes.
                                                          17
                                                                   Q. Did you ask Ms. Solo to go back there and
17
        Q. Did you prepare this document?
                                                          18 revise it and add more to it to make it conform more to
18
19
                                                          19 your typical practice?
20
        Q. Do you know who prepared it?
                                                                   A. No.
                                                                   Q. Do you know why you didn't do that?
        A. Rachel Solo.
        Q. Did you review the document prior to being
                                                                   A. No. Like I just said, it appears upon my
23 submitted to the mediator?
                                                          23 review this time later, that it was adequate enough.
24
        A. Yes.
                                                          24 It just wasn't as wordy as I tend to be.
25
        Q. Do you recall making any changes to it?
                                                                   Q. Now, the case settled at that mediation on
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 1 March the 25th, 2014, right?
                                                            1 you know, being strangled by all of these bills.
        A. Yes, it did.
                                                                   Q. Okay. You sort of anticipated where I was
 3
        Q. What was the amount of the settlement?
                                                            3 going, but I'm not sure that you answered my question.
 4
        A. I think it was 300,000.
                                                                         Did you advise her to take the $225,000?
         Q. And it was several years ago. I'll represent
                                                                    A. I think that we -- after we crunched the
 6 to you the agreed settlement was $225,000.
                                                            6 numbers, we did. I know that Judge Porter told her
                                                            7 that it was the best he was going to be able to do.
        A. Oh, okay.
 8
         Q. Now, when you went in to the mediation, you
                                                            8 And so he left us alone. We went through the bills and
 9 note here on page 3 of this mediation statement, the
                                                            9 showed her, if you take this offer, this is what will
10 offer of judgment for $500,000 had been served on
                                                           10 happen. And I know her sister was there. I think they
11 National Surety.
                                                           11 had a family discussion.
12
        A. Uh-huh.
                                                           12
                                                                         Because like I said, it wasn't leaving much
13
        Q. Did you go into that mediation demanding more
                                                           13 for her. So we didn't say, This is a great deal, take
14 than that $500,000?
                                                           14 it. We said, If Gene Porter said this is the best he
15
        A. I don't remember. I would think probably.
                                                           15 is going to do, it's the best he is going to do. And
16
        Q. Can you give an estimate as to what the
                                                           16 this is what it will look like. You don't have to take
17 opening demand was at the mediation?
                                                           17 it, but if you do, this is what it's going to look
        A. No.
18
                                                           18 like. And we advised her that it was her call. We
19
        Q. Do you recall if it was more than $1 million?
                                                           19 would keep going, if we had to. And it was her
20
        A. I don't recall.
                                                           20 decision. Like I said, based on all of the bills that
        Q. How confident are you that you would have
21
                                                           21 would get settled as a result, she seemed to be happy
22 asked for more than the $500,000 in the OJ?
                                                           22 with it.
        A. I don't know how to answer that. What do you
                                                           23
                                                                   Q. Do you recall what Judge Porter said about
24 want it on a scale of one to ten? I don't know how to
                                                           24 why it was the best he could do?
25 answer that.
                                                                   A. I have had quite a number of mediations with
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        Q. Sure. A one to ten scale is fine.
                                                            1 him. And I think he said the same thing. I can't,
        A. A five.
                                                            2 like, squeeze any more out. This is the best you are
 2
 3
        Q. So 50/50.
                                                            3 going to do today at this mediation.
        A. (Nods head.)
                                                                   Q. Did he communicate any reasons to you -- and
        Q. Now, as far as this $225,000 final settlement
                                                            5 when I say "you," Judge Porter -- as to why he couldn't
 6 number, do you recall if that was the number that the
                                                            6 get anymore? Is there a specific reason for it, or did
 7 defense offered or a number that Ms. McKenna demanded?
                                                            7 he simply say, This is it?
                                                                   A. I don't think he gave a reason, but I think
        A. I think it was offered and Gene Porter
 9 twisted their arm for, if you know Gene Porter.
                                                            9 it's because -- I think he was thinking we were lucky
10
        Q. I do know him, Judge Porter.
                                                           10 to get money out of a homeowner's policy in this
11
        A. We older people get to call him Gene.
                                                           11 situation anyway. So, you know, Patrick Jones is a
12
        Q. When that number was offered, did you advise
13 Ms. McKenna to accept it?
                                                                   Q. Do you recall Judge Porter ever saying
       A. You know, I don't remember. I know we
                                                           14 anything about the fact that certain medical records
15 crunched numbers, because there were certain bills of
                                                           15 have not been disclosed that were critical to
16 hers that had to be paid. And we had to give some
                                                           16 Ms. McKenna's case?
17 money to Chesnoff & Schonfeld. And it wasn't a whole
                                                                   A. I don't recall that. Disclosed to him?
                                                           17
                                                                   Q. No, disclosed in the litigation.
18 lot for her. But we were trying to figure out what we
                                                           18
                                                                   A. Oh, I don't remember that at all.
19 could get the bills that had to be paid reduced to.
                                                           19
20
            And we were successful. We got all of her
                                                           20
                                                                   Q. Now, ultimately, Ms. McKenna accepted the
21 bills reduced. And everybody took something and they
                                                           21 $225,000 at that mediation, correct?
22 were all happy. It didn't leave much for her. I know
                                                           22
                                                                   A. Correct.
23 we reduced our fees dramatically. So it wasn't a lot
                                                                   Q. And you have given testimony in regards to
24 of money in terms of what she owed to who. But at
                                                           24 medical bills that she had that needed to be paid,
25 least it was -- it got her out of debt, so she wasn't,
                                                           25 et cetera.
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             Other than paying these medical bills, did
                                                                        MR. COONEY: Can we take a short break? I
 2 Ms. McKenna ever express anything to you as to why she
                                                            2 want to just go over my notes and confer with my
 3 was taking that number?
                                                            3 client. And then I think that we will probably come
        A. No.
                                                            4 back.
         Q. If you had taken the case to trial, do you
                                                                        THE WITNESS: I think your client left.
 6 think you could have gotten more than 225,000 from a
                                                                        MR. COONEY: I know. He took a phone call, I
                                                           7 suppose. I think I can probably finish up without
 8
       A. Yes, but it would be uncollectible because
                                                           8 having to break for lunch, and then we can have lunch
 9 the quy's a bum. Patrick Jones is a bum and an
                                                           9 after, Fair?
10 alcoholic and probably a drug addict. Yeah, we'd get a
                                                          10
                                                                        THE WITNESS: Yeah, I got errands to do. I
11 nice verdict, but couldn't collect it.
                                                           11 don't know about you.
12
       Q. Why do you say that he's a bum?
                                                           12
                                                                       MR. COONEY: No errands but plenty of work.
        A. Well, aside from the fact that he strangled
                                                           13 Why don't we go off the record and take a quick break
14 Michelle because she wouldn't sit on his lap, you know,
                                                          14 and come back in five minutes.
15 he came in, drank himself silly. He's got -- if I
                                                                       THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the
16 remember, there's a background, DUIs, doesn't have a
                                                          16 record. The time is 12:01.
17 decent job, lives off Mommy. So yeah, he's a burn, and
                                                          17
                                                                             (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)
                                                                       THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record.
18 he's a low life. That is what happens when you are
                                                          18
19 raised by a famous, wealthy woman.
                                                          19 The time is 12:43.
     Q. What investigation did you conduct prior to
                                                          20
                                                                      THE WITNESS: That was quite a lunch break we
21 the mediation to confirm what you just told me about
                                                          21 took.
22 his being a bum?
                                                           22 BY MR. COONEY:
      A. I seem to recall seeing a background on him.
                                                                   Q. Well, we got to eat. Hopefully we can get
24 I know he had DUI more than once. And where would I
                                                          24 this finished up here not too long.
25 get that from, I don't remember. But I know I knew it.
                                                                   A. And I won't have to call John Thorndal and
                                                                                                           Page 57
 1 And I knew he was a bum. I mean, Mommy got him a
                                                           1 tell him how mean you were to me?
 2 limousine and got him, you know, a free pass at Pure.
                                                                   Q. Oh, I hope not.
 3 You don't get in there so cheap. He had a VIP table.
                                                                        Now, after the settlement, my client sent a
 4 They usually go for ten grand. Well, I'm very familiar
                                                           4 letter to you and Paul Padda, which I will show you and
 5 with Pure since David Chesnoff had his 50th birthday
                                                           5 mark as the next exhibit.
                                                                        Now, this is a letter and included with the
 6 there and I went. So what can I say?
        Q. Okay. So you recall seeing investigative
                                                           7 letter is a series of time entries on the back. It's
 8 material showing that Jones had one or more DUIs?
                                                           8 only one page. And I am just kind of curious. Take a
        A. I'm thinking it's the only way I would know
                                                           9 second to look at the letter.
10 unless somebody told me, but I believe so.
                                                          10
                                                                   A. The one I have in front of you?
                                                          11
11
        Q. Now, in terms of you had made a claim that he
                                                                   Q. Yeah. Do you recall seeing that when we sent
12 didn't have a real job or didn't have a job. Did you
                                                          12 it to you?
13 do any investigation into his employment status at the
                                                          13
                                                                  A. Yeah, I do.
14 time?
                                                                   Q. And did you review the attachment, which is
15
       A. Boy, I don't remember, but somehow I knew.
                                                          15 the rest of the exhibit --
       Q. Do you have any recollection as to what the
                                                          16
                                                                  A. That listed the time they put in the case.
17 source of that information was?
                                                          17
                                                                   Q. Yeah --
                                                                  A. Yeah, I read it.
        A. No.
18
                                                          18
                                                                   Q. Total fee.
19
        Q. Did you consider someone's employment status
                                                          19
                                                                   A. Uh-huh.
20 to be sort of important in terms of collecting on a
                                                          20
                                                                   Q. Did you ever object to the assertions in --
21 judgment?
                                                          21
22
                                                          22
                                                                   A. I think we did. I don't know if it was
        A. Well, ves.
23
             MR. COONEY: Why don't we do this; it's noon
                                                          23 formal. I know that we thought what they billed was
24 now.
                                                          24 absurd, but I know we paid them. I just don't know how
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             THE WITNESS: Oh, good Lord.
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         Q. So you don't recall if you responded to this
                                                                        MS. STOUT: It's my understanding they were
 2 letter in writing?
                                                            2 paid in full on the lien.
        A. I don't recall.
                                                            3 BY MR COONEY.
         Q. Did you ever call Mr. Schonfeld up to try to
                                                                   Q. Do you know if your firm ever filed any
 5 talk to him about his lien amount?
                                                            5 opposition to the lien?
                                                                   A. I don't know. I would think we did.
 6
       A. I don't remember.
         Q. To your knowledge --
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                                                                   Q. Now, based upon your review of the file that
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        A. I thought I only had one conversation with
                                                            8 you got from my client and the subsequent handling of
 9 him.
                                                            9 the case, is there anything else that you can think of
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        Q. To your knowledge, did you ever ask him to
                                                           10 where you are critical of my clients? We talked about
11 compromise the lien amount to the --
                                                           11 not naming Caesars and Pure. We talked about the speed
        A. Oh, yeah. Well, you know, when you have
                                                           12 at which --
13 things like subpoenas and notice of taking deposition
                                                                   A. I'm sorry. I didn't hear you. Not naming
14 of Keith Leavitt for a half hour, you could have done
                                                          14 what?
15 14 of them in a half hour. Some of these things are
                                                                   Q. Caesars and Pure.
                                                                  A. And the security, of course.
16 just crazy. Plus it's paralegal work. It's not
17 attorney work. It wasn't billed as a paralegal. It
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                                                                   Q. Assuming they were separate from Caesars and
18 was billed as attorney. Anyway, I could go on and on
                                                          18 Pure.
19 through all this stuff. But anyway, I know we were
                                                                  A. Who cares? Name them anyway.
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20 very unhappy with it.
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                                                                   Q. And I believe you testified about the speed
        Q. Other than being critical of various time
                                                          21 at which the case had been progressing. Other than
22 entries -- and I'm not going to ask you to look through
                                                          22 those two things, anything else you can think of where
23 every entry.
                                                           23 you are critical of my clients' handling the case?
24
       A. Yeah, go ahead.
                                                                  A. Yeah. Seemed to be an extreme conflict of
25
        Q. I think it's justified. Did you have any
                                                          25 interest.
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1 other criticisms of the fact that they were asserting a
                                                                   Q. And what was your understanding of that
 2 lien in the case?
                                                           2 conflict of interest?
       A. I don't know what Paul said to them. I know
                                                                   A. I have known David Chesnoff a long time.
 4 that we discussed the fact that they had a lot of nerve
                                                           4 He's a good criminal defense attorney. He should have
 5 putting a lien on a case that they totally screwed up.
                                                           5 stayed at his civil practice. He and Jan Jones are
 6 Usually attorneys that do that don't have the balls to
                                                           6 real tight. And I think he has been on the board at
 7 send in a bill.
                                                           7 Caesars. But anyway, Jan Jones on the board of Caesars
        Q. And after sending this letter, it's my
                                                           8 Palace and David Chesnoff, who is tight with her,
 9 recollection that my clients filed a motion to enforce
                                                           9 didn't sue them. It doesn't look good.
10 their lien, right?
                                                                  Q. Do you know who Terrance Wattanaba is?
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11
       A. Oh, yeah.
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                                                                  A. I'm sorry, what?
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        Q. Did you handle any of the -- sort of the work
                                                          12
                                                                  Q. Do you know who Terrance Wattanaba is?
13 related to that motion?
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                                                                  A. No. Sounds like an Indian name. Wattanaba.
        A. No, I didn't.
                                                                   Q. I may be pronouncing it incorrectly. But I
             Counsel, I don't know if you want these
                                                          15 believe -- actually, I may be getting the name wrong.
16 marked or not, but I'm just putting them here. So I
                                                          16 But are you aware that Mr. Chesnoff has represented
17 don't know if you told the reporter to mark it. So I'm
                                                          17 clients adverse to Caesars many times throughout his
18 just sticking it there.
                                                          18 career?
     Q. Yeah, we will mark them. We're making a
                                                                  A. Who cares?
                                                          19
20 reference to the ones we marked. I think we have three
                                                                  Q. What is your basis for saying that
                                                          20
21 so far.
                                                          21 Mr. Chesnoff and Jan Jones are real tight?
       A. Okay. So did they get the full amount of
                                                                  A. I think that is well-known in the community.
23 their lien?
                                                                   Q. So other than just being, in your mind,
24
       Q. I believe they did.
                                                          24 common knowledge, any specific things that you can
        A. Geez. Ridiculous.
                                                          25 think of?
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24	Q. Do you have any knowledge as to how	24	
23	A. I don't know. You will have to ask them.	23	
22	Q. Do you know if anybody else at your firm did?	22	
21	A. Oh, no.	21	
20	Q. Bailey Kennedy.	20	
19	A. Which present lawyers?	19	
18	lawyers?	18	
17	Q. Did you refer Ms. McKenna to her present	17	
	BY MR. COONEY:	16	
15	to answer the question.	15	
14	client. She doesn't have permission to waive privilege	14	constant at 12:57 psms;
13	MS. STOUT: The privilege belongs to my	13	concluded at 12:57 p.m.)
12	question, or no, Ms. Cohen?	12	(Thereupon, the deposition
11	MR. COONEY: Are you going to answer the	11	(Exhibits 2 and 3 marked.)
10	area which we have not waived privilege.	10	record. The time is 12:57.
9	privilege. You are asking about a communication on an	9	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the
8	MS. STOUT: Objection. Attorney-client	8	MS. STOUT: I have no questions.
7	Q. Did you ever advise Ms. McKenna that she might have a malpractice against my clients?	7	MR. COONEY: A few for me? You can ask me after the depo.
5 <b>6</b>	dates.	6	THE WITNESS: Well, I have a few for you.
4	You sit on a case long enough, you lose all the time	5	questions that I have. I don't know if
3	and name parties. We didn't do that. They did it.	3	MR. COONEY: Okay. I believe that is all t
2	caused it to fall outside the statute for us to step in	2	as hard as we could for her, and she knows it.
1	A. Well, their failure to move the case along	1	A. No. There's no reason to sue us. We fough
4	Page 63	,	Page
25	progressing, conflict of interest. Anything else?	25	she would not sue you?
24 25	name additional parties, speed at which the case is	24	asked. Do you have a specific agreement with her tha
23 24	Q. Okay. So we have gone through the failure to	23	Q. Fair enough. But that's not the question I
22	happened. Never happened. I tend to believe her.	22	wrong.
21	she waived the conflict, and she said that never	21	A. Of course she won't. We didn't do anything
20	Please. Oh, Chesnoff said that he told Michelle and	20	the case?
19	Caesars doesn't get sued. There is a close connection.	19	that she would not sue you for your role in handling
18	A. Isn't that enough? You've got to be kidding.	18	Q. Do you have an agreement with Ms. McKenna
17	that jump out at you?	17	A. I'm not aware. I wouldn't think so.
16	vis-à-vis Caesars, any other conflicts of interest	16	malpractice suit?
15	Q. Other than what we just talked about,	15	have any indemnification agreement regarding this
14	A. Or maybe you've just been a very good boy.	14	Q. Do you or your former firm Cohen & Padda
13	Q. I haven't been around long enough.	13	A. I have no idea.
12	though.	12	involved in this matter?
11	It's called gossip. Funny, I haven't heard any on you,	11	Q. Do you know when Bailey Kennedy first got
10	A. No. You know, you hear a lot of things.	10	him. He's a fine man, but it wasn't pleasant.
9	Caesars Palace?	9	Dennis a couple of times. It wasn't pleasant. I lik
8	came to think that he might have had some role in	8	A. Oh, no. No, but I have been up against
7	Q. Anything that you can think of as to how you	7	Q. About this case.
6	Jones is.	6	A. About this case or in general?
5	A. Had some role in Caesars Palace. I know Jan	5	at Bailey Kennedy?
4	been on the board at Caesars?	4	<ol> <li>Do you have you ever spoken with anybody</li> </ol>
3	Q. You said you thought Mr. Chesnoff might have	3	aggressive and he sues lawyers.
Z	don't recall.	2	being an excellent litigator, very tenacious, very
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	) ss:	
3 COUNTY (	OF CLARK )  I, Christy L. DeJonker, a duly commissioned	
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6 10:15 a.	m. That prior to being deposed, the witness was	
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	18	Plaintiff,	1	
	19	VS.	OFFER OF JUDGMENT	
	20	PAUL S. PADDA, an individual; PAUL PADDA LAW, PLLC, a Nevada		
	21 22	professional limited liability company; DOE Individuals I - X; and ROE entities I- X,		
	23	Defendants.		
	24	TO: RUTH L. COHEN		
	25	FROM: PAUL S. PADDA and I	PAUL PADDA LAW, PLLC	
	26	Defendants Paul S. Padda and Paul	Padda Law, PLLC (collectively, "Defendants"),	
	27	pursuant to NRCP 68, by and through their counsel of record, the law firms of Holland & Hart		
	28	LLP and Peterson Baker, PLLC, hereby offer	to allow judgment to be taken by Plaintiff Ruth L.	

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Cohen ("Plaintiff") as against Defendants, in the amount of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$150,000.00)** in order to resolve all claims between the parties. This Offer of Judgment is inclusive of attorneys' fees, expenses, prejudgment interest, and costs.

This Offer of Judgment is not to be construed as an admission of liability for any party hereto, but instead, as an offer to settle the above-referenced action without incurring additional expenses. This Offer of Judgment shall not be introduced into evidence at the time of trial of this action.

Pursuant to NRCP 68, this Offer shall be open for a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of service of this Offer. Should this Offer be accepted, Defendants elect dismissal pursuant to NRCP 68(d)(2).

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

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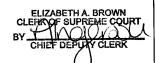
## NEVADA BOARD OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION BY AND BEFORE THE CLE BOARD

No. 72827

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
SUSPENSION OF NON-COMPLIANT MEMBERS
OF THE STATE BAR OF NEVADA

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## ORDER OF SUSPENSION FOR NON-COMPLIANT MEMBERS

On April 6, 2017, the Executive Director of the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education presented to the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education via e-mail those members who as of that date were non-compliant with mandatory continuing legal education requirements and/or fees and late fees. The Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education has given the members proper notice and good cause appearing therefore, the members of the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education unanimously agreed to suspend and fine such members.

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA BOARD OF

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION. Nevada Supreme Court Rule 210, minimum continuing legal education requirements. To meet the annual minimum continuing legal education requirements imposed by these rules, each attorney subject to these rules must timely: submit an annual fee and complete the requisite number of credit hours. In accordance with Nevada Supreme Court Rule 212, the following members are suspended from the practice of law



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in Nevada for failing to provide proof of attendance for their continuing legal education programs.

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	Joseph A. Scalia, II	5123
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## EXHIBIT 4

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17	Plaintiff,	Dept. No.:	XI
18	VS.		
19	PAUL S. PADDA, an individual; PAUL		
20	PADDA LAW, PLLC, a Nevada professional limited liability company; DOE individuals I-X;		
21	and, ROE entities I-X,		
22	Defendants.		
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24	PLAINTIFF'S SECOND OFFER O		_
25	TO: Defendants Paul S. Padda ("Padda") an	d Paul Padda	Law, PLLC ("Padda Law," and
26	together with Padda, "Defendants"); AND		
27	TO: J. Stephen Peek, Esq. of the law firm of H	olland & Hart	LLP, and Tamara Beatty Peterson,
28	Esq. of the law firm of Peterson Baker, PLLC, De	efendants' cour	nsel of record.
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Pursuant to Rule 68 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff Ruth L. Cohen, ("Plaintiff"), hereby offers to allow judgment to be taken in favor of Plaintiff, and against Defendants Padda and Padda Law, jointly, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE DOLLARS AND 00/100 CENTS (\$2,974,999.00), inclusive of costs, expenses, interest, and attorney fees (precluding a separate award of costs, expenses, interest, and attorney fees) in full and complete satisfaction of all claims, counterclaims, damages, causes of action, lawsuits, or losses between Plaintiff and Defendants, and which arise out of or are related to the facts set forth in the case filed in the Eighth Judicial District Court Case No. A-19-792599-B (the "Action").

This Offer shall not to be construed as an admission of any kind and any evidence of this offer is not admissible except in a proceeding to determine attorney fees and costs.

This Offer is being made to fully and completely resolve and compromise the Action pursuant the terms and conditions herein and without further litigation.

As a term and condition, pursuant to NRCP 68, this Offer shall be considered rejected and deemed withdrawn if not accepted within fourteen (14) days from the date of service and, pursuant to NRCP 68, Plaintiff would thereafter seek to enforce against the Defendants all rights afforded against a party who rejects an offer of judgment and fails to obtain a more favorable judgment.

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Said rights would include allowing Plaintiff to recover from Defendants her attorney fees and costs, including expert fees and costs, and interest on the same from the date of service of this Offer and a prohibition of Defendants from recovering their attorney fees, costs, or an award of interest on any judgment less than the amount offered herein.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2019.

#### CAMPBELL & WILLIAMS

#### By /s/ **Donald J. Campbell**

Donald J. Campbell, Esq. (1216) Samuel R. Mirkovich, Esq. (11662) 700 South Seventh Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of Campbell & Williams, and that on this 20th day of November, 2019 I caused the foregoing document entitled **Plaintiff's Second Offer of Judgment to Defendants** to be served upon those persons designated by the parties in the E-Service Master List for the above-referenced matter in the Eighth Judicial District Court eFiling System in accordance with the mandatory electronic service requirements of Administrative Order 14-2 and the Nevada Electronic Filing and Conversion Rules.

/s/ John Y. Chong

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### PLAINTIFF'S ELEVENTH SUPPLEMENT TO INITIAL DISCLOSURE OF WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO NRCP 16.1

In compliance with NRCP 16.1, Plaintiff Ruth L. Cohen (hereinafter "Plaintiff" or "Ms. Cohen"), by and through her attorneys of record, the law firms of Marquis Aurbach Coffing and Campbell & Williams, hereby produces the attached supplemental list of witnesses and documents related to this matter. *Supplemental documents are indicated in bold*.

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#### **WITNESSES**

1. Ruth L. Cohen c/o Liane K. Wakayama, Esq. Marquis Aurbach Coffing 10001 Park Run Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 (702) 382-0711

Ms. Cohen is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her engagement with Paul S. Padda under the Partnership Agreement to perform legal services for Cohen & Padda, LLP ("C&P"), her engagement with Paul S. Padda to perform legal services for Paul Padda Law, PLLC ("Padda Law"), the matter of *Cochran, et al. v. Nevada Property 1, LLC, et al.*, Clark County, District Court, Case No. A-13-687601-C (the "Cochran Case"), the matter of *Moradi v. Nevada Property 1, LLC, et al.*, Clark County, District Court, Case No. A-14-698824-C (the "Moradi Case"), and the matter of *Garland v. SPB Partners, LLC, et al.*, Clark County, District Court, Case No. A-15-724139-C (the "Garland Case"), among others for which C&P was retained on a contingency fee basis prior to December 31, 2014, and other cases.

 Paul S. Padda c/o J. Stephen Peek, Esq. Holland & Hart LLP 9555 Hillwood Drive, 2nd Floor Las Vegas, NV 89134 (702) 669-4600

Mr. Padda is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, his engagement with Ms. Cohen under the Partnership Agreement to perform legal services for C&P, engaging Ms. Cohen to perform legal services for Padda Law, the Cochran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case, among others for which C&P was retained on a contingency fee basis prior to December 31, 2014, and other cases.

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3. NRCP 30(b)(6) Designee of Paul Padda Law, PLLC c/o J. Stephen Peek, Esq. Holland & Hart LLP 9555 Hillwood Drive, 2nd Floor Las Vegas, NV 89134 (702) 669-4600

On behalf of Padda Law, this witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, the employment of Ruth L. Cohen for legal services for Padda Law, the Cochran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case, among others for which C&P was retained on a contingency fee basis prior to December 31, 2014, and other cases.

 Custodian of Records of Paul Padda Law, PLLC c/o J. Stephen Peek, Esq. Holland & Hart LLP 9555 Hillwood Drive, 2nd Floor Las Vegas, NV 89134 (702) 669-4600

On behalf of Padda Law, this witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, any and all records, documents and correspondence involving Ms. Cohen, the Cochran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case, as well as electronically stored information maintained by Padda Law.

Patricia J. Davidson
 Chief Operating Officer
 Paul Padda Law, PLLC
 c/o Tamara Beatty Peterson, Esq.
 Peterson Baker, PLLC
 701 S 7th St.
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
 (702) 786-1001

Ms. Davidson is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, the employment of Ms. Cohen for legal services for Padda Law, the Cochran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case, as well as the circumstances surrounding Ms. Cohen's separation from Padda Law.

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6. NRCP 30(b)(6) Designee of Panish Shea & Boyle, LLP c/o Ian Samson, Esq. 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 700 Los Angeles, California 90025 (310) 477-1700

On behalf of Panish Shea & Boyle, LLP ("PSB"), this witness is expected to testify garding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited, to the Moradi Case.

7. Custodian of Records of Panish Shea & Boyle, LLP c/o Rahul Ravipudi, Esq. 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 700 Los Angeles, California 90025 (310) 477-1700

On behalf of PSB, this witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and cumstances of this case including, but not limited to, any and all records, documents and respondence involving Ms. Cohen, C&P, Padda Law, and the Moradi Case.

8. Wayne Price 8923 Monteloma Way Henderson, NV 89074-6908 (702) 659-4799

Mr. Price is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case luding, but not limited to, knowledge from his employment as an attorney with C&P, the chran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case.

9. Ashley Pourghahreman 9612 Scrub Jay Ct Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 (702) 677-0955

Ms. Coon is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case luding, but not limited to, knowledge from her employment as a paralegal with C&P, the chran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case.

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10.	Karla Koutz
	47-266 Kamehameha Highway
	Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
	(808) 670-4401

Ms. Koutz is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, knowledge from her employment as a case worker with C&P, the Cochran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case.

#### 11. Mark Kane 2700 E. Patrick Lane, Suite 1 Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 (702) 260-4559

Mr. Kane is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, knowledge from his employment as an information technology specialist with C&P.

## 12. Tammy Borowski *Address Information Currently Unknown*(702) 630-2637

Ms. Borowski is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, **her work with Profit Boosters and** her knowledge from her employment and termination as a bookkeeper with C&P and Padda Law.

#### 13. Gregory W. Addington 100 West Liberty Street, Suite 600 Reno, Nevada 89501 (702) 775-784-5438

Mr. Addington is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, Ms. Cohen's involvement with the Department of Justice's decision to hire Mr. Padda, his observations and impressions of the interactions between Ms. Cohen and Mr. Padda in and out of the office, and his personal observations and memory of the relationship between Ms. Cohen and Mr. Padda, generally.

#### 14. Steven J. Parsons 10091 Park Run Drive, Suite 200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 (702) 384-9900

Mr. Parsons is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, his communications, if any, with Ms. Cohen at all relevant times.

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15.	Kulwant K. Padda
	259 Little Minah Ct.
	Henderson, Nevada 89052
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Mrs. Padda is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, **her relationship with Ms. Cohen, and** the loans Mrs. Padda and her husband allegedly provided to Defendants.

16. Sherry Prine 169 Adomeit Drive Henderson, Nevada 89074 (702) 569-7103

Ms. Prine is expected to testify regarding, among other things, her relationships with Patty Davidson and Mr. Padda, and her observations and Ms. Davidson's statements to Ms. Prine regarding Ms. Davidson's romantic relationship with Mr. Padda.

17. Carey Reno 7600 Painted Dunes Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89149 (702) 498-4445

Ms. Reno is expected to testify regarding, among other things, her relationship with Patty Davidson.

18. Jeff Appel 10675 Fairfield Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89183 (213) 505-7525

Mr. Appel is expected to testify regarding, among other things, his work as controller and bookkeeper at Paul Padda Law, PLLC.

19. Rachel Solow 1850 E. Sahara Ave., Suite 107 Las Vegas, NV 89104 (702) 460-1735

Ms. Solow is expected to testify regarding, among other things, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

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Mr. Oancea is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, his experience in retaining Defendants, the payments to Defendants for services rendered or not rendered and Defendants' lack of diligence, and how Defendants took advantage of him before he was forced to hire separate counsel.

#### 21. Mary Johnson Address Information Currently Unknown Phone Number Currently Unknown

Ms. Johnson is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

#### 22. Mindy Pallares 1820 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 110 Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 (702) 477-7030

Ms. Pallares is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

#### 23. John Shannon 6130 Elton Avenue, 2nd Floor Las Vegas, Nevada 89107 (702) 675-4919

Mr. Shannon is expected to testify regarding, among other things, his work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

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24.	Tarquin Black
	1820 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 110
	Las Vegas, Nevada 89104
	(702) 477-7030

Mr. Black is expected to testify regarding, among other things, his relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and his knowledge gained and observations made during his employ with the parties

25. Louis Garfinkel 1671 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Suite #230 Henderson, Nevada 89012 (702) 673-1612

Mr. Garfinkel is expected to testify regarding, among other things, his work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

26. NRCP 30(b)(6) Designee of Eglet Law Group, LLP c/o Robert Eglet, Esq. 400 S. Seventh Street, Suite 400 Las Vegas, Nevada (702) 450-5400

On behalf of Eglet Law, this witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited, Eglet Law's work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

27. Custodian of Records of Eglet Law Group, LLP c/o Robert Eglet, Esq. 400 S. Seventh Street, Suite 400 Las Vegas, Nevada (702) 450-5400

On behalf of Eglet Law, this witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, any and all records, documents and correspondence involving Ms. Cohen, C&P, Padda Law, and Eglet Law's work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

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Mr. Adams is expected to testify regarding, among other things, his work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

## 29. Hui Lim Ang Address Information Currently Unknown Phone Number Currently Unknown

Ms. Ang is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

30. Benson Lee 1820 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 110 Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 (702) 477-7030

Mr. Lee is expected to testify regarding, among other things, his relationship and interactions with, and observations of, Joshua Ang.

31. Rahul Ravipudi 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 700 Los Angeles, California 90025 (310) 477-1700

Mr. Ravipudi is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited, his and/or his firm's work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

32. Matthew Stumpf 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 700 Los Angeles, California 90025 (310) 477-1700

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Mr. Stumpf is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited, his and/or his firm's work, retention, compensation, knowledge,

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33. Katie [Last Name Unknown] Address Information Currently Unknown Phone Number Currently Unknown

This witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

34. Claudia [Last Name Unknown] Address Information Currently Unknown Phone Number Currently Unknown

This witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

35. Chantay [Last Name Unknown] Address Information Currently Unknown Phone Number Currently Unknown

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#### **DOCUMENTS**

No.	<b>Document Description</b>	Bates Nos.
1.	Partnership Agreement, between Ruth Lynn Cohen, LLC and The Padda Law Firm, P.C., dated January 1, 2011	COHEN 000001-000007
2.	Partnership Dissolution Agreement, between Ruth L. Cohen and Paul S. Padda regarding Cohen & Padda,	COHEN 000008-000010

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18.	Text Messages between Ruth Cohen and Patty Davidson dated September 29, 2017	COHEN 000241-000246
19.	Text Messages between Ruth Cohen and Paul Padda, dated December 30, 2017	COHEN 000247-000250
20.	Text Messages between Ruth Cohen and Patty Davidson dated February 4-5, 2019	COHEN 000251-000253
21.	Civil Case Docket for the matter of Johnson v. Whirlpool Corporation, United States District Court Case No. 2:15-cv-02425-JCM-CWH.	COHEN 000254-000264
22.	Photo of "entire Moradi file" provided to MAC by Paul Padda on April 2, 2019	COHEN 000265
23.	Paul Padda Law Website Archive showing Ruth L. Cohen in or about July 2017	COHEN 000266-000270
24.	Email exchange regarding April 2, 2019 meeting	COHEN 000271-000272
25.	Facebook printouts from Paul Padda Law, PLLC page regarding Ruth L. Cohen	COHEN 000273-000283
26.	Documents produced from Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith in response to Subpoena	GARLAND 000001-000060
27.	Documents produced by Eglet Law Group, LLP, dba Eglet Adams in response to Subpoena	COCHRAN 000001-003190
28.	RipoffReport.com entries concerning Paul Padda	COHEN 000284-000309
29.	Email dated June 6, 2019 from Steven Parsons to Josh Reisman Regarding Ruth Cohen and Paul Padda	COHEN 000310-000311
30.	The Intercept article "Love and Loathing in Las Vegas" dated August 12, 2018	COHEN 000312-000346
31.	Seth Cogan July 17, 2019 Facebook Post and Comments	COHEN 000347-000355
32.	Seth Cogan May 2, 2019 Facebook Post with Ruth Cohen Comments	COHEN 000356-000358
33.	Seth Cogan Facebook Posts regarding Paul Padda	COHEN 000359-000370
34.	First Amended Complaint dated December 5, 2015 in the matter of Cohen & Padda, LLP, et al. v. Emile Bouari, et al., District Court, Clark County, Nevada Case No. A-15-714690-B	COHEN 000371-000397
35.	Plaintiffs' Joint Application for Default Judgment Against Defendants Emile Bouari and Kim Milko dated February 6, 2016 in the matter of Cohen & Padda, LLP, et al. v. Emile Bouari, et al., District Court, Clark County, Nevada Case No. A-15-714690- B	COHEN 000398-000414
36.	Declaration of Joshua Y. Ang dated May 23, 2019 in the matter of Cohen & Padda, LLP, et al. v. Emile Bouari, et al., District Court, Clark County, Nevada Case No. A-15-714690-B	COHEN 000415-000416
37.	Odyssey File & Serve Electronic Service Contacts List for the Moradi Case	COHEN 000417-000418
38.	Email dated September 26, 2019 from Steven Parsons to Liane Wakayama Regarding Cohen v. Padda – Steve Parsons Deposition	COHEN 000419-000420
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39.	Civil Case Docket for the matter of Johnson v. Whirlpool Corporation, United States District Court Case No. 2:15-cv-02425-JCM-CWH	COHEN 000421-000436
40.	Complaint with Jury Demand dated December 18, 2015 in the matter of Johnson v. Whirlpool Corporation, United States District Court Case No. 2:15-cv-02425-JCM-CWH	COHEN 000437-000446
41.	Plaintiff's Motion to Withdraw Ruth Cohen as Counsel of Record dated July 17, 2019 in the matter of Johnson v. Whirlpool Corporation, United States District Court Case No. 2:15-cv-02425-JCM-CWH	COHEN 000447-000449
42.	Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Withdraw Ruth Cohen as Counsel of Record dated July 19, 2019 in the matter of Johnson v. Whirlpool Corporation, United States District Court Case No. 2:15-cv-02425- JCM-CWH	COHEN 000450-000452
43.	Notice of Settlement and Stipulation and Order to Continue Trial dated August 9, 2019 in the matter of Johnson v. Whirlpool Corporation, United States District Court Case No. 2:15-cv-02425-JCM-CWH	COHEN 000453-000454
44.	Order Granting Notice of Settlement and Stipulation to Continue Trial dated August 12, 2019 in the matter of Johnson v. Whirlpool Corporation, United States District Court Case No. 2:15-cv-02425-JCM-CWH	COHEN 000455-000456
45.	BlueCross BlueShield Explanation of Benefits for Summerlin Hospital Medical Center for Dates of Service 10/19/2017 – 10/20/2017	COHEN 000457-000460
46.	2017 1099 Misc. Tax Form for Ruth Cohen	COHEN 000461-000462
47.	2019-08-14 to 2019-10-23 emails to Tammy Peterson regarding deposition	COHEN 000463-000494
48.	Text Messages between Ruth Cohen and Sherry Prine	COHEN 000495-000502
49.	Documents produced from Littler Mendelson, P.C. in response to Subpoena	LITTLER0001-0086
50.	Response and Objections to Subpoena Issued to Non-Party Littler Mendelson, P.C.	LITTLER0087-0089
51.	CFO article "SEC Charges Former CFO, Five others at HBOC," dated September 28, 2001	COHEN 000503-000511
52.	Paul Padda Law, PLLC Invoice dated January 3, 2017 regarding Jorge Esquivel-Robles	COHEN 000512-000514
53.	Affidavit of Paul S. Padda dated April 14, 2017 regarding the Moradi Case	COHEN 000515-000518
54.	Declaration of Paul S. Padda dated October 22, 2019 regarding <i>Jorge Esquivel-Robles</i> , et al. v. Align Med, PLLC, et al.	COHEN 000519-000520
55.	Complaint dated March 3, 2015 in the matter of Cohen & Padda, LLP, et al. v. Emile Bouari, et al.	COHEN 000521-000546
56.	Affidavit of Service for First Amended Complaint filed August 5, 2019 in the matter of <i>Cohen &amp; Padda</i> , <i>LLP</i> , et al. v. Emile Bouari, et al.	COHEN 000547-000548
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57.	Certificate of Death regarding David Joseph Tully	COHEN 000549-000550
58.	Affidavit of Mark Kane	COHEN 000551-000552
59.	Police Report dated February 7, 2002 (CONFIDENTIAL)	COHEN 000553-000554
60.	Henderson Chambers seminar "Embezzlement: It's Easy, It's About Money and It's Common in Small Business!" presented by Patty Davidson	COHEN 000555
61.	Webinar "5 Ways your Bookkeeper Steals from you and What you can do to Lower your Risk"	COHEN 000556-000558

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#### **COMPUTATION OF DAMAGES**

Ms. Cohen estimates her total unpaid compensation as follows:

#### As to Garland

40% contingency on \$215,000 recovered = \$86,000

Ms. Cohen's 1/3 (33.333%) share = \$28,667

#### As to Moradi

Attorney fees awarded to Padda = \$10,000,000

Ms. Cohen's 1/3 (33.333%) share = \$3,333,333

#### As to Cochran

40% of Cochran settlement (\$1.4 million) = \$560,000

Padda's 1/2 share = \$280,000

Ms. Cohen's 1/3 (33.333%) share of Padda's share = \$93,333

#### TOTAL COMPENSATORY DAMAGES

 $28,667 + 93,333 + 33,333,333 = \underline{33,455,333}$ 

In addition, were this case to proceed to and through litigation, she would be entitled to recover double damages for elder abuse (bringing the total to \$6,910,666), being over 60 years of age, as well as her reasonable attorney fees and costs. Moreover, because her claims arise from

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acts of fraud, oppression, and malice, she would be entitled to recover treble, punitive damages, bringing the potential recovery in litigation to \$20,731,998.

These calculations do not include the employment discrimination cases that Ms. Cohen was handling prior to Padda locking her out of the office in late September 2017. Some of these cases are valued at over a million dollars and litigation is still ongoing.

#### **INSURANCE**

N/A.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2019.

#### MARQUIS AURBACH COFFING

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17	Plaintiff,	Dept. No.:	XI
18	VS.		
19	PAUL S. PADDA, an individual; PAUL		
20	PADDA LAW, PLLC, a Nevada professional limited liability company; DOE individuals I-X;		
21	and, ROE entities I-X,		
22	Defendants.		
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24	AND DOCUMENTS PUR	RSUANT TO	NRCP 16.1
25	In compliance with NRCP 16.1, Plaintiff	Ruth L. Cohe	n (hereinafter "Plaintiff" or "Ms.
26	Cohen"), by and through her attorneys of record,	the law firms	of Marquis Aurbach Coffing and
27	Campbell & Williams, hereby produces the	attached supp	elemental list of witnesses and
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#### WITNESSES

1. Ruth L. Cohen c/o Liane K. Wakayama, Esq. Marquis Aurbach Coffing 10001 Park Run Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 (702) 382-0711

Ms. Cohen is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her engagement with Paul S. Padda under the Partnership Agreement to perform legal services for Cohen & Padda, LLP ("C&P"), her engagement with Paul S. Padda to perform legal services for Paul Padda Law, PLLC ("Padda Law"), the matter of *Cochran, et al. v. Nevada Property 1, LLC, et al.*, Clark County, District Court, Case No. A-13-687601-C (the "Cochran Case"), the matter of *Moradi v. Nevada Property 1, LLC, et al.*, Clark County, District Court, Case No. A-14-698824-C (the "Moradi Case"), and the matter of *Garland v. SPB Partners, LLC, et al.*, Clark County, District Court, Case No. A-15-724139-C (the "Garland Case"), among others for which C&P was retained on a contingency fee basis prior to December 31, 2014, and other cases.

 Paul S. Padda c/o J. Stephen Peek, Esq. Holland & Hart LLP 9555 Hillwood Drive, 2nd Floor Las Vegas, NV 89134 (702) 669-4600

Mr. Padda is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, his engagement with Ms. Cohen under the Partnership Agreement to perform legal services for C&P, engaging Ms. Cohen to perform legal services for Padda Law, the Cochran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case, among others for which C&P was retained on a contingency fee basis prior to December 31, 2014, and other cases.

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3. NRCP 30(b)(6) Designee of Paul Padda Law, PLLC c/o J. Stephen Peek, Esq. Holland & Hart LLP 9555 Hillwood Drive, 2nd Floor Las Vegas, NV 89134 (702) 669-4600

On behalf of Padda Law, this witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, the employment of Ruth L. Cohen for legal services for Padda Law, the Cochran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case, among others for which C&P was retained on a contingency fee basis prior to December 31, 2014, and other cases.

4. Custodian of Records of Paul Padda Law, PLLC c/o J. Stephen Peek, Esq. Holland & Hart LLP 9555 Hillwood Drive, 2nd Floor Las Vegas, NV 89134 (702) 669-4600

On behalf of Padda Law, this witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, any and all records, documents and correspondence involving Ms. Cohen, the Cochran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case, as well as electronically stored information maintained by Padda Law.

5. Patricia J. Davidson Chief Operating Officer Paul Padda Law, PLLC c/o Tamara Beatty Peterson, Esq. Peterson Baker, PLLC 701 S 7th St. Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 (702) 786-1001

Ms. Davidson is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, the employment of Ms. Cohen for legal services for Padda Law, the Cochran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case, as well as the circumstances surrounding Ms. Cohen's separation from Padda Law.

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6. NRCP 30(b)(6) Designee of Panish Shea & Boyle, LLP c/o Ian Samson, Esq. 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 700 Los Angeles, California 90025 (310) 477-1700

On behalf of Panish Shea & Boyle, LLP ("PSB"), this witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited, to the Moradi Case.

7. Custodian of Records of Panish Shea & Boyle, LLP c/o Rahul Ravipudi, Esq. 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 700 Los Angeles, California 90025 (310) 477-1700

On behalf of PSB, this witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, any and all records, documents and correspondence involving Ms. Cohen, C&P, Padda Law, and the Moradi Case.

8. Wayne Price 8923 Monteloma Way Henderson, NV 89074-6908 (702) 659-4799

Mr. Price is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, knowledge from his employment as an attorney with C&P, the Cochran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case.

9. Ashley Pourghahreman 9612 Scrub Jay Ct Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 (702) 677-0955

Ms. Pourghahreman is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, knowledge from her employment as a paralegal with C&P, the Cochran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case.

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10. Karla Koutz
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Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
(808) 670-4401

Ms. Koutz is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, knowledge from her employment as a case worker with C&P, the Cochran Case, the Moradi Case, and the Garland Case.

#### 11. Mark Kane 2700 E. Patrick Lane, Suite 1 Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 (702) 260-4559

Mr. Kane is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, knowledge from his employment as an information technology specialist with C&P.

#### 12. Tammy Borowski Address Information Currently Unknown (702) 630-2637

Ms. Borowski is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her work with Profit Boosters and her knowledge from her employment and termination as a bookkeeper with C&P and Padda Law.

#### 13. Gregory W. Addington 100 West Liberty Street, Suite 600 Reno, Nevada 89501 (702) 775-784-5438

Mr. Addington is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, Ms. Cohen's involvement with the Department of Justice's decision to hire Mr. Padda, his observations and impressions of the interactions between Ms. Cohen and Mr. Padda in and out of the office, and his personal observations and memory of the relationship between Ms. Cohen and Mr. Padda, generally.

#### 14. Steven J. Parsons 10091 Park Run Drive, Suite 200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 (702) 384-9900

Mr. Parsons is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, his communications, if any, with Ms. Cohen at all relevant times.

1 2	15. Kulwant K. Padda 259 Little Minah Ct. Henderson, Nevada 89052 <i>Phone Number Currently Unknown</i>
3	Mrs. Padda is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case
4	including, but not limited to, her relationship with Ms. Cohen, and the loans Mrs. Padda and her
5	husband allegedly provided to Defendants.
6 7	16. Sherry Prine 169 Adomeit Drive Henderson, Nevada 89074
8	(702) 569-7103
9	Ms. Prine is expected to testify regarding, among other things, her relationships with
10	Patty Davidson and Mr. Padda, and her observations and Ms. Davidson's statements to Ms. Prine
11	regarding Ms. Davidson's romantic relationship with Mr. Padda.
12	17. Carey Reno 7600 Painted Dunes Drive
13	Las Vegas, Nevada 89149 (702) 498-4445
14	Ms. Reno is expected to testify regarding, among other things, her relationship with Patty
15	Davidson.
16	18. Jefrey Appel
17 18	10675 Fairfield Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89183 (213) 505-7525
19	Mr. Appel is expected to testify regarding, among other things, his work as controller and
20	bookkeeper at Paul Padda Law, PLLC.
21	19. Rachel Solow
22	1850 E. Sahara Ave., Suite 107 Las Vegas, NV 89104
23	(702) 460-1735  Ms. Solow is expected to testify regarding, among other things, her relationships with the
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25	parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and
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20. David Oancea a/k/a Vegas Dave	
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Mr. Oancea is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, his experience in retaining Defendants, the payments to Defendants for services rendered or not rendered and Defendants' lack of diligence, and how Defendants took advantage of him before he was forced to hire separate counsel.

## 21. Mary Johnson Address Information Currently Unknown Phone Number Currently Unknown

Ms. Johnson is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

#### 22. Mindy Pallares 1820 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 110 Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 (702) 477-7030

Ms. Pallares is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

#### 23. John Shannon 6130 Elton Avenue, 2nd Floor Las Vegas, Nevada 89107 (702) 675-4919

Mr. Shannon is expected to testify regarding, among other things, his work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

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24. Tarquin Black
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(702) 477-7030

Mr. Black is expected to testify regarding, among other things, his relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and his knowledge gained and observations made during his employ with the parties

#### 25. Louis Garfinkel 1671 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Suite #230 Henderson, Nevada 89012 (702) 673-1612

Mr. Garfinkel is expected to testify regarding, among other things, his work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

#### 26. NRCP 30(b)(6) Designee of Eglet Law Group, LLP c/o Robert Eglet, Esq. 400 S. Seventh Street, Suite 400 Las Vegas, Nevada (702) 450-5400

On behalf of Eglet Law, this witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited, Eglet Law's work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

#### 27. Custodian of Records of Eglet Law Group, LLP c/o Robert Eglet, Esq. 400 S. Seventh Street, Suite 400 Las Vegas, Nevada (702) 450-5400

On behalf of Eglet Law, this witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, any and all records, documents and correspondence involving Ms. Cohen, C&P, Padda Law, and Eglet Law's work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

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28. Ro	obert Adams
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La	as Vegas, Nevada
(7)	02) 450-5400

Mr. Adams is expected to testify regarding, among other things, his work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

## 29. Hui Lim Ang Address Information Currently Unknown Phone Number Currently Unknown

Ms. Ang is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

#### 30. Benson Lee 1820 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 110 Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 (702) 477-7030

Mr. Lee is expected to testify regarding, among other things, his relationship and interactions with, and observations of, Joshua Ang.

#### 31. Rahul Ravipudi 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 700 Los Angeles, California 90025 (310) 477-1700

Mr. Ravipudi is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, his and/or his firm's work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

#### 32. Matthew Stumpf 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 700 Los Angeles, California 90025 (310) 477-1700

Mr. Stumpf is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, his and/or his firm's work, retention, compensation, knowledge, and observations as co-counsel on the parties' cases prior to and after Ms. Cohen's separation.

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33. Katie [Last Name Unknown] Address Information Currently Unknown Phone Number Currently Unknown

This witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

34. Claudia [Last Name Unknown] Address Information Currently Unknown Phone Number Currently Unknown

This witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

35. Chantay [Last Name Unknown] Address Information Currently Unknown Phone Number Currently Unknown

This witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

36. Kathleen Annunziata Nicolaides, B.A., D-ABFDE Associated Forensic Laboratory LLC 24 W. Camelback Rd., #A420 Phoenix, Arizona 85013 (602) 241-1890 kan.fde@aflqd.com

This witness is expected to testify regarding her education, credentials, experience, and expertise in the area of forensic document examination, as well as her evaluation, analysis and opinions that are set forth in her Laboratory Report concerning the document titled "Receipt of Final Payment," produced in this matter by the Defendants as PPL 000091.

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37. Mike Holpuch Holo Discovery 3016 West Charleston Blvd #170 Las Vegas, NV 89102 (702) 333-4321

This witness is expected to testify regarding his examination, evaluation, and analysis of the computer(s) owned and/or operated by Plaintiff Ruth Cohen during her employment as an attorney with C&P and Padda Law.

38. Patricia Chavez Address Information Currently Unknown Phone Number Currently Unknown

This witness is expected to testify regarding the facts and circumstances of this case including, but not limited to, her relationships with the parties and others working at C&P and/or Paul Padda Law and her knowledge gained and observations made during her employ with the parties.

39. Kathy Campagna Campagna & Company, CPA's, a Professional Corporation 10091 Park Run Drive, Suite 200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 (702) 233-1700

Ms. Campagna is expected to testify as a summary witness to provide testimony regarding her review of financial documents produced by Defendants pursuant to Court order, and to present, connect, and correlate the information therein at the time of trial.

Plaintiff reserves the right to amend/supplement this disclosure of witnesses as the same become known to Plaintiff throughout the discovery process, including expert witnesses. Plaintiff further reserves the right to call any witness identified by any other party in this action.

#### **DOCUMENTS**

No.	<b>Document Description</b>	Bates Nos.
1.	Partnership Agreement, between Ruth Lynn Cohen, LLC and The Padda Law Firm, P.C., dated January 1, 2011	COHEN 000001-000007
2.	Partnership Dissolution Agreement, between Ruth L. Cohen and Paul S. Padda regarding Cohen & Padda, LLP, dated November 1, 2014	COHEN 000008-000010
3.	Partnership Dissolution Agreement, between Ruth L. Cohen and Paul S. Padda regarding Cohen & Padda, LLP, dated December 23, 2014	COHEN 000011-000013

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4.	Business Expectancy Interest Resolution Agreement, between Ruth Cohen and Paul Padda regarding Cohen & Padda, LLP, dated September 12, 2016	COHEN 000014-000015
5.	Expert Report of Stanley Smith, Ph.D., Smith Economics Group regarding Steven Cochran, dated October 13, 2014 (part of the public record as of December 17, 2014)	COHEN 000016-000106
6.	Plaintiff David Moradi's Responses to Defendants' First Set of Interrogatories, dated May 4, 2015 (part of the public record as of November 1, 2016)	COHEN 000107-000123
7.	Letter from Tyler J. Watson, Esq. to Paul Padda, dated May 20, 2015 (part of the public record as of November 30, 2016)	COHEN 000124-000126
8.	Plaintiff's Offer of Judgment, dated December 10, 2015 (provided to MAC for inspection by Padda on April 2, 2019)	COHEN 000127-000128
9.	Plaintiff's Initial Expert Witness Disclosures, dated August 18, 2016 (part of the public record as of December 27, 2016)	COHEN 000129-000133
10.	Expert Report of Stanley Smith, Ph.D, Smith Economics Group regarding David Moradi, dated August 18, 2016 (part of the public record as of November 30, 2016)	COHEN 000134-000185
11.	Defendants' Offer of Judgment to Plaintiff David Moradi, dated January 18, 2017 (provided to MAC for inspection by Padda on April 2, 2019)	COHEN 000186-000189
12.	Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations and Court Minutes (part of the public record as of June 7, 2016)	COHEN 000190-000197
13.	Excerpts of Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment Re: Past Wage/Income Loss and Future Earnings Capacity Loss (part of the public record as of November 30, 2016)	COHEN 000198-000204
14.	Condensed Deposition Transcript of Ruth Cohen, Esq., dated December 30, 2016 (provided to MAC for inspection by Padda on April 2, 2019)	COHEN 000205-000231
15.	Affidavit of Ruth L. Cohen, dated April 14, 2017 (provided to MAC for inspection by Padda on April 2, 2019)	COHEN 000232-000235
16.	Check No. 8028 from Paul Padda Law PLLC to Ruth L. Cohen for \$50,000.00 for Discretionary Bonus, dated July 20, 2017 (account number redacted)	COHEN 000236
17.	Text Messages between Ruth Cohen and Paul Padda, dated September 22, 2017	COHEN 000237-000240
18.	Text Messages between Ruth Cohen and Patty Davidson dated September 29, 2017	COHEN 000241-000246
19.	Text Messages between Ruth Cohen and Paul Padda, dated December 30, 2017	COHEN 000247-000250

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20.	Text Messages between Ruth Cohen and Patty Davidson dated February 4-5, 2019	COHEN 000251-000253
	Civil Case Docket for the matter of Johnson v.	
21.	Whirlpool Corporation, United States District Court	COHEN 000254-000264
	Case No. 2:15-cv-02425-JCM-CWH.	COILDI 000254-000204
	Photo of "entire Moradi file" provided to MAC by	
22.	Paul Padda on April 2, 2019	COHEN 000265
	Paul Padda Law Website Archive showing Ruth L.	
23.	Cohen in or about July 2017	COHEN 000266-000270
24.	Email exchange regarding April 2, 2019 meeting	COHEN 000271-000272
	Facebook printouts from Paul Padda Law, PLLC page	
25.	regarding Ruth L. Cohen	COHEN 000273-000283
	Documents produced from Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard &	
26.	Smith in response to Subpoena	GARLAND 000001-000060
	Documents produced by Eglet Law Group, LLP, dba	
27.	Eglet Adams in response to Subpoena	COCHRAN 000001-003190
28.	RipoffReport.com entries concerning Paul Padda	COHEN 000284-000309
	Email dated June 6, 2019 from Steven Parsons to Josh	
29.	Reisman Regarding Ruth Cohen and Paul Padda	COHEN 000310-000311
	The Intercept article "Love and Loathing in Las	GGYYTTY 0000110 0000116
30.	Vegas" dated August 12, 2018	COHEN 000312-000346
	Seth Cogan July 17, 2019 Facebook Post and	GCYYTY 0000 45 0000 55
31.	Comments	COHEN 000347-000355
	Seth Cogan May 2, 2019 Facebook Post with Ruth	GOLIENI 000256 000250
32.	Cohen Comments	COHEN 000356-000358
33.	Seth Cogan Facebook Posts regarding Paul Padda	COHEN 000359-000370
	First Amended Complaint dated December 5, 2015 in	
2.4	the matter of Cohen & Padda, LLP, et al. v. Emile	COLIEN 000271 000207
34.	Bouari, et al., District Court, Clark County, Nevada	COHEN 000371-000397
	Case No. A-15-714690-B	
	Plaintiffs' Joint Application for Default Judgment	
	Against Defendants Emile Bouari and Kim Milko	
35.	dated February 6, 2016 in the matter of Cohen &	COHEN 000398-000414
33.	Padda, LLP, et al. v. Emile Bouari, et al., District	COTIEN 000390-000414
	Court, Clark County, Nevada Case No. A-15-714690-	
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	Declaration of Joshua Y. Ang dated May 23, 2019 in	
36.	the matter of Cohen & Padda, LLP, et al. v. Emile	COHEN 000415-000416
50.	Bouari, et al., District Court, Clark County, Nevada	
	Case No. A-15-714690-B	
37.	Odyssey File & Serve Electronic Service Contacts	COHEN 000417-000418
J1.	List for the Moradi Case	
	Email dated September 26, 2019 from Steven Parsons	
38.	to Liane Wakayama Regarding Cohen v. Padda –	COHEN 000419-000420
	Steve Parsons Deposition	
	Civil Case Docket for the matter of Johnson v.	
39.	Whirlpool Corporation, United States District Court	COHEN 000421-000436
	Case No. 2:15-cv-02425-JCM-CWH	
40.	Complaint with Jury Demand dated December 18,	COHEN 000437-000446

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	2015 in the matter of Johnson v. Whirlpool		
	Corporation, United States District Court Case No.		
	2:15-cv-02425-JCM-CWH Plaintiff's Motion to Withdraw Ruth Cohen as		
	Counsel of Record dated July 17, 2019 in the matter		
41.	of Johnson v. Whirlpool Corporation, United States	COHEN 000447-000449	
	District Court Case No. 2:15-cv-02425-JCM-CWH		
	Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Withdraw Ruth		
	Cohen as Counsel of Record dated July 19, 2019 in		
42.	the matter of Johnson v. Whirlpool Corporation,	COHEN 000450-000452	
72.	United States District Court Case No. 2:15-cv-02425-		
	JCM-CWH		
	Notice of Settlement and Stipulation and Order to		
	Continue Trial dated August 9, 2019 in the matter of	GOLIEN 000452 000454	
43.	Johnson v. Whirlpool Corporation, United States	COHEN 000453-000454	
	District Court Case No. 2:15-cv-02425-JCM-CWH		
A-M-2	Order Granting Notice of Settlement and Stipulation		
44.	to Continue Trial dated August 12, 2019 in the matter	COHEN 000455-000456	
44.	of Johnson v. Whirlpool Corporation, United States	COTEN 000433-000-130	
	District Court Case No. 2:15-cv-02425-JCM-CWH		
	BlueCross BlueShield Explanation of Benefits for		
45.	Summerlin Hospital Medical Center for Dates of	COHEN 000457-000460	
4.6	Service 10/19/2017 – 10/20/2017	COHEN 000461-000462	
46.	2017 1099 Misc. Tax Form for Ruth Cohen 2019-08-14 to 2019-10-23 emails to Tammy Peterson		
47.	regarding deposition	COHEN 000463-000494	
48.	Text Messages between Ruth Cohen and Sherry Prine	COHEN 000495-000502	
	Documents produced from Littler Mendelson, P.C. in	LITTLER0001-0086	
49.	response to Subpoena	LITTEROOOT-0000	
50.	Response and Objections to Subpoena Issued to Non-	LITTLER0087-0089	
50.	Party Littler Mendelson, P.C.	EITTEERCOOT GGGS	
51.	CFO article "SEC Charges Former CFO, Five others	COHEN 000503-000511	
J1.	at HBOC," dated September 28, 2001		
52.	Paul Padda Law, PLLC Invoice dated January 3, 2017	COHEN 000512-000514	
J <b>2</b> .	regarding Jorge Esquivel-Robles		
53.	Affidavit of Paul S. Padda dated April 14, 2017	COHEN 000515-000518	
	regarding the Moradi Case		
<i>-</i> 4	Declaration of Paul S. Padda dated October 22, 2019	COHEN 000519-000520	
54.	regarding Jorge Esquivel-Robles, et al. v. Align Med,	COREN 000319-000320	
	PLLC, et al.  Complaint dated March 3, 2015 in the matter of		
55.	Cohen & Padda, LLP, et al. v. Emile Bouari, et al.	COHEN 000521-000546	
	Affidavit of Service for First Amended Complaint		
56.	filed August 5, 2019 in the matter of <i>Cohen &amp; Padda</i> ,	COHEN 000547-000548	
50.	LLP, et al. v. Emile Bouari, et al.		
57.	Certificate of Death regarding David Joseph Tully	COHEN 000549-000550	
58.	Affidavit of Mark Kane	COHEN 000551-000552	
	Police Report dated February 7, 2002		
59.	(CONFIDENTIAL)	COHEN 000553-000554	

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Easy, It's About Money and It's Common in Small	COHEN 000555
Webinar "5 Ways your Bookkeeper Steals from you	COHEN 000556-000558
November 22, 2019 Laboratory Report by Kathleen Nicolaides concerning Receipt of Final Payment	COHEN 000559-000591
Fee Schedule & Retainer Policy of Kathleen Nicolaides	COHEN 000592
Moradi Case Docket	COHEN 000593-000628
Moradi Case Court Minutes dated July 19, 2017	COHEN 000629
	COHEN 000630
Plaintiff's Notice of Termination of Attorney- Client Relationship with Panish Shea & Boyle Law	COHEN 000631-000632
David Moradi's Response to Panish Shea & Boyle's Motion to Withdraw as Attorneys for Plaintiff, filed August 22, 2017 in the Moradi Case	COHEN 000633-000635
Case Docket regarding David Moradi v. Panish	COHEN 000636
Complaint filed May 30, 2017, David Moradi v. Panish Shea & Boyle LLP	COHEN 000637-000641
April 16, 2019 State Bar of Nevada Letter of Reprimand to Suneel Nelson, Esq.	COHEN 000642-000643
	Business!" presented by Patty Davidson  Webinar "5 Ways your Bookkeeper Steals from you and What you can do to Lower your Risk"  November 22, 2019 Laboratory Report by Kathleen Nicolaides concerning Receipt of Final Payment  Fee Schedule & Retainer Policy of Kathleen Nicolaides  Moradi Case Docket  Moradi Case Court Minutes dated July 19, 2017  Moradi Case Court Minutes dated August 23, 2017  Plaintiff's Notice of Termination of Attorney-Client Relationship with Panish Shea & Boyle Law firm, filed July 13, 2017 in the Moradi Case  David Moradi's Response to Panish Shea & Boyle's Motion to Withdraw as Attorneys for Plaintiff, filed August 22, 2017 in the Moradi Case  Case Docket regarding David Moradi v. Panish Shea & Boyle LLP, Case No. A-17-756171-C  Complaint filed May 30, 2017, David Moradi v. Panish Shea & Boyle LLP  April 16, 2019 State Bar of Nevada Letter of

Plaintiff reserves the right to amend/supplement this disclosure of documents as the same become known to Plaintiff throughout the discovery process, including expert witness reports/opinions. Plaintiff further reserves the right to utilize any document disclosed by any other party or non-party herein.

#### **COMPUTATION OF DAMAGES**

Ms. Cohen estimates her total unpaid compensation as follows:<sup>1</sup>

#### As to Garland:

Attorney fees recovered by Defendants = \$51,590

Ms. Cohen's 1/3 (33.333%) share = \$17,196.67

#### As to Moradi:

Attorney fees recovered by Defendants = \$9,186,667

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These figures listed in the Computation of Damages are estimates based solely on financial records provided by the Defendants through the course of discovery in this matter. As it has not been independently verified whether the financial records provided by the Defendants are complete and accurate, these figures may not reflect the exact total amount of unpaid compensation due to Ms. Cohen.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing PLAINTIFF'S TWELFTH SUPPLEMENT TO

#### INITIAL DISCLOSURE OF WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO NRCP

16.1 was submitted electronically for service with the Eighth Judicial District Court on the day of December, 2019. Electronic service of the foregoing document shall be made in accordance with the E-Service List as follows:<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pursuant to EDCR 8.05(a), each party who submits an E-Filed document through the E-Filing System consents to electronic service in accordance with NRCP 5(b)(2)(D).

# EXHIBIT 7

1	DECL	
2	J. Stephen Peek, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 1758	
3	Ryan A. Semerad, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 14615	
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5	Phone: 702.669.4600 Fax: 702.669.4650	
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7	Tamara Beatty Peterson, Esq.	
8	Nevada Bar No. 5218	
9	Nikki L. Baker, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 6562	
10	PETERSON BAKER, PLLC 701 S. 7th Street	
11	Las Vegas, NV 89101 tpeterson@petersonbaker.com	
12	nbaker@petersonbaker.com	
13	Attorneys for Defendants PAUL S. PADDA	
14	and PÁUĽ PADĎA LAW, PLLC	
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17	RUTH L. COHEN, an Individual,	Case No. A-19-792599-B Dept. No. XI
18	Plaintiff,	DECLARATION OF J. STEPHEN PEEK,
19	v.	ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES
20	PAUL S. PADDA, an individual; PAUL	
21	PADDA LAW, PLLC, a Nevada professional limited liability company; DOE individuals I-	
22	X; and ROE entities I-X,	
23	Defendants.	
24	I, J. Stephen Peek, being first duly swo	m, deposes and states as follows:
25	1. I am a partner at the law firm of	`Holland & Hart, LLP, counsel for Defendant Pau
26	   S. Padda, Esq. ("Mr. Padda") and Defendant Pa	aul Padda Law, PLLC ("Padda Law") (collectively

"Defendants") in the above-captioned matter. I make this declaration in support of Defendants'

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Motion for Attorney's Fees (the "Motion"). I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and would be competent to testify to them if called upon to do so.

- 2. On December 18, 2019, Defendants served on Plaintiff Ruth L. Cohen ("Plaintiff") an Offer of Judgment pursuant to NRCP 68.
  - 3. Plaintiff did not respond to Defendants' Offer of Judgment.
- 4. Holland & Hart LLP ("Holland & Hart") is a regional, AV-rated law firm with extensive experience in commercial litigation.
- The attorneys' fees that were incurred by Defendants because of Plaintiff's decision to reject Defendants' Offer of Judgment and Plaintiff's ensuing conduct and litigation tactics are reasonable, economical, and are customarily charged to clients of Holland & Hart.
- 6. The ability, training, education, experience, professional standing, and skill of the professionals representing Defendants were demonstrated in the pleadings, motions, and other documents filed with the Court as well as the oral presentations made to the Court during hearings in this case.
- 7. Holland & Hart believes that every professional employed on behalf of its clients has a responsibility to control fees and expenses by providing services in an efficient and effective manner.
- 8. To this end, Holland & Hart diligently works to coordinate and facilitate the efficient prosecution of the matters for which it is employed.
- 9. Staffing of matters within the case is done with the objective of providing the level of representation appropriate to the significance, complexity, and difficulty of the particular matter.
- 10. Holland & Hart reviews all client billings for reasonableness and makes adjustments so that the charges are consistent with the value of the services provided.
- 11. Holland & Hart charges hourly rates that are similar to those rates charged by comparable law firms for similar legal services.
- 12. Holland & Hart believes that the fees and expenses sought in this application are appropriate, and that the fees are reasonable and necessary in light of the circumstances of this

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case and the scope and difficulty of the business and legal issues involved.

- 13. I had primary responsibility over this matter, and I am experienced in complex litigation. I have been practicing in the area of commercial litigation for nearly forty-eight (48) years. I have been recognized by my peers and received the following recognitions: Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Litigation: General Commercial, Band 1; The Best Lawyers in America© Commercial Litigation (2006-2020); Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation (2009-2019); Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent® Rating; and Nevada Business Magazine, Nevada Legal Elite (2009-2015).
- 14. Consistent with its commitment to control fees and expenses through appropriate staffing, Holland & Hart also staffed various associate attorneys and professional personnel on this case. Ryan A. Semerad, Esq., and Brian D. Downing, Esq., are both associates who have been practicing in the area of commercial litigation for about three (3) years and clerked for state court judges in Nevada, and Shayna N. Noyce is a paralegal staffed on this case.
- 15. The nature of this litigation justifies the requested fees, which were actually and necessarily incurred.
- In addition to requesting attorneys' fees with the Motion, Holland & Hart 16. performed, among other things, the following tasks after Defendants served their December 18, 2019 offer of judgment on Plaintiff, which Plaintiff rejected:
  - Legal research on numerous topics, including (but not limited to): a.
    - i. Fee sharing with nonlawyers;
    - ii. The effects of an administrative suspension from the practice of law on a person's ability to collect attorney's fees;
    - iii. Partnership duties and the effects of dissolution of a partnership on those duties; and
    - Fraudulent concealment and the duty of disclosure element required to iv. plead and prove a claim of fraudulent concealment under Nevada state law:
  - Drafting pleadings and motions, including (but not limited to): b.

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i.	Defendants' fourteen (14) Motions in Limine and replies in support
	thereof;
ii.	Defendants' Oppositions to Plaintiff's eight (8) Motions in Limine;
iii.	Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Extend Deadline and
	Establish Briefing Schedule;
iv.	Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Adopt Plaintiff's
	Version of the Proposed Jury Questionnaire;
v.	Defendants' Motion to Compel Plaintiff to Produce Certain Documents
	that are Relevant and Material to this Case and the reply in support
	thereof;
vi.	Defendants' Motion for Sanctions and the reply in support thereof;
vii.	Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration;
viii.	Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Retax Costs;
Identifyi	ng, retaining, corresponding with, and disclosing an expert witness
identified	d, retained, and disclosed after the close of discovery;
Preparing	g, serving, and filing Defendants' pretrial disclosures pursuant to NRCP
16.1(a)(3	);
Reviewi	ng Plaintiff's pretrial disclosures pursuant to NRCP 16.1(a)(3);
Preparing	g, serving, and filing a joint pretrial memorandum in compliance with
EDCR 2	.67;
Preparing	g Defendants' proposed jury questionnaire;
Reviewi	ng Plaintiff's proposed jury questionnaire;
Preparing	g all necessary documents, exhibits, and other demonstrative items in
preparati	on for a jury trial; and

- h.
- i.
- j. Attending about five (5) hearings before the Court and making oral presentations at these hearings where appropriate.
- 17. A detailed itemization of the time spent, each professional's billing rate, the matters involved, and costs incurred is described in the accounting attached to this Declaration as

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#### Exhibit 7-A.

- 18. Because of Plaintiff's failure to accept Defendants' Offer of Judgment, and due to Plaintiff's litigation tactics and bad faith in bringing and prosecuting her claims, including her failure to adhere to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure during discovery, Defendants incurred attorney's fees in connection with their defense against Plaintiff's claims.
- 19. Counsel spent considerable time performing the work required to defend Defendants against Plaintiff's claims *after* Plaintiff failed to accept Defendants' Offer of Judgment. See Exhibit 7-A.
- 20. The total amount of attorney's fees incurred by Defendants from Holland & Hart was \$151,059.00.<sup>1</sup>
- 21. I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

J. Stephen Peek J. STEPHEN PEEK, ESQ.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defendants anticipate that they will continue to incur fees through the hearing on this Motion and reserves the right to supplement this amount at the time of the hearing.

# EXHIBIT 7-A



IRS EMPLOYER NO.
PLEASE REMIT TO:
P.O. BOX 17283
DENVER, CO 80217-0283

# **January 23, 2020**

Paul S. Padda	Invoice No.	1785980
4560 S. Decatur Blvd #300	H&H Ref. No.	3251818
Las Vegas, NV 89103	Client No.	105516
-	Attorney:	JSPeek

Regarding: Matter No. 0001 - adv. Ruth Cohen

#### **Invoice Summary**

Current fees	\$69,822.00
Less discount on current fees for invoice #1776444 due to incorrect billing rate.	<b>\$-771.00</b>
Current fees less discount	\$69,051.00
<b>Current disbursements</b>	\$13,650.74
Current charges this invoice	\$82,701.74
Total outstanding invoices	\$86,177.39
Total current charges plus outstanding balance	\$168,879.13

IRS EMPLOYER NO.

#### **Holland & Hart LLP**

105516 Padda, Paul S.	Invoice No.	1785980
	H&H Ref. No.	3251818

For professional services rendered through December 31, 2019

#### **Itemized Fees**

Description of Work	Date	Tkpr	Hours
	12/02/19	RAS	2.60
	12/02/19	SAN	1.60
	12/03/19	JSP	0.30
	12/03/19	BDD	0.80
	12/03/19	RAS	3.50
	12/03/19	SAN	1.90
	12/04/19	JSP	0.20

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	12/05/19	BDD	1.70
	12/05/19	BDD	1.80
	12/05/19	BDD	0.40

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	12/15/19	RAS	8.10
	12/16/19	JSP	3.20
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	12/16/19	BDD	2.30
	12/16/19	BDD	1.30
	12/16/19	RAS	7.90
	12/16/19	SAN	2.80

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	12/17/19	JSP	0.80
	12/17/19	BDD	4.00
	12/17/19	RAS	5.60
	12/17/19	SAN	3.10
Review/analyze/respond to e-mail correspondence and	12/18/19	JSP	2.30
attachments regarding OOJ, Larry Stewart expert report, draft order on Motion to Compel, Motion for Summary Judgment, Paul's continued deposition, Wells Fargo documents, Wayne Price Declaration and certification of Wayne Price documents,	12/10/19		2.50
Finalize motion for summary judgment for filing (3.60); draft motion to redact and seal regarding motion for	12/18/19	RAS	5.10

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summary judgment (0.80); review subpoenaed documents from Wells Fargo (0.50); telephone conference with Mr. Padda (0.20);			
Research Nevada and federal law regarding admissibility	12/18/19	BDD	4.10
; research Nevada law regarding admissibility of evidence of bias and motivation for testimony and discretion of Court in limiting the same;			
Draft and revise Motion in Limine to Exclude Prior Specific Instances of Conduct of Joshua Ang;	12/18/19	BDD	1.80
Draft and revise Motion to Seal related to exhibits to Motion for Summary Judgment; review and revise the same in advance of filing;	n 12/18/19	BDD	1.10
Review updated motion for summary judgment draft and declaration of RASemerad; cross-check all citations in pleadings, revise exhibit lists and markings of cited testimony in exhibits; redact confidential information from motion to be submitted with motion to seal; communications with the team regarding the same; assist with finalization of appendix of exhibits and motion for submittal to the Court; communications with Ms. Baker ; review documents produced by Wells Fargo pursuant to subpoena, redact confidential information and prepare the same for production; communications with Ms. Peterson and RASemerad	12/18/19	SAN	3.70
Review e-mail correspondence.	12/19/19	JSP	0.40
Review and revise Motions in Limine in advance of filing; revise the same in accordance with proposed stipulation;	12/19/19	BDD	3.50
Draft and revise Stipulation and Order to exclude documents; telephone conference with Tammy Peterson	12/19/19	BDD	1.30
; review and revise proposed stipulations regarding exclusion of evidence;			
Communications with Ms. Parcells, JLinton and VLLarsen	12/19/19	SAN	3.30
; update master deposition exhibit matrix and binders; follow-up with team			
; begin preparation of master matrix			

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identifying all cases at-issue in this matter, including information regarding recovery details, retainer agreements, billings/ledgers, offers of judgment and other pertinent documents produced;  Review, analyze, and respond to e-mail correspondence and attachments regarding MILs, extension of time to respond to MSJ and MILs, and juror questionnaires and survey.	12/20/19	JSP	4.90
Telephone calls Tammy  Telephone calls Paul  Conference call with Professor  Hillman and Tammy Peterson	10/00/10	DAG	0.10
Finalize motions in limine for filing (7.30); telephone conference with Liane Wakayama and Jared Moser to meet-and-confer regarding motion in limine to exclude evidence of plaintiff's quantum meruit damages or work performed or cases (0.30); telephone conference with Ms. Tammy Peterson		RAS	8.10
Draft and revise Motion in Limine to Exclude Health Issues of Ruth Cohen; draft and revise Motion to Seal Motion in Limine regarding Josh Ang; review and revise Motion in Limine regarding expert disclosure; draft and revise Motion to Seal Motion in Limine regarding Prior Conduct of Patricia Davidson; prepare and finalize redacted portions of Motion in Limine regarding Prior Conduct of Patricia Davidson; prepare redacted version of Motion in Limine related to prior conduct of Joshua Ang;		BDD	5.40
Continue preparation of master matrix identifying all cases at-issue in this matter and pertinent details thereto; communications with the team; update document disclosure, document production, and subpoenace documents master matrix and binders; updated deposition transcript and exhibit master matrix and binders; communications with the team; assist with finalization of motions in limine and preparation of all exhibits to each motion;	12/20/19	SAN	6.40
Draft motion to approve defendants' jury questionnaire on an order shortening time;	12/22/19	RAS	2.10

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Review e-mail correspondence.	12/23/19	JSP	0.30
Draft opposition to plaintiff's motion to extend time for filing oppositions to motion for summary judgment and motions in limine (3.90); telephone conference with Mr. Padda (0.70);	12/23/19	RAS	4.60
Research Nevada law regarding permissible contents of jury questionnaire; review Plaintiff's Motion for Jury Questionnaire; draft and revise Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Jury Questionnaire and Countermotion;	12/23/19	BDD	4.90
Review Plaintiff's Motions in Limine 1 through 8 in advance of conference call	12/23/19	BDD	1.80
Telephone conference with N. Baker and R. Semerad	12/24/19	BDD	1.10
Telephone conference with Ms. Nikki Baker and BDDowning (1.20); finalize opposition to plaintiff's motion to extend (1.50);	12/24/19	RAS	2.70
Review communications regarding jury questionnaire status dispositive motion/MIL deadlines and hearing dates, opposition to Plaintiff's motion to extend deadlines and countermotion to advance hearing, and potential witness tampering/motion for sanctions and determine impending deadlines and tasks to be completed; review opposition and errata to Plaintiff's motion to extend deadlines and countermotion to advance hearing; review Court's docket to determine if Plaintiff's motion to extend is set for hearing or Chambers decision;		SAN	0.90
Review/respond to e-mail correspondence regarding Motion for Sanctions.	n 12/25/19	JSP	0.40
Review Plaintiff's Motion in Limine to Strike Robert Vannah as an Expert and Exclude his Report and Testimony;	12/26/19	BDD	0.60
Review/respond to e-mail correspondence.	12/27/19	JSP	0.30
Draft and revise Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's	12/27/19	BDD	1.20

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Motion in Limine to Strike Robert Vannah as an Expert and Exclude his Report and Testimony;			
Review/respond to e-mail correspondence regarding Motion to Compel and Motion for Sanctions,  Wayne Price e-mails with Ruth Cohen, and billing;	12/30/19	JSP	1.10
Draft motion to compel production of documents regarding Wayne Price and other witness communications with plaintiff on an order shortening time;	12/30/19	RAS	3.10
Draft and revise Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion in Limine to Strike Robert Vannah as an Expert and Exclude his Report and Testimony; review Plaintiff's Motion in Limine and draft Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion in Limine No. 6 to Exclude Testimony of Seth Cogan;		BDD	1.10
Review hearing update communications from the team for impending deadlines and tasks to be completed; prepare additional text message documents for production; prepare thirty-fourth supplemental disclosure; communications with team ; review Plaintiff's thirteenth supplemental disclosure and extract produced documents from the same; update disclosure and document production master indices;	12/30/19	SAN	1.30
Review/respond to e-mail correspondence regarding Motion to Compel and OST for Motion to Compel, meet and confer prior to Motion to Compel;		JSP	1.10
Finalize motion to compel;	12/31/19	RAS	2.80
Review and revise Defendants' Motion to Compel in advance of filing;	12/31/19	BDD	2.70
Begin preparation of exhibits to motion to compel production and second deposition of Plaintiff for filing with the Court; communications with RASemerad;	12/31/19	SAN	0.80

**Total Current Fees:** 

\$69,822.00

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# **Timekeeper Summary**

Timekeeper	Tkpr ID	Rate	Hours	Amount
SANoyce	2685	205.00	49.00	10,045.00
JSPeek	5527	650.00	23.80	15,470.00
RASemerad	6056	270.00	106.60	28,782.00
BDDowning	6119	270.00	57.50	15,525.00
			236.90	\$69,822.00

# **Disbursements**

Description of Disbursements	Date	Amount
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Nationwide Legal LLC; INVOICE#: NV193741-01; DATE: 8/7/2019 - Process Service	08/07/19	116.30
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Esquire Deposition Solutions ( ); INVOICE#: INV1538585; DATE: 8/15/2019 - Transcript	08/15/19	1,209.85
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Certified Legal Video Services; INVOICE#: 17066; DATE: 9/14/2019 - Video deposition	09/14/19	138.39
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Ralph Rosenberg; INVOICE#: 109426; DATE: 9/24/2019 - Videotaped deposition	09/24/19	1,814.14
Ground Travel: 10/16/2019 - Amex - Parking - Parking for a Hearing	10/16/19	17.00
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Stipulation and Proposed Order Regarding Special Master Review and Production of Certain Documents	10/21/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Stipulation and Proposed Order Regarding Plaintiff's NRCP 30(B)(6) Deposition of Defendant Paul Padda Law, PLLC	10/23/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Defendants' Motion for Protective Order Regarding Plaintiff's Deposition of Defendants on an Order Shortening Time	10/24/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Notice of Withdrawal of Defendants' Motion for Protective Order Regarding Plaintiff's Deposition of Defendants on an Order Shortening Time	10/25/19	3.50
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Rocket Reporters; INVOICE#: 203976; DATE: 10/25/2019 - Transcripts	10/25/19	946.32

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Outside Fees: VENDOR: Holo Discovery; INVOICE#: 84 DATE: 10/29/2019 - Relativity Data Hosting	412; 10/29/19	9 630.10
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Defendants' Moto Disqualify Plaintiff's Counsel, The Law Firm of Campb Williams on an Order Shortening Time for Hearing		3.50
Ground Travel: 11/06/2019 - Amex - Parking - Court Hea Garage Parking	ring - 11/06/19	9 11.00
Air Travel: 11/11/2019 - Amex - Airfare - Depo in Baltim [TRIP CANCELLED]]	nore 11/11/19	9 1,413.96
Auto Rental: 11/11/2019 - Amex - Car Rental - Depo in Baltimore [TRIP CANCELLED}]	11/11/19	30.00
Lodging: 11/12/2019 - Amex - Hotel - Lodging - Hotel Refor Hearing. 10% of the room is going to be refunded for cancellation.		9 84.86
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Esquire Deposition Solutions ( ); INVOICE#: INV1599013; DATE: 11/15/2019 Deposition Services	11/15/19	9 1,665.86
Air Travel: 11/18/2019 - Amex - Airfare - Southwest Airl ticket refunded. [TRIP CANCELLED]	ine 11/18/19	-1,413.96
Auto Rental: 11/18/2019 - Amex - Car Rental - Car rental refunded. [TRIP CANCELLED]	11/18/19	-30.00
Lodging: 11/21/2019 - Amex - Hotel - Lodging - 10% of room fee was refunded [Depo in Baltimore Cancelled]	the 11/21/19	-8.48
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Rocket Reporters; INVOICE#: 204055; DATE: 11/22/2019 - Transcripts	11/22/19	9 477.50
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Rocket Reporters; INVOICE#: 204087; DATE: 11/22/2019 - Deposition of Sherry Prine.	11/22/19	505.20
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Holo Discovery; INVOICE#: 86 DATE: 11/30/2019 - Relativity Data hosting	657; 11/30/19	9 482.20
Outside Fees: VENDOR: LVLV; INVOICE#: 16927; DA 12/4/2019 - Video and transcripts	TE: 12/04/19	560.00
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Depo International (INVOICE#: 49936; DATE: 12/5/2019 - Transcripts	); 12/05/19	980.10
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Depo International (INVOICE#: 49965; DATE: 12/6/2019 - Deposition	); 12/06/19	9 488.75



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Outside Fees: VENDOR: Rocket Reporters; INVOICE#: 204185; DATE: 12/18/2019 - Transcripts	12/18/19	930.05
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Rocket Reporters; INVOICE#: 204183; DATE: 12/19/2019 - Transcripts	12/19/19	820.20
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Rocket Reporters; INVOICE#: 204187; DATE: 12/19/2019 - Transcripts	12/19/19	377.85
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Rocket Reporters; INVOICE#: 204201; DATE: 12/19/2019 - Deposition	12/19/19	915.85
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Wells Fargo; INVOICE#: 3323; DATE: 12/23/2019 - Document production	19; 12/23/19	38.63

**Total Current Disbursements:** \$13,650.74

# Outstanding Invoices as of 01/23/20

Invoice No.	Date	<b>Amount Billed</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
1776444	12/09/19	186,177.39	100,000.00	86,177.39
		Total Outstanding Balance:		\$86,177.39



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# **January 23, 2020**

Paul S. Padda	Invoice No.	1785980
4560 S. Decatur Blvd #300	H&H Ref. No.	3251818
Las Vegas, NV 89103	Client No.	105516
-	Attorney:	JSPeek

Regarding: Matter No. 0001 - adv. Ruth Cohen

#### **Invoice Summary**

Current fees	\$69,822.00
Less discount on current fees for invoice #1776444 due to incorrect billing rate.	<b>\$-771.00</b>
Current fees less discount	\$69,051.00
Current disbursements	\$13,650.74
Current charges this invoice	\$82,701.74
Total outstanding invoices	\$86,177.39
Total current charges plus outstanding balance	\$168,879.13

Thank you for your prompt payment. Questions regarding this invoice should be directed to the attorney responsible for your account, or Lisa Anderson, Billing Specialist in our Las Vegas office, at (702) 222-2553 or laanderson@hollandhart.com.

#### **Due On Receipt**



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# February 11, 2020

Paul S. Padda	Invoice No.	1789907
4560 S. Decatur Blvd #300	H&H Ref. No.	3264994
Las Vegas, NV 89103	Client No.	105516
	Attorney:	JSPeek

Regarding: Matter No. 0001 - adv. Ruth Cohen

#### **Invoice Summary**

Current fees	\$103,650.00
Current disbursements	\$8,403.63
Current charges this invoice	\$112,053.63
Total outstanding invoices	\$82,701.74
Total current charges plus outstanding balance	\$194,755.37

This invoice may reflect changes to our billing rates that took effect on January 1, 2020.

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For professional services rendered through January 31, 2020

# **Itemized Fees**

Description of Work	Date	Tkpr	Hours
Review/analyze/respond to e-mail correspondence regarding Motion to Compel, hospital release, juror questionnaire, proposed order, upcoming focus group.	01/02/20	JSP	1.40
Draft opposition to plaintiff's motion in limine regarding prior cases (1.30); draft opening/closing statement for jury research (2.80);	01/02/20	RAS	4.10
Review/respond to e-mail correspondence regarding Wayne Price deposition and Wayne Price documents, form of Order on Jury Questionnaires and Wayne Price e-mails, Joint Pretrial Memorandum, Motion to Compel,	01/03/20	JSP	1.40
Telephone conference with Mr. Padda (0.60); draft motion for sanctions (6.80); review and revise plaintiff's proposed order on jury questionnaire and document certification (0.70);	01/03/20	RAS	8.10
Begin preparation of joint pretrial memorandum; communications with RASemerad ;	01/03/20	SAN	2.90
Review/analyze/respond to e-mail correspondence and attachments regarding collection of Wayne Price e-mails, preparation for focus groups, draft order, joint pretrial memorandum, Opposition to Motion to Compel, production of documents from Wayne Price and Ruth Cohen.  Telephone call Paul  Review documents produced.	01/06/20	JSP	3.80
Research federal law regarding timing of supplemental disclosure requirements, prejudice resulting from delay, and standard for granting sanctions in connection with a violation;	01/06/20	BDD	2.60
Draft motion for sanctions (8.30); telephone conference with Mr. Padda (0.30); draft reply in support of motion to compel (2.10);	01/06/20	RAS	10.70
Draft and revise Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion in Limine No. 6;	01/06/20	BDD	0.90

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Communications with team	01/06/20	SAN	3.80
; begin preparation of master indexed set of key documents; telephone conference with Ms. Davidson			
; meeting with Mr. Agnew ; prepare hard drive with copies of video files; convert Relativity load files produced by Plaintiff with her fourteenth supplemental disclosure to PDF files and circulate the same to the team;	1		
Attend focus groups presentation  Work on production of Wayne Price e-mails. Prepare for hearing on Motion to Compel.	01/07/20	JSP	10.50
Draft and revise Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion in Limine No. 6; review Plaintiff's Motion in Limine No. 1 and outline Opposition in connection with the same;	01/07/20	BDD	5.90
Review for relevance and privilege documents identified by Net Effect (2.30); create supplemental disclosure and privilege log (1.20); draft declaration clarifying Net Effect service ticket (1.50);	01/07/20	RAS	5.00
Communications with Ms. Peterson  ; telephone conferences with Ms  Davidson and Ms. Peterson  ; meetings with  RASemerad  ; review banker's box of e- mails provided by NetEffect and work with RASemerad to determine privileged documents, irrelevant documents, and documents to be produced; prepare privilege log and thirty- fifth supplemental disclosure;	01/07/20	SAN	4.40
Prepare for and attend hearing on Motion to Compel. Work on Motion for Sanctions. Review/respond to e-mail correspondence regarding hearing on Motion to Compel, draft order on Motion to Compel, Ruth's e-mail production, jury questionnaire, Joint Pretrial Memorandum, and preparing Motion for Sanctions.	01/08/20	JSP	2.90
Telephone conference with Mr. Padda (0.80); draft opposition to plaintiff's motion in limine regarding prior litigation (3.50); prepare joint pretrial memorandum (0.50);	01/08/20	RAS	4.80

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Draft and revise Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion in Limine No. 6; review and analyze Plaintiff's Motion in Limine No. 1 and outline Opposition in connection with the same;	01/08/20	BDD	5.90
Communications with Ms. Parcells and VLLarsen ; prepare updated master deposition exhibit index; communications with RASemerad	01/08/20	SAN	2.20
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Review and respond to e-mail correspondence and attachments regarding Joint Pretrial Memorandum identifying witnesses and exhibits for trial, Wayne Price deposition, hearing transcript and editing draft order on Motion to Compel, supplemental disclosure from Ruth Cohen, jury questionnaire;	01/09/20	JSP	1.40
Draft and revise Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion in Limine No. 1 (1.2); review and revise Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion in Limine No. 8 (1.8); review Defendants Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion in Limine No. 3 (.3); review Defendants Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion in Limine No. 2 (.6);	01/09/20	BDD	3.90
Draft opposition to plaintiff's motion in limine regarding prior litigation (0.70); telephone conference with Mr. Padda (0.60); draft proposed order granting motion to compel (1.30); edit joint pretrial memorandum (0.60); draft opposition to plaintiff's motion in limine regarding witness disclosures (3.10); draft opposition to plaintiff's motion in limine regarding accountant-client privileged communications (1.10);	01/09/20	RAS	7.40
Communications with Ms. Parcells ; begin review of oppositions to motions in limine and preparation of exhibits to each opposition; communications with RASemerad, VLLarsen and JLinton ;	01/09/20	SAN	2.60
Review/analyze/respond to e-mail correspondence and attachments regarding joint pretrial memorandum, scheduling hearing dates, Cohen status report for delivery or devices, Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment, and Motions in Limine. Work on joint pretrial memorandum and upcoming pretrial conference.	01/10/20 f	JSP	1.90

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Draft opposition to plaintiff's motion in limine to exclude communications with Daniel Kim (3.10); draft joint pretrial memorandum (2.90); telephone conference with Mr. Don Campbell, Ms. Liane Wakayama, and Ms. Tammy Peterson regarding pretrial disclosures and joint pretrial memorandum (0.50); draft stipulation and order to move deadlines associated with joint pretrial memorandum (1.40); draft opposition to plaintiff's motion in limine to exclude evidence from prior litigation (0.90); review plaintiff's opposition to motion for summary judgment (1.20);	01/10/20	RAS	10.00
Review draft pretrial disclosures and exhibit list; provide responses to the team; attend meet and confer telephone conference with opposing counsel, Ms. Peterson and RASemerad regarding joint pretrial memorandum and pretrial disclosures; meeting with RASemerad; communications with RASemerad and Ms. Peterson; continue preparation of exhibits to oppositions to motions in limine; communications with Ms. Parcells; review exhibit list draft and provide comments and suggested changes to Ms. Parcells and Ms. Peterson; revise joint pretrial memorandum with updated witness		SAN	5.30
information from the pretrial disclosures; Review e-mail correspondence regarding Joint Pretrial	01/12/20	JSP	0.80
Memorandum. Work on Motion for Sanctions.  Review and work on Motion for Sanctions.  Review/respond to e-mail correspondence. Telephone call Paul	01/13/20	JSP	3.90
Review plaintiff's proposed pretrial memorandum (1.20); telephone conference with Mr. Don Campbell and Ms. Liane Wakayama regarding joint pretrial memorandum (0.50); draft motion for sanctions (0.80);	01/13/20	RAS	2.50
Work on Motion for Sanctions. Telephone call Paul  Review/respond to e-mail correspondence.	01/14/20	JSP	4.20
Review and analyze Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 5 and outline reply; review and	01/14/20	BDD	0.80

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analyze Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 8 and outline reply; review and analyze Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 11 and outline reply;			
Draft motion for sanctions (5.10); prepare joint pretrial memorandum (0.60); prepare notice of submission regarding order granting motion to compel (0.50); draft motion to seal and redact confidential portions of motion for sanctions and exhibits thereto (1.20);	01/14/20 r	RAS	7.40
Review communications with opposing counsel regarding competing orders on motion to compel; communications regarding court reporter invoices and status of the same; communications with VLLarsen and RASemerad	01/14/20	SAN	1.60
; begin review of Plaintiff's pretrial memorandum and strategy to combine substantive portions of draft into comprehensive joint pretrial memorandum; begin preparation of joint exhibit list; review draft motion for sanctions;			
Finalize Motion for Sanctions. Work on Joint Pretrial Memorandum. Review e-mail correspondence.	01/15/20	JSP	1.90
Review and analyze Plaintiff's Oppositions to Defendants' Motions in Limine No. 1-4, 6-7, 9-10, and 12-14 in advance of telephone conference to discuss replies to the same;	01/15/20	BDD	1.20
Review and analyze Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 5 and outline reply; review and analyze Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 8 and outline reply; review and analyze Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 11 and outline reply;	01/15/20	BDD	0.70
Finalize motion for sanctions (1.70); telephone conference with Nikki Baker, Tammy Peterson, and BDDowning (0.50);	01/15/20	RAS	2.60
telephone conference with Mr. Padda (0.40);			
Review motion for sanctions and continue preparation of exhibits for filing with the same; communications with RASemerad, VLLarsen and JLinton; continue preparation of joint pretrial memorandum, witness lists and exhibit list; communications with the team;	01/15/20	SAN	4.10

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Review and comment  Review respond to e-mail correspondence and attachments regarding Order Granting Motion to Compel, Joint Pretrial Memorandum, and Motion for Sanctions. Work on Joint Pretrial Memorandum.	01/16/20	JSP	2.10
Draft joint pretrial memorandum (1.70); prepare joint exhibit list (4.90); telephone conference with Mr. Padda (0.40);	01/16/20	RAS	7.00
Continue preparation of joint exhibit list; determine duplicates between Plaintiff's list, our list and the deposition exhibits and code each exhibit; accordingly, communications with RASemerad, JSPeek and Ms.  Peterson ; communications with Ms.  Parcells ;	01/16/20	SAN	5.40
Review e-mail correspondence and attachments regarding Joint Pretrial Memorandum	01/17/20	JSP	0.20
Prepare joint pretrial memorandum (1.10); prepare joint exhibit list (6.40);	01/17/20	RAS	7.50
Extract client e-mails produced from Relativity and convert all documents to PDF copies for counsel's review; communications with RASemerad ; review personal injury/employment client entries on exhibit list and provide descriptions of documents according to bates range; review bulk entries from ESI productions and prepare individual entries on exhibit list for pertinent e-mails to be included; continue review and revisions of exhibit list for de-duplication, addition and removal of necessary exhibits; communications with RASemerad ;		SAN	6.20
Work on with Paul, Tammy, and Ryan.	01/18/20	JSP	6.00
Prepare joint exhibit list and other demonstrative exhibits (1.60); meeting with Mr. Padda, Ms. Tammy Peterson, and JSPeek (5.30);	01/18/20	RAS	6.90
Revise and de-duplicate joint exhibit list;	01/19/20	RAS	4.10
Draft and revise Defendants' Reply to Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 5; research Nevada and federal law regarding	n 01/20/20	BDD	6.70

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personal knowledge and using gossip and rumor as basis for witness testimony; review Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 8; draft Reply in Support of Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 8;			
Revise, de-duplicate, put in chronological order joint exhibit list (5.10); telephone conference with Ms. Nikki Baker (0.50); telephone	01/20/20	RAS	7.50
conference with Mr. Padda			
(1.00); review and scrub plaintiff's Facebook account for relevant communications (0.90);	3		
Review documents just produced by Ruth Cohen. Work on Reply in Support of Motion for Sanctions. Prepare for hearing on Motion for Sanctions. Work on Joint Pretrial Memorandum. Review/respond to e-mail correspondence and attachments regarding juror questionnaires. Work on Reply is Support of MSJ.	01/21/20	JSP	3.20
Draft and revise Defendants' Reply to Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 5; Draft and revise Defendants' Reply to Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 8;	n 01/21/20	BDD	3.40
Review plaintiff's opposition to motion for sanctions (1.20); draft reply in support of motion for sanctions (3.10); update joint pretrial exhibit list (0.50); review opposition to defendants' motion in limine regarding evidence of a supposed romantic relationship between Mr. Padda and Patty Davidson (0.90); draft reply in support of defendants' motion in limine regarding evidence of a supposed romantic relationship between Mr. Padda and Patty Davidson (3.50); telephone conference with Mr. Padda		RAS	9.90
Convert Relativity load files produced by Plaintiff with her sixteenth supplemental disclosure to PDF files and circulate the same to the team; update document disclosure and document production binders and master index; continue review and revisions to joint exhibit list, including deduplication, breaking out of block ESI exhibit entries for Wayne Price and Daniel Kim e-mails into singular exhibits, and chronological indexing of each exhibit; communications with RASemerad	01/21/20	SAN	6.10
Prepare for and attend hearing on Motion for Sanctions.	01/22/20	JSP	2.90

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Review/analyze/respond to e-mail correspondence with attachments regarding outcome of hearing, Ruth's reinstatement documents, Wayne Price continued deposition, Joint Pretrial Memorandum, jury selection and focus group summary, and MIL Replies and Oppositions			
Draft and revise Defendants' Reply to Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 5; draft and revise Reply in Support of Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 8; draft and revise Reply in Support of Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 11;		BDD	4.20
Draft replies in support of defendants' motions in limine numbers 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14;	01/22/20	RAS	12.20
Continue review and revisions to joint exhibit list, including addition of additional pertinent exhibits, de-duplication and removal of block entries and re-entry of the same as individual exhibits; communications with RASemerad ; review joint pretrial memorandum draft from Plaintiff's counsel and make necessary revisions to the same; communications with RASemerad and Ms. Peterson ;	t	SAN	2.60
Work on Joint Pretrial Memorandum exhibit list, objections to exhibits, and witnesses.	01/23/20	JSP	4.10
Draft and revise Defendants' Reply to Defendants' Motion is Limine No. 5; draft and revise Reply in Support of Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 8; draft and revise Reply in Support of Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 11; draft and revise Motions to Seal for Motions in Limine Nos. 5 and 8;		BDD	5.30
Communications with Ms. Peterson and JSPeek e; meeting with JSPeek	01/23/20	SAN	4.70
; begin review of additional issues found within exhibit list necessary to resolve prior to finalization; update document disclosure and document production binders and master index;			
Continued work on Joint Pretrial Memorandum to finalize for filing. Review MSJ pleadings in preparation for hearing on Motion for Summary Judgment. Review/respond to email correspondence regarding MILs, writ relief, Reply in Support of MSJ. Telephone call Paul	01/24/20	JSP	5.90

105516 Padda, Paul S.	Invoice No. H&H Ref. No.	1789907 3264994	
Review and revise Defendants' Replies to Defendants' Motions in Limine; draft and revise Motions to Seal for Motions in Limine Nos. 5 and 8;	01/24/20	BDD	1.60
Continue review of additional issues found within exhibit list necessary to resolve prior to finalization; prepare summary of status and additional tasks completed for team's review; continue revisions to objections to exhibit list and revisions to joint pretrial memorandum; meeting with JSPeek ; communications with opposing counsel and the team regarding joint pretrial memorandum and witness list; finalize documents for filing with the Court;		SAN	4.40
Prepare for hearing on Motion for Summary Judgment.	01/26/20	JSP	3.70
Prepare for and attend hearing on Motion for Summary Judgment. e-mail correspondence regarding MSJ and next steps. Telephone call Paul.	01/27/20	JSP	1.40
Attend hearing on motion for summary judgment (2.10); prepare draft order granting motion for summary judgment (1.90);	01/27/20	RAS	4.00
Communications with RASemerad	01/27/20	SAN	0.40
; review communications and task list of items to be completed following granting of motion for summary judgment;			
Review/analyze/respond to e-mail correspondence regarding draft order on Motion for Sanctions, cost bill, attorneys' fees,	g 01/28/20	JSP	0.90
Prepare order granting motion for summary judgment;	01/28/20	RAS	2.50
Begin preparation of draft verified memorandum of costs; meeting with JSPeek and VLLarsen;	01/28/20	SAN	1.10
Conference with Ryan  Conference call with Paul and Ryan	01/29/20	JSP	1.40
Review/analyze/respond to e-mail correspondence and attachment regarding draft Order on Motion for Sanctions.			

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Telephone conference with Mr. Padda (0.90); draft proposed order granting motion for summary judgmen (0.50);	01/29/20 RA	AS 1.40
Begin review, edit and comment on proposed order on Review and respond to e-mail correspondence regarding draft order and costs.		SP 1.30
Draft order granting motion for summary judgment (2 telephone conference with Mr. Padda	.90); 01/30/20 RA (0.70);	AS 3.60
Continue preparation of verified memorandum of cost discussions with VLLarsen and LAnderson; communication witteam;		AN 3.90
Review edit and comment on proposed draft of order of MSJ. Review and respond to e-mail correspondence regarding draft order.	on 01/31/20 JS	SP 1.20
Communications with Ms. Parcells	01/31/20 SA	N 0.10
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T	otal Current Fees:	\$103,650.00

#### **Timekeeper Summary**

Timekeeper	Tkpr ID	Rate	Hours	Amount
SANoyce	2685	205.00	61.80	12,669.00
JSPeek	5527	650.00	68.40	44,460.00
RASemerad	6056	270.00	129.20	34,884.00
BDDowning	6119	270.00	43.10	11,637.00
			302.50	\$103,650.00

#### **Disbursements**

Description of Disbursements	Date	Amount
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Holo Discovery; INVOICE#: 7830;	08/16/19	678.22
DATE: 8/16/2019 - Relativity Hosting July 2019.		

105516 Padda, Paul S.	Invoice No.	1789907
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Outside Fees: VENDOR: Holo Discovery; INVOICE#: 79 DATE: 8/16/2019 - Process PSTs and run search terms.	935; 08/16/19	9 1,686.40
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Holo Discovery; INVOICE#: 80 DATE: 8/29/2019 - Relativity Hosting August 2019.	051; 08/29/19	728.18
Other Charges: VENDOR: Holo Discovery; INVOICE#: DATE: 9/30/2019 - Relativity Hosting September 2019.	8270; 09/30/19	680.37
Process Service Fee/Cost: VENDOR: Legal Process Service INVOICE#: 1908124; DATE: 9/30/2019 - Process Service	*	9 443.90
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Rocket Reporters; INVOICE#: 203989; DATE: 10/24/2019 - Transcript	10/24/19	1,532.26
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendants' Production of Documents on An Order Shortening Time	11/05/19	3.50
Ground Travel: 11/06/2019 - Amex - Parking - Parking du hearing	uring 11/06/19	17.00
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Status Report of Padda's Desktop Computer	on Paul 11/12/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Certificate of Compliance Regarding Seth Cogan Communications	11/13/19	3.50
Ground Travel: 11/18/2019 - Amex - Parking - Parking at airport for depo	11/18/19	15.00
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Ann Margaret Cotter's Motion to Retax or Deny Costs	11/19/19	3.50
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Rocket Reporters; INVOICE#: 204047; DATE: 11/22/2019 - Transcripts	11/22/19	1,735.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Amended Statu Report on Paul Padda's Desktop Computer and Flash Drive		3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Stipulation and Regarding Inspection of Ruth Cohen's Computer	Order 11/26/19	3.50
Ground Travel: 12/04/2019 - Amex - Parking - Parking for hearing.	or 12/04/19	8.00
Ground Travel: 12/09/2019 - Amex - Parking - during hea	aring 12/09/19	9 18.00
Ground Travel: 12/16/2019 - Amex - Parking - Court Hea	aring 12/16/19	9 17.00
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Holo Discovery; INVOICE#: 88 DATE: 12/31/2019 - Ruth Cohen v. Paul Padda, et al	860; 12/31/19	332.20



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Outside Fees: VENDOR: Florence M. Hoyt; INVOICE#: 01092020; DATE: 1/9/2020 - Transcript of Motion to Com	01/09/20 npel	174.75
Ground Travel: 01/16/2020 - Amex - Parking - Hearing	01/16/20	4.00
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Holo Discovery; INVOICE#: 89 DATE: 1/23/2020 - Printing Services.	060; 01/23/20	230.30
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Florence M. Hoyt; INVOICE#: 2001014; DATE: 1/24/2020 - Transcript Hearing on Defen Motion for Sanctions	01/24/20 adants'	81.55

#### Outstanding Invoices as of 02/11/20

**Total Current Disbursements:** 

Invoice No.	Date	Amount Billed	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
1785980	01/23/20	82,701.74	0.00	82,701.74
		Total Outsta	anding Balance:	\$82,701.74

\$8,403.63



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#### February 11, 2020

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4560 S. Decatur Blvd #300	H&H Ref. No.	3264994
Las Vegas, NV 89103	Client No.	105516
	Attorney:	JSPeek

Regarding: Matter No. 0001 - adv. Ruth Cohen

#### **Invoice Summary**

Current fees	\$103,650.00
Current disbursements	\$8,403.63
Current charges this invoice	\$112,053.63
Total outstanding invoices	\$82,701.74
Total current charges plus outstanding balance	\$194,755.37

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#### March 10, 2020

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4560 S. Decatur Blvd #300	H&H Ref. No.	3284132
Las Vegas, NV 89103	Client No.	105516
	Attorney:	JSPeek

Regarding: Matter No. 0001 - adv. Ruth Cohen

#### **Invoice Summary**

Current fees	\$26,590.50
Current disbursements	\$4,094.68
Current charges this invoice	\$30,685.18
Total outstanding invoices	\$103,650.00
Total current charges plus outstanding balance	\$134,335.18

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	H&H Ref. No.	3284132

For professional services rendered through February 29, 2020

#### **Itemized Fees**

Description of Work	Date	Tkpr	Hours
Review/respond to e-mail correspondence regarding Hillman billing, fees on Motion for Sanctions.	02/03/20	JSP	0.30
Draft proposed order granting motion for summary judgment;	02/03/20	RAS	1.90
Begin preparation of draft verified memorandum of costs;	02/03/20	SAN	0.70
Follow-up communications with Mr. Padda	02/05/20	SAN	0.10
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Draft proposed order granting motion for summary judgment;	02/06/20	RAS	1.10
Begin review of back-up documentation from Peterson Baker and Mr. Padda for inclusion with memorandum of costs; communications with VLLarsen	02/06/20	SAN	0.80
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Review/analyze/respond to e-mail correspondence with attached drafts regarding Order on Summary Judgment.	02/07/20	JSP	0.90
Review minute order regarding motions to redact or seal from the Court; review status of outstanding invoices to be paid to HOLO Discovery;	02/07/20	SAN	0.30
Work on finalizing changes to the draft FFCL. Review/respond to e-mail correspondence regarding FFCL. Prepare Notice of Submission of drafts of FFCL with edits and comments.	02/10/20	JSP	2.10
Finalize proposed order granting motion for summary judgment and prepare notice of submission regarding same;	02/10/20	RAS	2.20
Continue preparation of memorandum of costs, including review of all invoices and receipts received to-date, follow-up communications to Ms. Ozmon at Reisman Sorokac, Ms. Parcells at Peterson Baker and VLLarsen	02/10/20	SAN	2.70

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Review/respond to e-mail correspondence regarding Memorandum of Costs. Review and edit Memorandum of Costs. Finalize Notice of Submission of FFCL.	02/11/20 f	JSP	1.60
Prepare motion for attorneys' fees;	02/11/20	RAS	1.30
Continue preparation of memorandum of costs; communications to the team	02/11/20	SAN	2.20
; communications with RASemerad	1		
communications with Peterson Baker			
Draft motion for attorney's fees;	02/12/20	RAS	2.00
Communications with JSPeek and RASemerad; follow-up communications with Ms. Ozmon	02/12/20	SAN	0.30
Follow-up communications with Ms. Ozmon; communications will JSPeek and RASemerad:	02/13/20 th	SAN	1.10
Prepare and submit order granting Defendants' motions to seal and/or redact (2.10); draft motion for attorney's fees (2.50);	02/17/20	RAS	4.60
Review back-up cost documentation from Reisman Sorokac; revise memorandum of costs; communications with RASemerad and JSPeek	02/17/20	SAN	1.40
Review/respond to e-mail correspondence regarding Memorandum of Costs.	02/18/20	JSP	0.50
Finalize draft of motion for attorney's fees;	02/18/20	RAS	2.90
Communications with Mr. Reisman and Mr. Machado	02/18/20	SAN	1.70
; review documents produced by Special Master Iglody and determine exact page count of document produced for inclusion in motion for fees; communications with RASemerad ; follow-up with Ms.			

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Parcells at Peterson Baker  ; communications with Veritex regarding copies of outstanding invoices; revise memorandum of costs and communications with RASemerad and JSPeek  ; communications with VLLarsen  ;	t		
Work on Memorandum of Costs. Review/draft/respond to e-mail correspondence regarding Memorandum of Costs. Review draft of Motion for Attorneys' Fees and meet with Ryan regarding Motion. Telephone call with Tammy  Telephone call with Paul  .		JSP	3.10
Draft declarations for JSPeek, Tammy Peterson, and Josh Reisman in support of motion for attorney's fees (2.60); telephone conference with JSPeek and Tammy Peterson (0.50);	02/19/20	RAS	3.10
Continue preparation and revisions to memorandum of costs; communications with the team ; follow-up with VLLarsen and LAAnderson ; review Odyssey e-filing submissions and procure copies of receipt for e-filings made on behalf of Defendants;		SAN	2.90
Prepare motion for attorney's fees;	02/20/20	RAS	0.50
Continue preparation and revisions to memorandum of costs; communications with the team; begin preparation and compilation of back-up documentation to be submitted with appendix of exhibits memorandum of costs; follow-up with Veritext regarding status of invoice documentation;	02/20/20	SAN	3.40
Review e-mail correspondence and attachments regarding Memorandum of Costs.	02/21/20	JSP	0.30
Continue preparation and revisions to memorandum of costs; review LexisNexis report from Reisman Sorokac; begin preparation of draft declaration for Mr. Reisman's review and signature regarding research charges incurred each member of his firm; communications with RASemer and Reisman Sorokac;		SAN	2.80

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Review and update verified memorandum of costs (0.60); continue drafting declaration of Josh Reisman in support of verified memorandum of costs (0.80); review plaintiff's motion for reconsideration (2.50);	02/23/20 of	RAS	3.90
Review and finalize Memorandum of Costs. Review, analyze, and discuss with Ryan Telephone call with Paul	02/24/20	JSP	1.90
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Telephone conference with Mr. Padda  (0.50); review plaintiff's motion for reconsideration (1.20);  draft opposition to plaintiff's motion for reconsideration (1.30);		RAS	7.00
Continue preparation and final revisions to memorandum costs; follow-up communications with Reisman Sorokac	of 02/24/20	SAN	4.70
revise and finalize declaration for Mr. Reisman's review as signature; revise appendix of exhibits for submittal with memorandum of costs; prepare exhibits for submittal to th Court, including revisions of sensitive information; communications with RASemerad, JSPeek and VLLarsen;			
Draft opposition to plaintiff's motion for reconsideration (5.20); telephone conference with Mr. Padda (0.50);	02/25/20	RAS	5.70
Review Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration of order granting motion for summary judgment;	02/25/20	SAN	0.30
Draft opposition to plaintiff's motion for reconsideration;	02/26/20	RAS	8.90
Review and analyze Opposition to Motion for Reconsideration; Telephone calls with Tammy	02/27/20	JSP	1.60
Telephone conference with Mr. Padda (0.40); review plaintiff's motion to retax costs (1.50); research caselaw cited in same	02/27/20 ne	RAS	3.50

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(1.00); outline opposition to plaintiff's motion to retax cos (0.60);	ts		
Review Plaintiff's motion to re-tax costs; follow-up communications with VLLarsen and Las Vegas Legal Vid	02/27/20 leo	SAN	0.60
Review draft opposition to Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration of order granting motion for summary judgment;	02/28/20	SAN	0.70
Total	<b>Current Fees:</b>		\$26,590.50

#### **Timekeeper Summary**

Timekeeper	Tkpr ID	Rate	Hours	Amount
SANoyce	2685	205.00	26.70	5,473.50
JSPeek	5527	650.00	12.30	7,995.00
RASemerad	6056	270.00	48.60	13,122.00
			87.60	\$26,590.50

#### **Disbursements**

<b>Description of Disbursements</b>	Date	Amount
Outside Fees: VENDOR: LVLV; INVOICE#: 16869; DATE: 11/12/2019 - Deposition Services	11/12/19	1,052.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Defendants' Motion for an Order Shortening Time for Hearing and Opposition to Plaintiff Ruth L. Cohen's Objections to and Motion;	12/03/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Order Denying Motion for Protective Order Regarding Defendants' Subpoena to Wells Fargo, N.A.	12/06/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Order Granting Motion to Seal Exhibit 6 to Defendants' Motion for an Order Shortening Time for Hearing and Opposition to Plain	12/09/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Notice of Entry of Order Denying Motion for Protective Order Regarding Defendants' Subpoena to Wells Fargo, N.A.	12/10/19	3.50

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Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Notice of Entropy Order Granting Motion to Seal Exhibit 6 to Defendants' I for an Order Shortening Time for Hearing and		0/19	3.50
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Veritext, LLC; INVOICE#: CA4088306; DATE: 12/13/2019 - Video Services	12/1	3/19	651.75
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Veritext, LLC; INVOICE#: CA4085419; DATE: 12/13/2019 - Certified Transcripts	12/1	3/19	951.55
Ground Travel: 12/16/2019 - Amex - Parking - parking hearing	for 12/1	6/19	7.00
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion to Red Portions of Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment a Exhibit 39 and to Seal Exhibits 20, 21, 28 and 31		8/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion in Lin Defendants' Motion in Limine to Exclude the Testimony Report of Kathleen Annunziata Nicolaides		0/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion in Lin Defendants' Motion in Limine to Exclude Testimony of J Appeal Regarding Certain Financial Documents		0/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion to Red Portions of Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 1 and Seal Exhibits 1 - 3		0/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion to Red Portions of Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 5 and Seal Exhibits 1 - 2		1/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion in Lin 5 Defendants' Motion in Limine to Exclude Evidence and Testimony related to Specific Instances of Conduct		1/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion in Lin 14 Defendants' Motion in Limine to Exclude Testimony Witnesses Regarding Whether Plaintiff Trusted		1/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion in Lin Defendants' Motion in Limine to Exclude Evidence or Testimony of Mr. Padda's Job Performance at the Unit	mine # 7 12/2	1/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion to Rec Portions of Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 8 - Motion Exclude Evidence and Testimony Related to Specific		1/19	3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion in Lin	mine 12/2	1/19	3.50

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No. 8 - Motion to Exclude Evidence and Testimony Rel Specific Instances of Conduct and Testimony of C	ated to	
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion in Lit 11 Defendants' Motion in Limine to Exclude Evidence, Testimony of Argument Related to Alleged Health Issue		/19 3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion in Li 12 Defendants' Motion in Limine to Exclude the Testim Report of Michael Holpuch		719 3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion in Li No. 13 Defendants' Motion in Limine to Exclude Testin Karla Koutz Regarding her Opinion of Paul Padda'		/19 3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion in Li No. 10 - Defendants' Motion in Limine to Exclude Evid Testimony Related to Wayne Price's History with		719 3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Motion in Li Defendants' Motion in Limine to Exclude Testimony of Plaintiff's Proposed Summary Witness Kathy Campagna		719 3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Adopt Plaintiff's Ver the Proposed Jury Questionnaire and Countermotion	12/26 sion of	/19 3.50
Electronic Filing Charges: Clark County: Defendants' I to Compel Plaintiff to Produce Certain Documents that a Relevant and Material to This Case on An Order S		/20 3.50
Ground Travel: 01/08/2020 - Amex - Parking - parking hearing	for 01/08	/20 14.00
Ground Travel: 01/22/2020 - Amex - Parking - parking hearing	for 01/22	/20 10.00
Ground Travel: 01/27/2020 - Amex - Parking - Parking Hearing on Motion for Summary Judgment	for 01/27	/20 23.00
Ground Travel: 01/27/2020 - Amex - Parking - Motion Summary Judgment hearing	for 01/27	/20 20.00
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Holo Discovery; INVOICE#: DATE: 1/31/2020 - Relativity Data Hosting January 202		/20 332.20
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Holo Discovery; INVOICE#: DATE: 2/21/2020 - Scanning and printing services	9155; 02/21	/20 623.48
Outside Fees: VENDOR: Holo Discovery; INVOICE#:	9240; 02/26	/20 332.20



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DATE: 2/26/2020 - Relativity data hosting

**Total Current Disbursements:** \$4,094.68

#### Outstanding Invoices as of 03/10/20

Invoice No.	Date	<b>Amount Billed</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
1785980	01/23/20	82,701.74	0.00	82,701.74
1789907	02/11/20	112,053.63	0.00	112,053.63
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**Total Outstanding Balance:** \$194,755.37



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Las Vegas, NV 89103	Client No.	105516
-	Attorney:	JSPeek

Regarding: Matter No. 0001 - adv. Ruth Cohen

#### **Invoice Summary**

Current fees	\$26,590.50
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Current charges this invoice	\$30,685.18
Total outstanding invoices	\$103,650.00
Total current charges plus outstanding balance	\$134,335.18

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## EXHIBIT 8

1	DECL LOCAL DE LA F
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	Tamara Beatty Peterson, Esq.
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13	Attorneys for Defendants PAUL S. PADDA
14	and PAUL PADDA LAW, PLLC
15	DISTRICT COURT
	CLARK COUNTY, NEV
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17	RUTH L. COHEN, an Individual, Case No.

Case No. A-19-792599-B Dept. No. XI

**COUNTY, NEVADA** 

**DECLARATION OF TAMARA BEATTY** PETERSON, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF **DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR** ATTORNEY'S FEES

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Plaintiff,

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PAUL S. PADDA, an individual; PAUL PADDA LAW, PLLC, a Nevada professional limited liability company; DOE individuals I-

X; and ROE entities I-X,

Defendants.

- I, Tamara Beatty Peterson, Esq., being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:
- 1. I am a partner and co-founder of Peterson Baker, PLLC ("Peterson Baker"), counsel for Defendant Paul S. Padda, Esq. ("Mr. Padda") and Defendant Paul Padda Law, PLLC ("Padda Law") (collectively, "Defendants") in the above-captioned matter. I make this declaration

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in support of Defendants' Motion for Attorney's Fees (the "Motion"). I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and would be competent to testify to them if called upon to do so.

- 2. I am a graduate of UCLA (B.A. 1991) and the University of Arizona College of Law (J.D. 1994). I am a member of the bar of Nevada and admitted to practice before all courts in the State of Nevada, the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- 3. I have more than 25 years of litigation experience in federal and state courts. My practice focuses on complex and multi-party trial and appellate litigation of all types, including in the areas of commercial and business litigation, business torts, and corporate matters. I have litigated extensively in state and federal court, including taking over 30 jury trials to verdict, numerous bench trials, and appeals before the Nevada Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- 4. I am a Fellow with the American College of Trial Lawyers, Litigation Counsel of America, and American Bar Foundation. I have also been listed among the The Best Lawyers in America © Commercial Litigation from 2014 to the present, and recognized by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Litigation, General Commercial, Band 3, since 2014.
- 5. As a practicing attorney, co-founder of my current law firm, and former partner at a Nevada law firm as well as an Am Law 200 law firm with offices in Las Vegas, Nevada, I am familiar with current and historical hourly billing rates of Nevada attorneys, including those who practice commercial and complex litigation generally and in specialized areas.
- 6. The attorneys from Peterson Baker who represented Defendants in this matter charge hourly rates that are similar to those rates charged by comparable law firms for similar legal services.
- The ability, training, education, experience, professional standing, and skill of the 7. professionals representing Defendants were demonstrated in the pleadings, motions, and other documents filed with the Court.
- 8. Peterson Baker believes that every professional employed on behalf of its clients has a responsibility to control fees and expenses by providing services in an efficient and effective

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- 9. Peterson Baker believes that the fees and expenses sought in this application are appropriate, and that the fees are reasonable and necessary in light of the circumstances of this case and the scope and difficulty of the business and legal issues involved.
- 10. Staffing of matters within the case is done with the objective of providing the level of representation appropriate to the significance, complexity, and difficulty of the particular matter.
- 11. Peterson Baker believes that the fees and expenses sought in this application are appropriate, and that the fees are reasonable and necessary in light of the circumstances of this case and the scope and difficulty of the business and legal issues involved.
- 12. Ms. Nikki L. Baker, Esq. ("Ms. Baker") is a partner and is the other co-founder of Peterson Baker. Ms. Baker is a graduate of The University of Oklahoma (B.A. 1995) and The University of Oklahoma College of Law (J.D. 1998). She is a member of the bar of Nevada and admitted to practice before all courts in the State of Nevada, the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Baker has focused her practice on commercial and civil litigation since she began her career in 1998. While Ms. Baker has tried and prosecuted many cases in state and federal court as well as in various alternative dispute resolution settings, Ms. Baker has also kept her clients out of the courtroom entirely through her success in pretrial motions practice as a result of her strong brief writing and extensive research skills. Ms. Baker's abilities, experience, and professional standing and skill have been acknowledged by her peers as she has received the following recognitions: Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent® Rating; American Bar Foundation; Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Litigation: General Commercial, Recognised Practitioner; The Best Lawyers in America© Commercial Litigation (2020).
- 13. Consistent with its commitment to control fees and expenses through appropriate staffing, Peterson Baker also staffed an associate attorney, Mr. David Astur, Esq., and professional personnel, including Ms. Erin Parcells, Certified Paralegal, on this case.
  - 14. The nature of this litigation justifies the requested fees, which were actually and

necessarily incurred.

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- 15. In addition to requesting attorneys' fees with the Motion, Peterson Baker worked on the following tasks *after* December 18, 2019:
  - a. Legal research on numerous topics, including (but not limited to):
    - i. Fee sharing with nonlawyers;
    - ii. The effects of an administrative suspension from the practice of law on a person's ability to collect attorney's fees;
    - iii. Partnership duties and the effects of dissolution of a partnership on those duties; and
    - iv. Fraudulent concealment and the duty of disclosure element required to plead and prove a claim of fraudulent concealment under Nevada state law;
  - b. Drafting pleadings and motions, including (but not limited to):
    - i. Defendants' fourteen (14) Motions *in Limine* and replies in support thereof;
    - ii. Defendants' Oppositions to Plaintiff's eight (8) Motions in Limine;
    - iii. Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Extend Deadline and Establish Briefing Schedule;
    - iv. Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Adopt Plaintiff's Version of the Proposed Jury Questionnaire;
    - v. Defendants' Motion to Compel Plaintiff to Produce Certain Documents that are Relevant and Material to this Case and the reply in support thereof;
    - vi. Defendants' Motion for Sanctions and the reply in support thereof;
    - vii. Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration;
  - c. Attending and participating in three (3) continued depositions noticed by Plaintiff;

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- Preparing, serving, and filing Defendants' pretrial disclosures pursuant to NRCP e. 16.1(a)(3);
- f. Reviewing Plaintiff's pretrial disclosures pursuant to NRCP 16.1(a)(3);
- Preparing, serving, and filing a joint pretrial memorandum in compliance with g. EDCR 2.67:
- Preparing Defendants' proposed jury questionnaire; h.
- i. Reviewing Plaintiff's proposed jury questionnaire;
- j. Preparing all necessary documents, exhibits, and other demonstrative items in preparation for a jury trial; and
- k. Attending about several hearings before the Court and making oral presentations at these hearings where appropriate.
- 16. A detailed itemization of the time spent, each professional's billing rate, the matters involved, and costs incurred is described in the accounting attached to this Declaration as Exhibit 5-A.
- 17. Because of Plaintiff's failure to accept Defendants' Offer of Judgment, and due to Plaintiff's litigation tactics and bad faith in bringing and prosecuting her claims, including her failure to adhere to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure during discovery, Defendants incurred attorney's fees in connection with their defense against Plaintiff's claims.
- 18. Peterson Baker spent all of its time performing the work required to defend Defendants against Plaintiff's claims after December 18, 2019. See Exhibit 5-A.
- 19. The total amount of attorney's fees incurred by Defendants from Peterson Baker was \$128,108.50.<sup>1</sup>

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Defendants anticipate that they will continue to incur fees through the hearing on this Motion and reserves the right to supplement this amount at the time of the hearing.

20. I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

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## EXHIBIT 8-A

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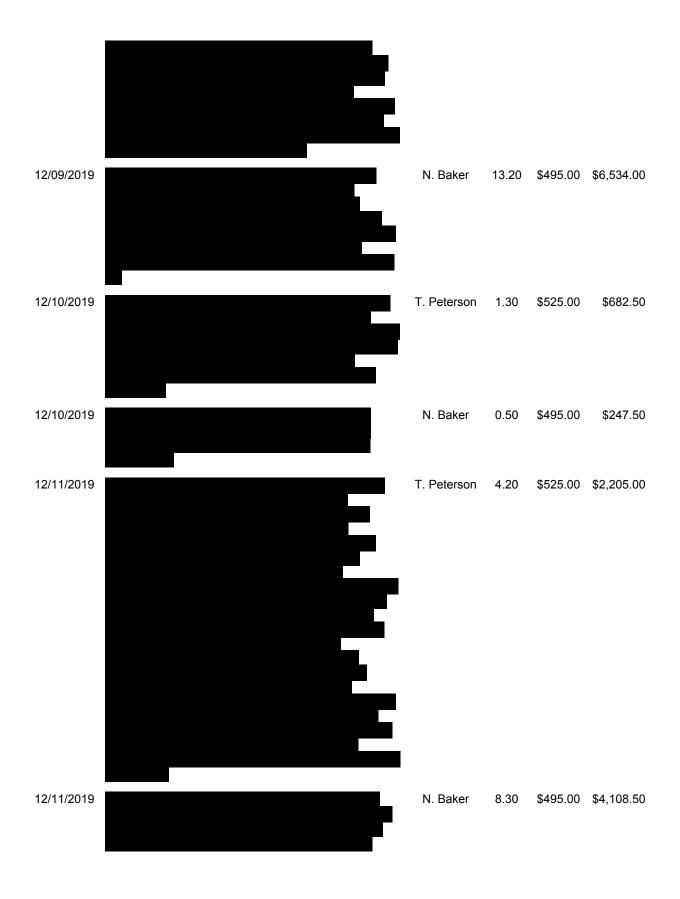
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#### **Services**

Date	Description	Time Keeper	Hours	Rate	Total
12/02/2019		T. Peterson	7.00	\$525.00	\$3,675.00
12/02/2019		N. Baker	0.20	\$495.00	\$99.00
12/03/2019		T. Peterson	1.50	\$525.00	\$787.50
12/03/2019		N. Baker	0.40	\$495.00	\$198.00
12/04/2019		T. Peterson	1.60	\$525.00	\$840.00



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12/18/2019 Email exchange regarding motion to redact [.2]; review T. Peterson \$525.00 \$3.990.00 7.60 draft juror questionnaire [.3]; telephone conference call (2x) with L. Stewart; telephone conference call with S. Peek [.7]; review proposed declarations of R. Semerad and P. Padda [.2]; review communication from S. Peek ; prepare offer of judgment; draft communication as to same [.4]; review L. Stewart draft report; draft communication to team [.5]; review and revise proposed juror questionnaire [.8]; review issues regarding production; draft certificate of compliance [.5]; review draft order from D. Campbell; draft revisions; email exchange with S. Peek and R. Semerad ; draft communication to D. Campbell regarding revisions; email from D. Campbell; he won't agree [.8]; telephone conference call with S. Peek [.3]; email exchange with P. Padda [.2]; emails regarding production; emails regarding supplemental 16.1 [.3]; telephone conference call with P. Padda [.2]; telephone conference call with R. Semerad [.3]; draft communication regarding certification; emails regarding same [.4]; emails regarding 16.1 modification to witness testimony [.3]; emails regarding MIL as to alleged relationship [.1]; draft communications regarding juror questionnaire [.2]; review Cohen proposed questionnaire [.3]; review and analyze J. Moser proposed stipulations; draft comments to R. Semerad and S. Peek [.4]; email exchange with P. Padda and S. Peek [.2] N. Baker 12/18/2019 Review and revise revised declarations [.5]; review 10.70 \$495.00 \$5,296.50 emails regarding comments on draft motion for summary judgment [.2]; make final revisions to motion for summary judgment [1.5]; review emails regarding Offer of Judgment and revise same [.2]; work on Motion in Limine Regarding Unjust Enrichment and conduct legal research [8.3] Email from D. Kutinac regarding signed order [.1]; 12/19/2019 T. Peterson 5.70 \$525.00 \$2,992.50 emails from R. Semerad and B. Downing

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; review and analyze proposed

stipulation; telephone conference call with B. Downing [.5]; work on issues regarding expert report of L. Stewart; telephone conference call (3x) with L. Stewart; draft communication to L. Stewart; review report and attachments [1.5]; revise proposed stipulation regarding R. Cohen religious issues; draft communication to S.

	Peek, R. Semerad ; review S. Peek comments [.4]; review issues regarding upcoming continued depositions, documents as to same [.3]; telephone conference call with S. Peek [.4]; review draft MIL as to unjust enrichment; review ; confer with N. Baker regarding ; draft communication to S. Noyce and R. Semerad email exchange with S. Noyce [.2]; prepare for and meet with P. Davidson and P. Padda [.7]; telephone conference call with B. Downing [.2]; telephone conference call with P. Davidson [.2]; draft communication to J. Moser regarding stipulation as to religious beliefs [.2]; review Stewart revised report; revise disclosure of expert report; draft communication to team [.5]				
12/19/2019	Continue working on motion in limine regarding unjust enrichment damages and conduct research  [4.2]; call with S. Peek and T. Peterson  [5]; begin drafting motion in limine on financial condition and conduct legal research  [2.6]; draft email regarding draft motion in limine on unjust enrichment and questions regarding arguments R. Cohen may raise [.2]; review response  [.1]	N. Baker	7.60	\$495.00	\$3,762.00
12/20/2019	Emails regarding meet and confer on MIL as to unjust enrichment [.2]; confer with N. Baker  [.3]; multiple emails regarding potential briefing schedule [.5]; review MIL regarding alleged Padda / Davidson relationship; draft comments; review ; finalize for filing [.6]; work on issues regarding MILs as to unjust enrichment, financial condition; review prior discovery requests; finalize MIL for filing [.5]; telephone conference call with S. Peek  [.4]; emails to P. Padda  [.2]; work on issues regarding stipulations; draft communication to J. Moser [.2]; review MAC juror questionnaire; draft communication to L. Wakayama; emails regarding juror questionnaire [.7]; work on issues regarding trust MIL [.2]; work on issues regarding prior job performance MIL [.4]; telephone conference call with Prof. Hillman and S. Peek [1.2]; telephone conference call with R. Semerad [.2]; email from J. Moser; telephone conference call with J. Moser; emails with team; draft communication to J. Moser [.4]	T. Peterson	6.90	\$525.00	\$3,622.50
12/20/2019	Calls with R. Semerad [.2]; continue working on motion in limine regarding financial condition and work with T. Peterson	N. Baker	3.30	\$495.00	\$1,633.50

	[1.4]; continue working on, review and finalize unjust enrichment motion in limine [1.0]; review and respond to emails regarding briefing schedule on pre-trial motions [.5]; draft email to R. Semerad				
12/22/2019	Email from D. Campbell; emails with team [.2]; review prior 30(b)(6) deposition; review prior deposition of P. Padda [2.0]	T. Peterson	2.20	\$525.00	\$1,155.00
12/23/2019	Prepare for and attend deposition of P. Padda [3.5]; review motion on OST; multiple emails regarding same; prepare for and attend deposition of P. Davidson [2.0]; emails regarding Davidson deposition and Price receipt of final payment [.2]; review motion for extension of time as to oppositions and briefing schedule; review emails regarding same [.2]; prepare for and attend deposition of Wayne Price; draft communication to team regarding testimony [2.0]	T. Peterson	7.90	\$525.00	\$4,147.50
12/23/2019	Review emails regarding opposition to motion to extend deadline for oppositions to motions in limine and motion for summary judgment, and review motion [.5]; draft email to R. Semerad and B. Downing  [.2]; review emails regarding W. Price deposition [.2]	N. Baker	0.90	\$495.00	\$445.50
12/24/2019	Multiple emails and email exchanges regarding W. Price [.3]; emails regarding opposition to motion for expedited briefing schedule; review and analyze motion; draft comment regarding same [.4]	T. Peterson	0.70	\$525.00	\$367.50
12/24/2019	Draft email regarding briefing to have motion for summary judgment decided on January 21st or 22nd [.2]; review responses [.2]; briefly skim motions in limine filed by R. Cohen and participate in call with R. Semerad and B. Downing [1.1]	N. Baker	1.50	\$495.00	\$742.50
12/26/2019	Review communications from P. Padda, S. Peek  [.4]; prepare for and attend hearing on order shortening time; draft communication to team regarding outcome [2.0]; multiple emails regarding 16.1 obligations; review issues regarding W. Price; review Ramirez case regarding sanctions for witness tampering; draft timeline [4.0]; email to law clerk regarding statement [.2]; email to team regarding hearing [.2]; emails regarding timeline and production, and regarding witness issues [.3]; draft statement of the case; draft communication to team regarding same [.4]; telephone conference call with S. Peek [.3]; email exchange with S. Chopra [.2]	T. Peterson	8.00	\$525.00	\$4,200.00

12/26/2019	Review emails regarding outcome of hearing on motion to extend [.2]; review emails regarding W. Price deposition and next steps, and other trial strategy issues [.2]	N. Baker	0.40	\$495.00	\$198.00
12/27/2019	Review multiple communications regarding statement of the case; revise statement for submission to judge; draft communication to P. Padda; email exchange regarding upcoming hearing; draft communication to D. Kutinac and law clerk [.5]; email from P. Padda  ; email to S. Peek  ; review minute order from court regarding juror questionnaire [.2]	T. Peterson	0.70	\$525.00	\$367.50
12/30/2019	Prepare for and attend hearing as to juror questionnaire and email issues; draft communication to team regarding outcome [2.5]; emails regarding production of text messages [.2]; review Cohen production of W. Price emails; email exchange with P. Padda [.2]; review analysis of online focus group [.5]; review and analyze court's version of juror questionnaire; draft comments to same [.8]; telephone conference call with P. Padda [.2]; review R. Semerad draft motion to compel; draft comments regarding same [.6]; email to L. Wakayama regarding Price [.2]; email exchanges with R. Semerad [.3]	T. Peterson	5.50	\$525.00	\$2,887.50
12/30/2019	Review emails regarding outcome of hearing [.2]	N. Baker	0.20	\$495.00	\$99.00
12/31/2019	Emails regarding motion; emails regarding meet and confer; email exchange with L. Wakayama [.4]; telephone conference call with L. Wakayama and J. Moser [.2]; draft communication to team regarding same [.2]; multiple emails regarding filing ; email exchange regarding declaration [.5]; draft status report regarding juror questionnaire [.5]	T. Peterson	1.80	\$525.00	\$945.00
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Services Subtotal \$99,217.50

#### **Expenses**

Туре	Date	Description	Time Keeper	Quantity	Rate	Total
Expense	11/13/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	T. Peterson	1.00	\$65.38	\$65.38
Expense	11/14/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$51.29	\$51.29
Expense	11/15/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$6.01	\$6.01
Expense	11/25/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	T. Peterson	1.00	\$14.09	\$14.09

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Expense	11/25/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$138.83	\$138.83
Expense	12/09/2019	E109 Local travel: Parking at Courthouse while attending Status Check	T. Peterson	1.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Expense	12/13/2019	E112 Court fees: Filing Fee - Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Wayne Price, Patty Davidson, and Paul Padda to Appear for Their Continued Depositions and to Produce Documents on Order Shortening Time	T. Peterson	1.00	\$3.50	\$3.50
Expense	12/16/2019	E109 Local travel: Parking at Courthouse while attending Hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Price, Davidson, and Padda to Appear for Continued Depositions and to Produce Documents on Order Shortening Time	T. Peterson	1.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Expense	12/16/2019	E107 Delivery services/messengers: Legal Wings Invoice No. R-1917261.01 - Fee to Deliver Courtesy Copy of Opposition to Motion to Compel Price, Davidson and Padda to Continue Depositions and Produce Documents to Department 11	T. Peterson	1.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Expense	12/20/2019	E112 Court fees: Filing Fee - Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 2 to Preclude Plaintiff From Offering Evidence and/or Argument Regarding Defendants' Financial Condition During the Initial Liability Phase of Trial	T. Peterson	1.00	\$3.50	\$3.50
Expense	12/20/2019	E112 Court fees: Filing Fee - Defendants' Motion in Limine No. 3 to Preclude Plaintiff from Offering Any Evidence of and/or Computation for Unjust Enrichment and Quantum Meruit Damages at Trial	T. Peterson	1.00	\$3.50	\$3.50
Expense	12/24/2019	E107 Delivery services/messengers: Legal Wings Invoice No. R-1917698.01- Fee to Deliver Courtesy Copies of Motions in Limine Nos 2 and 3 to Department 11	T. Peterson	1.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

Time Keeper	Hours	Rate	Total
Nikki Baker	96.5	\$495.00	\$47,767.50
Tamara Peterson	98.0	\$525.00	\$51,450.00
		Subtotal	\$99,625.60
		Current Invoice Total	\$99,625.60

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**Expenses Subtotal** 

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### **Detailed Statement of Account**

#### **Other Invoices**

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
1080	01/10/2020	\$59,260.95	\$0.00	\$59,260.95

#### **Current Invoice**

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
1094	02/10/2020	\$99,625.60	\$0.00	\$99,625.60
			Outstanding Balance	\$158,886.55
			Total Amount Outstanding	\$158,886.55

Please make all amounts payable to: Peterson Baker, PLLC

INVOICE

Invoice # 1115 Date: 01/31/2020 Due On: 03/10/2020

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#### **Services**

#### Date Description Time Hours Rate **Discount Total** Keeper 01/02/2020 Review notice of hearing; review clerk order T. Peterson 2.50 \$525.00 \$1,312.50 regarding nonconforming document; review communications regarding order shortening time [.3]; draft communication to S. Peek and R. Semerad email from J. Moser regarding plaintiff status report [.3]; review communication from P. Padda [.2]; review issues emails regarding same [.2]; review communication from J. Moser regarding motion to compel; draft communication regarding same; emails from R. Semerad and S. Peek [.4]; confer with N. Baker [.8]; review proposed order; review R. Semerad revisions; draft communication regarding same [.3] 01/02/2020 Work with T. Peterson N. Baker 1.30 \$495.00 \$643.50 [.8]; draft email to team [.3]; review emails regarding motion to compel [.2] 01/02/2020 \$250.00 \$250.00 begin research D. Astur 1.00 [1.0] 01/03/2020 Review communications regarding W. T. Peterson 2.30 \$525.00 \$1,207.50

	Price; draft communications as to same; email exchanges regarding Price documents; draft communication regarding certification; email from P. Padda  [.6]; emails regarding hearing, proposed order, Price email search; draft multiple communications to R. Semerad  [.5]; email exchanges with P. Davidson and D. Rounds  [.3]; emails regarding pretrial memorandum [.2]; draft communication to S. Peek  [.2]; telephone conference call with P. Davidson and D. Rounds  [.5]					
01/03/2020	Work with N. Baker  [2.0]; research	D. Astur	7.00	\$250.00	50.0%	\$875.00
01/05/2020	Review and analyze R. Cohen's Motion in Limine No. 2 and Motion in Limine No. 5 [1.0]; draft email regarding points to raise on same [.5]; review and capture screenshots from R. Cohen's Facebook page to address in opposition to Motion in Limine No. 5 [.8]	N. Baker	2.30	\$495.00	-	\$1,138.50
01/06/2020	Review multiple emails regarding focus group; review and analyze clopening edits from S. Peek; review and analyze clopenings [.7]; draft communication to Cohen counsel regarding supplemental production as to Price emails [.2]; review emails regarding December 30 hearing and Cohen version of order; multiple email exchanges with R. Semerad [.5]; draft comments regarding focus group issues [.5]; review D. Rounds issues; email exchange with P. Davidson and P. Padda; review S. Peek emails [.7]; review R. Cohen supplemental search [.7]; review R. Cohen supplemental disclosures; draft comments regarding same [1.0]; review draft reply brief as to motion to compel; email to R. Semerad [.3]; review issues regarding focus group [.4]	T. Peterson	4.30	\$525.00	-	\$2,257.50
01/06/2020	Begin reviewing first batch of W. Price emails provided by D. Rounds; locate and organize previously produced emails sent/received or referencing to W. Price [2.3]	E. Parcells	2.30	\$105.00	-	\$241.50

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01/06/2020	Work on opposition to Motion in Limine No. 2 [7.0]; research	N. Baker	8.00	\$495.00	-	\$3,960.00
	conduct research					
01/06/2020	review R. Cohen's deposition transcript [1.0]; begin drafting opposition to Motion in Limine No. 5 [2.7]; research	D. Astur	6.90	\$250.00	-	\$1,725.00
01/07/2020	Email from J. Moser; email from D. Campbell; review W. Price issues [.2]; confer with N. Baker and D. Astur  work on exhibit list for pretrial memorandum [3.5]; multiple email exchanges with R. Semerad, S. Peek, P. Davidson conference call with R. Semerad, S. Peek, P. Davidson Excel files; draft communication to R. Semerad [.6]; telephone conference call with R. Semerad  [.2]; review and revise R. Semerad declaration [.2]; draft communication regarding exhibit list issues [.2]	T. Peterson	6.00	\$525.00	-	\$3,150.00
01/07/2020	Review emails regarding R. Cohen's production of documents and reinstatement of license [.2]	N. Baker	0.20	\$495.00	-	\$99.00
01/07/2020	Continue research  [2.2]; review S. Cogan's deposition transcript and K. Koutz's deposition transcript [2.0]	D. Astur	4.20	\$250.00	50.0%	\$525.00
01/08/2020	Prepare for and attend hearing on motion to compel [2.0]; confer with N. Baker  [.5]; emails from P. Padda and R. Semerad ; email exchange regarding order; email exchange with R. Semerad ; coordinate with E. Parcells [.5]; email exchange with P. Padda [.2]	T. Peterson	3.20	\$525.00	-	\$1,680.00
01/08/2020	Begin drafting Pretrial Disclosures [1.6]	E. Parcells	1.60	\$105.00	-	\$168.00

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01/08/2020	Work with T. Peterson	N. Baker	0.70	\$495.00	-	\$346.50
	[.5]; review and respond to emails regarding pretrial conference between counsel [.2]					
01/08/2020	Research [1.1]	D. Astur	1.10	\$250.00	-	\$275.00
01/09/2020	Continue drafting Pretrial Disclosures [2.6]; revise exhibit list for Pretrial Disclosures [4.5]	E. Parcells	7.10	\$105.00	-	\$745.50
01/09/2020	Review juror questionnaire; draft communication to P. Padda ; email from D. Kutinac; email to S. Peek and R. Semerad [.4]; telephone conference call with P. Padda	T. Peterson	3.50	\$525.00	-	\$1,837.50
	[.2]; emails from R. Semerad; emails regarding witness list [.5]; work on pretrial disclosures [1.1]; multiple emails regarding pretrial disclosure deadline, meet and confer as to joint pretrial memo [.5]; review R. Cohen supplemental disclosures regarding S. Cogan [.1]; draft communication regarding pretrial disclosure [.2]; review and analyze oppositions to plaintiffs MIL 1,2, 3 [.5]					
01/09/2020	Continue working on opposition to R. Cohen's Motion in Limine No. 2 [4.0]; begin working on opposition to R. Cohen's Motion in Limine No. 5 [3.5]; review and comment on drafts of other oppositions to R. Cohen's Motions in Limine [1.0]	N. Baker	8.50	\$495.00	-	\$4,207.50
01/09/2020	[2.1] research draft Reply in Support of Motion in Limine No. 2 [1.1]	D. Astur	4.70	\$250.00	100.0%	\$0.00
01/10/2020	Emails regarding meet and confer as to joint pretrial memorandum; email exchanges regarding exhibit list proposed by Cohen counsel [.4]; review S. Noyce communication ; work on pretrial disclosures [.2]; emails regarding W. Price and JPTM [.2]; telephone conference call (2x) with R. Semerad [.4]; prepare for and participate in conference call with opposing counsel	T. Peterson	5.50	\$525.00	-	\$2,887.50

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	regarding JPTM [.5]; confer with N. Baker  [.4]; work on deposition designations for Cogen and Bogash [1.8]; finalize pretrial disclosures for service [.5]; confer with N. Baker review and finalize MIL 5 for filing [.7]; multiple emails regarding date of pretrial conference [.2]; review and finalize MIL 2 for filing [.2]					
01/10/2020	Revise Exhibit List to Pretrial Disclosures [3.8]; telephone conference and email exchanges with S. Noyce [.1]; revise Pretrial Disclosures [.2]	E. Parcells	4.10	\$105.00	-	\$430.50
01/10/2020	Continue working on opposition to Motion in Limine No. 5 and conduct legal research [6.9]; review revisions to oppositions to Motion in Limine Nos. 2 and 5 [1.0]; make final edits to same [2.0]	N. Baker	9.90	\$495.00	-	\$4,900.50
01/10/2020	Work with N. Baker Reply in Support of Motion in Limine No. 3 [.4]	D. Astur	0.40	\$250.00	-	\$100.00
01/11/2020	Review communication from P. Padda and review investigative report regarding B. Jackson [.3]	T. Peterson	0.30	\$525.00	-	\$157.50
01/12/2020	Review communication from P. Padda  email exchange regarding production [.3]; email from P. Padda  [.2]	T. Peterson	0.50	\$525.00	-	\$262.50
01/13/2020	Review emails regarding pretrial conference; court will still hold conference [.2]; email to R. Semerad	T. Peterson	0.40	\$525.00	-	\$210.00
01/13/2020	Review emails regarding moving deadline to file pre-trial memorandum and pre-trial conference [.2]	N. Baker	0.20	\$495.00	-	\$99.00
01/14/2020	Review communications regarding competing orders as to Holo review of Cohen computer [.2]; emails regarding Joint pretrial memorandum, and replies in support of MSJ and MILs [.3]	T. Peterson	0.50	\$525.00	-	\$262.50
01/14/2020	Review and respond to emails regarding call to discuss reply brief [.2]	N. Baker	0.20	\$495.00	-	\$99.00
01/15/2020	Review communications regarding motions for sanctions; review proposed motion for	T. Peterson	3.10	\$525.00	-	\$1,627.50

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	sanctions [.6]; review P. Padda emails [.4]; email exchange with N. Baker, R. Semerad [.1]; telephone conference call with D. Campbell regarding W. Price continued deposition [.2]; review S. Noyce combined joint pretrial memorandum [.2]; review and analyze plaintiff opposition to motion for summary judgment [.5]; telephone conference call with N. Baker, R. Semerad, and B. Downing [.6]; review issues regarding upcoming pretrial conference [.5]					
01/15/2020	Draft Reply in Support of Motion in Limine No. 3 [3.9]	D. Astur	3.90	\$250.00	-	\$975.00
01/15/2020	Work with D. Astur [.2]; call with R. Semerad and others [.5]	N. Baker	0.70	\$495.00	-	\$346.50
01/16/2020	Prepare for and attend pretrial conference [1.5]; draft communication regarding same; email exchanges regarding W. Price [.4]; telephone conference call with P. Padda [.4]; review issues with expectancy resolution agreement; confer with N. Baker and D. Astur [.5]; emails from R. Semerad and L. Wakayama regarding exhibit list to joint pretrial memorandum; email exchange with S. Peek [.4]; review multiple emails regarding potential motion to dismiss and statute of limitations issues; review proposed motion [.5]; review R. Semerad proposed combined draft pretrial memoranda; draft comments to R. Semerad [.4]	T. Peterson	4.10	\$525.00	-	\$2,152.50
01/16/2020	Review and analyze Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion in Limine No. 2 [1.0]; work with D. Astur and T. Peterson  [1.2]; review and respond to e-mails regarding meeting to review potential trial exhibits [.2]	N. Baker	2.40	\$495.00	-	\$1,188.00
01/16/2020	Research	D. Astur	1.10	\$250.00	-	\$275.00
01/17/2020	Confer with D. Astur [.2]; email exchanges with P. Padda and R. Semerad	T. Peterson	0.40	\$525.00	-	\$210.00

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01/17/2020	Review and analyze Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion in Limine No. 3 [.7]; draft emails to D. Astur [.8]; review and analyze Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment [1.2]; begin working on reply brief and conduct legal research processes, including review and analysis of cases cited by R. Cohen [3.4]	N. Baker	6.10	\$495.00	-	\$3,019.50
01/18/2020	Prepare for and meet with P. Padda, R. Semerad, and S. Peek [6.0]	T. Peterson	6.00	\$525.00	-	\$3,150.00
01/20/2020	[.2]; review R. Cohen supplemental disclosures in preparation for hearing on motion for sanctions [.8]; review R. Semerad modifications to joint pretrial order, including redline; verify key documents from pretrial disclosures are on version submitted to plaintiff [.5]	T. Peterson	1.50	\$525.00	-	\$787.50
01/20/2020	Review and analyze emails regarding allegations regarding Cohen and Padda partnership and fee split issues [.3]; review of draft motion to dismiss [.5]; call with R. Semerad  [.2]; continue working on reply in support of Motion for Summary Judgment and conduct legal research  ; review emails regarding R.  Cohen's Facebook posts [.2]	N. Baker	9.80	\$495.00	-	\$4,851.00
01/21/2020	Review multiple communications from J. Moser, L. Wakayama, R. Semerad, D. Kutinac regarding continued due date for joint pretrial memorandum [.3]; confer with N. Baker ; review multiple communications regarding R. Cohen production and documents not produced regarding CLE; review R. Semerad emails [.5]; emails regarding juror questionnaires [.2]; review and analyze reply brief in support of motion for sanctions [1.0]; emails regarding fee split issues; confer with N. Baker [.3]	T. Peterson	2.30	\$525.00	-	\$1,207.50
01/21/2020	Work with T. Peterson	N. Baker	7.40	\$495.00	-	\$3,663.00

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	[.5]; review R. Cohen's recent disclosures and draft email regarding same [.4]; review responses [.1]; review R. Cohen's opposition to motion for sanctions and reply in support of same [.3]; continue working on reply in support of Motion for Summary Judgment [6.1]					
01/21/2020	Continue research	D. Astur	0.80	\$250.00	-	\$200.00
01/22/2020	Prepare for and attend hearing on motion for sanctions; confer with P. Padda and S. Peek  [2.0]; draft communication to D. Campbell regarding W. Price and R. Cohen deposition [.2]; review and analyze Reply for MIL1  [3]; draft comment [.5]; email from D. Kutinac regarding additional juror information [.1]; review and analyze Reply for MIL 6 [5]; email graft comments regarding same [.3]; draft communication to L. Wakayama regarding reinstatement application [.2]; emails regarding lack of designation for Koutz testimony [.2]; review and analyze reply brief for MIL 7 [.4]; emails regarding Holpuch, potential withdrawal of MIL 12 [.4]; review reply brief for MIL 9 [.2]	T. Peterson	4.50	\$525.00	-	\$2,362.50
01/22/2020	Review and comment on drafts of reply briefs [.9]; continue working on reply brief in support of Motion for Summary Judgment [10.5]; review and respond to email from T. Peterson [.1]; draft email to group [.3]	N. Baker	11.80	\$495.00	-	\$5,841.00
01/22/2020	Confer with N. Baker [.3]	D. Astur	0.30	\$250.00	-	\$75.00
01/23/2020	Email exchange with S. Noyce  [.2]; email to J. Rodionova regarding exhibit list [.1]; confer with N. Baker  [.2]; review plaintiff seventeenth supplement as to application for reinstatement [.1]; review S. Peek objections to exhibit list for inclusion in joint pretrial memorandum [.5]	T. Peterson	1.10	\$525.00	-	\$577.50
01/23/2020	Continue working on reply in support of Motion for Summary Judgment; draft email regarding issues to consider for reply;	N. Baker	6.80	\$495.00	-	\$3,366.00

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	review email and revisions from Client; conduct legal research					
01/24/2020	Review and analyze updated draft of reply brief, and comments from N. Baker and R. Semerad [.5]; review and analyze reply brief in support of MIL 2, revisions to same [.4]; review and analyze reply brief in support of MIL 3 [.3]; finalize reply briefs for MIL 2 and 3 for filing [.2]; continue review of exhibit list for JPTM; review S. Noyce comments; draft comments as to exhibit list [1.2]; review and analyze reply brief in support of MIL 11 [.2]; review and finalize reply brief in support of motion for summary judgment [.2]; email exchange with S. Noyce [.2]; draft proposed order denying motion for sanctions [.4]	T. Peterson	3.60	\$525.00		\$1,890.00
01/24/2020	Work on, review comments to and finalize reply briefs to Motions in Limine Nos. 2 and 3 [4.4]; review and respond to emails from Client regarding same and reply in support of Motion for Summary Judgment [.5]; continue working on and conducting legal research  review and analyze R. Cohen's replies in support of Motion in Limine No. 2 and Motion in Limine No. 5 [.5]; draft email to court regarding courtesy copy of reply brief [.2]	N. Baker	7.60	\$495.00	-	\$3,762.00
01/24/2020	Work on replies in support of Motion in Limine Nos. 2 and 3 [.3]	D. Astur	0.30	\$250.00	-	\$75.00
01/24/2020	Revisit analogy of other types of professional license suspension and how it affects claims in contract [.6]	D. Astur	0.60	\$250.00	100.0%	\$0.00
01/25/2020	Continue review of summary judgment motion, exhibits, deposition testimony, case law, supplemental production, all in preparation for upcoming hearing on summary judgment and deposition of R. Cohen [4.0]	T. Peterson	4.00	\$525.00	-	\$2,100.00
01/27/2020	Prepare for and attend hearing on summary judgment; court grants motion [3.5]; emails regarding next steps, costs, motion for attorney fees, order [.2]	T. Peterson	3.70	\$525.00	-	\$1,942.50
01/27/2020	Discuss with T. Peterson .1]; review and respond to emails regarding same [.2]	N. Baker	0.30	\$495.00	-	\$148.50

01/28/2020	[.5]; review transcript and minutes for motion for sanctions; revise order denying motion for sanctions; draft communication to S. Peek, R. Semerad, P. Padda; emails regarding proposed order [.6]; emails regarding offer of judgment [.2]; draft communication to L. Wakayama and D. Campbell regarding proposed order on motion for sanctions [.2]	T. Peterson	1.50	\$525.00	-	\$787.50		
01/28/2020	Work with T. Peterson [.5]	N. Baker	0.50	\$495.00	-	\$247.50		
01/29/2020	Email from L. Wakayama regarding proposed revisions to order; review revisions; email to S. Peek, R. Semerad, P. Padda ; emails from P. Padda and S. Peek; revise order [.5]; draft communication to L. Wakayama; review communication from J. Bauer; coordinate regarding submission to court [.2]	T. Peterson	0.70	\$525.00	-	\$367.50		
01/30/2020	Review minutes of hearing on summary judgment; review transcript of hearing and findings of court; all in preparation for draft order to be submitted and likely appeal; emails regarding draft order [.5]	T. Peterson	0.50	\$525.00	-	\$262.50		
01/31/2020	Work on issues regarding memorandum of costs; review costs for submission [.5]; review and analyze proposed order, S. Peek edits; review multiple emails regarding proposed order, interplay with transcript [.4]	T. Peterson	0.90	\$525.00	-	\$472.50		
01/31/2020	Review transcript from hearing on Motion for Summary Judgment [.2]; review draft order and emails regarding same [.5]; draft email regarding points to address in order granting motion for summary judgment and review responses [1.0]	N. Baker	1.70	\$495.00	-	\$841.50		
		Line I	-\$2,725.00					
		Services Subtotal						

### **Expenses**

Туре	Date	Description	Time Keeper	Quantity	Rate	Total
Expense	12/04/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext	T. Peterson	1.00	\$8.25	\$8.25

		Legal Research				
Expense	12/06/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$19.34	\$19.34
Expense	12/11/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$31.72	\$31.72
Expense	12/11/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	T. Peterson	1.00	\$24.76	\$24.76
Expense	12/12/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$66.27	\$66.27
Expense	12/12/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	T. Peterson	1.00	\$96.34	\$96.34
Expense	12/13/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	T. Peterson	1.00	\$20.64	\$20.64
Expense	12/16/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$8.25	\$8.25
Expense	12/18/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$265.33	\$265.33
Expense	12/19/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$182.43	\$182.43
Expense	12/20/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$30.42	\$30.42
Expense	12/26/2019	E109 Local travel: Parking at Courthouse while attending Hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Extend Opposition Deadline and Establish Briefing Schedule on Order Shortening Time	T. Peterson	1.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
Expense	12/26/2019	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	T. Peterson	1.00	\$4.13	\$4.13
Expense	12/30/2019	E109 Local travel: Parking at Courthouse while attending Hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Adopt Plaintiff's Version of the Proposed Jury Questionnaire	T. Peterson	1.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
Expense	12/31/2019	E115 Deposition transcripts: Rocket Reporters Invoice No. 204206 - transcript of Wayne Price taken December 2, 2019	T. Peterson	1.00	\$2,181.40	\$2,181.40
Expense	01/02/2020	E112 Court fees: Filing Fee - Defendants' Defendants' Status Report Regarding Jury Questionnaire	T. Peterson	1.00	\$3.50	\$3.50
Expense	01/03/2020	E107 Delivery services/messengers: Legal Wings Invoice No. R-1918451.01 - Fee to Deliver Courtesy Copy of	T. Peterson	1.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

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		Defendants' Status Report Regarding Jury Questionnaire to Department 11				
Expense	01/06/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	D. Astur	1.00	\$79.90	\$79.90
Expense	01/06/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$20.14	\$20.14
Expense	01/08/2020	E109 Local travel: Parking at Courthouse while attending Hearing on Defendants' Motion to Compel Plaintiff to Produce Certain Documents that are Relevant and Material to This Case	T. Peterson	1.00	\$10.50	\$10.50
Expense	01/08/2020	E115 Deposition transcripts: Rocket Reporters Invoice No. 204286 - transcript of Wayne Price taken December 23, 2019	T. Peterson	1.00	\$600.50	\$600.50
Expense	01/08/2020	E115 Deposition transcripts: Rocket Reporters Invoice No. 204288 - transcript of Paul Padda, Esq. taken December 23, 2019	T. Peterson	1.00	\$782.50	\$782.50
Expense	01/08/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	D. Astur	1.00	\$31.82	\$31.82
Expense	01/09/2020	E115 Deposition transcripts: Rocket Reporters Invoice No. 204290 - transcript of Patricia J. Davidson taken December 23, 2019	T. Peterson	1.00	\$447.50	\$447.50
Expense	01/09/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	D. Astur	1.00	\$134.91	\$134.91
Expense	01/09/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$9.97	\$9.97
Expense	01/10/2020	E112 Court fees: Filing Fee - Oppositions to Motions in Limine Nos. 2 and 5 and Pretrial Disclosures	T. Peterson	1.00	\$3.50	\$3.50
Expense	01/10/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$20.25	\$20.25
Expense	01/13/2020	E107 Delivery services/messengers: Legal Wings Invoice No. 1919349.01 - fee to delivery courtesy copies of (1) Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion in Limine No. 2; (2) Opposition to Plaintiff's motion in Limine No. 5 and (3) Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures	T. Peterson	1.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Expense	01/15/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	D. Astur	1.00	\$92.34	\$92.34
Expense	01/16/2020	E109 Local travel: Parking at Courthouse while attending Pretrial	T. Peterson	1.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

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		Conference				
Expense	01/16/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	D. Astur	1.00	\$33.00	\$33.00
Expense	01/17/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	D. Astur	1.00	\$52.85	\$52.85
Expense	01/17/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$78.63	\$78.63
Expense	01/20/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$10.34	\$10.34
Expense	01/21/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	D. Astur	1.00	\$64.99	\$64.99
Expense	01/21/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$24.16	\$24.16
Expense	01/22/2020	E109 Local travel: Parking at Courthouse while attending Hearing on Defendants' Motion for Sanctions Against Plaintiff	T. Peterson	1.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
Expense	01/22/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	D. Astur	1.00	\$30.59	\$30.59
Expense	01/22/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$276.65	\$276.65
Expense	01/23/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$5.72	\$5.72
Expense	01/24/2020	E112 Court fees: Filing Fee - Reply in Support of Motion in Limine #2	T. Peterson	1.00	\$3.50	\$3.50
Expense	01/24/2020	E112 Court fees: Filing Fee - Reply in Support of Motion in Limine #3	T. Peterson	1.00	\$3.50	\$3.50
Expense	01/24/2020	E112 Court fees: Filing Fee - Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment	T. Peterson	1.00	\$3.50	\$3.50
Expense	01/24/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	D. Astur	1.00	\$0.55	\$0.55
Expense	01/24/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$5.35	\$5.35
Expense	01/27/2020	E109 Local travel: Parking at Courthouse while attending Hearing on Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment	T. Peterson	1.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Expense	01/27/2020	E107 Delivery services/messengers: Legal Wings Invoice No. 1920193.01 - fee to delivery courtesy copies of (1) Reply in Support of Motion in Limine No.	T. Peterson	1.00	\$60.00	\$60.00

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2; (2) Reply in Support of Motion in Limine No. 3; and (3) Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment

Expense 01/31/2020 E107 Delivery services/messengers:

Legal Wings Invoice No. 1920673.01 - fee to pick up Order Denying Motion for Sanctions and Awarding Attorney's Fees from Marquis Aurbach Coffing

T. Peterson 1.00 \$57.00 \$57.00

Expenses Subtotal \$5,987.94

Time Keeper	Hours	Rate	Discount	Total
David Astur	32.3	\$250.00	-\$2,725.00	\$5,350.00
Nikki Baker	86.4	\$495.00	-	\$42,768.00
Tamara Peterson	66.9	\$525.00	-	\$35,122.50
Erin Parcells	15.1	\$105.00	-	\$1,585.50
			Subtotal	\$90,813.94
			Current Invoice Total	\$90,813.94

### **Detailed Statement of Account**

### **Other Invoices**

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
1080	01/10/2020	\$59,260.95	\$0.00	\$59,260.95
1094	02/10/2020	\$99,625.60	\$0.00	\$99,625.60

### **Current Invoice**

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
1115	03/10/2020	\$90,813.94	\$0.00	\$90,813.94
			Outstanding Balance	\$249,700.49
			Total Amount Outstanding	\$249,700.49

Please make all amounts payable to: Peterson Baker, PLLC

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### **INVOICE**

Invoice # 1143 Date: 02/29/2020 Due On: 04/10/2020

### **Services**

Date	Description	Time Keeper	Hours	Rate	Total
02/03/2020	Review signed order as to sanctions motion; review notice of entry of order; review communication from P. Padda [.1]; draft communication to L. Wakayama and J. Moser regarding offer to exchange checks [.2]; confer with N. Baker [.2]	T. Peterson	0.50	\$525.00	\$262.50
02/03/2020	Work on order granting motion for summary judgment [4.0]; conduct legal research  ; draft email regarding revised draft of order and additional issues to consider [.4]	N. Baker	5.40	\$495.00	\$2,673.00
02/04/2020	Review and analyze proposed order granting motion for summary judgment; review ; research	T. Peterson	0.30	\$525.00	\$157.50
02/05/2020	Review proposed revisions/comments to draft order granting motion for summary judgment and make additional changes [1.0]	N. Baker	1.00	\$495.00	\$495.00
02/07/2020	Review and comment on Plaintiff's proposed revisions to order granting motion for summary judgment [.5]	N. Baker	0.50	\$495.00	\$247.50
02/10/2020	Review S. Peek revisions to order, including comments and suggestions to send to P. Erwin; email to S. Peek [.2]; multiple emails regarding order and submission to court [.1]	T. Peterson	0.30	\$525.00	\$157.50
02/11/2020	Multiple emails and email exchanges regarding costs, fees, backup for same; review draft memorandum of costs [.5]	T. Peterson	0.50	\$525.00	\$262.50

Services Subtotal

\$6,430.50

02/14/2020	Review prior minute orders, court orders regarding sealing and redaction; draft communication to R. Semerad [.2]	T. Peterson	0.20	\$525.00	\$105.00
02/17/2020	Work on declaration in support of legal research costs, and draft email regarding same [1.0]	N. Baker	1.00	\$495.00	\$495.00
02/18/2020	Multiple emails regarding summary judgment order [.2]; review proposed motion for attorney's fees [.4]	T. Peterson	0.60	\$525.00	\$315.00
02/19/2020	Email exchange with R. Semerad  [.2]; review S. Peek revisions to Memorandum of costs, ; draft email exchanges with S. Peek  [.2]; review and analyze R. Semerad revisions to motion for attorney fees; review and revise declaration of T. Peterson, declaration of J. Reisman, and declaration of S. Peek [.8]; email exchange with R. Semerad  [.2]; telephone conference call with S. Peek and R. Semerad  [.3]	T. Peterson	2.10	\$525.00	\$1,102.50
02/21/2020	Telephone conference call with R. Semerad [.1]; telephone conference call with P. Padda [.2]	T. Peterson	0.30	\$525.00	\$157.50

### **Expenses**

Туре	Date	Description	Time Keeper	Quantity	Rate	Total
Expense	02/03/2020	E112 Court fees: Filing Fee - Order Denying Motion for Sanctions and Awarding Attorney's Fees	T. Peterson	1.00	\$3.50	\$3.50
Expense	02/03/2020	E112 Court fees: Filing Fee - Notice of Entry of Order Denying Motion for Sanctions and Awarding Attorney's Fees	T. Peterson	1.00	\$3.50	\$3.50
Expense	02/03/2020	E106 Online research: WestlawNext Legal Research	N. Baker	1.00	\$12.89	\$12.89
Expense	02/05/2020	E107 Delivery services/messengers: Legal Wings Invoice No. R-1921159.01 - fee to deliver Order Denying Motion for Sanctions and Awarding Attorney's Fees to Department 11 for signature	T. Peterson	1.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
			Expe	nses Subto	tal	\$44.89

Time Keeper	Hours	Rate	Total
Nikki Baker	7.9	\$495.00	\$3,910.50
Tamara Peterson	4.8	\$525.00	\$2,520.00
		Subtotal	\$6,475.39
		Current Invoice Total	\$6,475.39

### **Detailed Statement of Account**

### Other Invoices

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
1080	01/10/2020	\$59,260.95	\$0.00	\$59,260.95
1094	02/10/2020	\$99,625.60	\$0.00	\$99,625.60
1115	03/10/2020	\$90,813.94	\$0.00	\$90,813.94

### **Current Invoice**

Balance Due	Payments Received	Amount Due	Due On	Invoice Number
\$6,475.39	\$0.00	\$6,475.39	04/10/2020	1143
\$256,175.88	Outstanding Balance			
\$256,175.88	Total Amount Outstanding			

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DISTRICT COURT

**CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 

Case No.: A-19-792599-B Dept. No.: XI

PLAINTIFF'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' **MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; JUDGMENT** 

Hearing Date: March 23, 2020 Hearing Time: In Chambers

Plaintiff Ruth L. Cohen ("Plaintiff"), by and through her undersigned counsel, hereby submits her Reply in Support of Motion for Reconsideration of Order Granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment; Judgment.

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### **POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

### I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff argued in her Motion for Reconsideration that the Order Granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment (the "Order") was clearly erroneous because the general principle upon which it was based—i.e., that suspended lawyers are prohibited from recovering or sharing in attorney's fees under NRPC 5.4(a)—does not apply where, as here, (i) the fees are owed pursuant to an agreement between counsel that existed prior to the suspension, and (ii) the suspended attorney had fully performed all work required of her prior to the suspension. Defendants do not contest the first of these elements as the parties undisputedly entered the subject Dissolution Agreement on December 23, 2014, more than two years prior to Plaintiff's suspension. See Order ¶¶ 2:18-20; 4:5-8. As for the second element, Defendants simply ignore it. That is because they cannot overcome the Court's undisputed factual finding that "nothing in the Dissolution Agreement required or anticipated that Ms. Cohen would perform work on the contingency cases that comprised [] her Expectancy Interest." Id. at 2:25-27. Stated differently, any work required of Plaintiff on the contingency fee cases that comprised her Expectancy Interest was completed at the time of the Dissolution Agreement, long before she was suspended.

Unable to explain away the undisputed facts that render NRPC 5.4(a) inapplicable, Defendants opt for misdirection. First, Defendants contend reconsideration is rarely granted and nonetheless unwarranted here because Plaintiff relies on cases she could have cited in her original Opposition. See Opp'n at 7:14-9:10. This argument ignores the unmistakable reality that courts are always free to reconsider clearly erroneous rulings despite a lack of new evidence. Next, Defendants claim the Order cannot be clearly erroneous because Her Honor simply chose to follow one of two approaches adopted by different courts when determining whether a suspended attorney may recover attorney's fees. See id. at 15:3-16:18. That, however, is a false construct as the so-

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called "vigorous split" of authority Defendants rely upon addresses an altogether different situation than the one presented here. Finally, Defendants' attempt to distinguish Plaintiff's persuasive authorities on grounds the contracts at issue in those cases were referral fee or origination agreements, which are different from the Dissolution Agreement signed by the parties in this action. See id. at 9:15-13:23. This is silly. The principle articulated in Plaintiff's case law does not turn on the label affixed to the agreement between counsel. We briefly address each point below.

### II. ARGUMENT

### The Court is Always Free to Reconsider a Clearly Erroneous Ruling. A.

Defendants correctly acknowledge that "[a] district court may consider a motion for reconsideration concerning a previously decided issue if the decision was clearly erroneous." Opp'n at 7:27-28 (citing Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n of Southern Nevada v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth, Ltd., 113 Nev. 737, 741, 941 P.2d 486, 489 (1997)). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Defendants argue reconsideration is improper because "[p]oints or contentions not raised in the original hearing cannot be maintained or considered on rehearing." *Id.* at 8:1-4 (quoting *Achrem v*. Expressway Plaza Ltd. Partnership, 112 Nev. 737, 742, 917 P.2d 447, 450 (1996)). Defendants contend the latter principle applies here as Plaintiff "ignored" the legal authorities she now relies upon when "preparing her opposition to summary judgment." Id. at 7:19-20. The argument misses the mark.

As a threshold matter, Achrem was decided the year before Masonry and, thus, did not have the benefit of the relevant language from that case, to wit: "a district court may reconsider a previously decided issue if substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced or the decision is clearly erroneous." 113 Nev. at 741, 941 P.2d at 489 (affirming grant of reconsideration where original decision was "clearly erroneous" and district court was presented with "new clarifying [though not recently-decided] case law") (emphasis added). The Nevada Supreme

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Court's use of the disjunctive term "or" means that reconsideration is proper in either of the identified situations. See Anderson v. State, 109 Nev. 1129, 1134, 865 P.2d 318, 321 (1993) (indicating that the Legislature's use of the disjunctive "or" required "one or the other, but not necessarily both").

The Achrem court found that reconsideration was improper because Achrem submitted preexisting evidence for the first time on its reconsideration motion. 112 Nev. at 742, 917 P.2d at 450 ("The district court refused to consider the affidavits because they were not properly submitted as evidence before the district court reached its decision in this case."). Reconsideration, in other words, was not warranted under what would become the first prong of the *Masonry* framework. That is not the situation here. Plaintiff is not asking the Court to consider previously un-cited evidence. To the contrary, Plaintiff respectfully submits the Court's prior decision is clearly erroneous under the second prong of the *Masonry* framework based on the undisputed facts already set forth in the Order. Plaintiff readily acknowledged she is asking Her Honor to reconsider the Order based on case law not previously cited, see Mot. at 2:5-10, as the Court is unquestionably free to do. See Masonry, supra; Harvey's Wagon Wheel, Inc. v. MacSween, 96 Nev. 215, 217-18, 606 P.2d 1095, 1096-97 (1980) (even though "facts and law were unchanged," reconsideration was proper where court was more familiar with the case and "persuaded by the rationale of the newly cited authority"). None of Defendants' authorities hold otherwise.

### The Purported "Split of Authority" Defendants Rely Upon Is Inapplicable. В.

Defendants contend that the Order is not clearly erroneous because the Court simply chose one of two approaches followed by different jurisdictions when determining whether a suspended attorney may recover or share in fees. See Opp'n at 16:14-18. According to Defendants' authorities, the two approaches may be summarized as follows:

Two principal lines of authority have emerged in other jurisdictions concerning an attorney's right to compensation after he has been suspended or disbarred before

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completion of his services for the client. Under one view . . . the fact that an attorney was suspended or disbarred is regarded as the equivalent of unjustified voluntary abandonment of the client and precludes recovery for legal work performed prior to the disciplinary action.

A second line of authority does not bar recovery per se, but rather allows a disbarred or suspended attorney to recover the reasonable value of services rendered prior to the discipline in certain situations.

Kourouvacilis v. Am. Fed. of State, Cty. and Mun. Employees, 841 N.E.2d 1273, 1279-80 (Mass. Ct. App. 2006) (emphasis added); see also Pollock v. Wetterau Food Dist. Group, 11 S.W.3d 754, 772-73 (Mo. Ct. App. 1999) (same). Unfortunately for Defendants, neither approach addresses the situation presented here.

The key distinction between Defendants' authorities and those cited by Plaintiff in her reconsideration motion is found in the language emphasized above. Defendants' authorities—both in the summary judgment briefing and opposing reconsideration—addressed situations in which the attorney was seeking to recover fees where he or she had been suspended or disbarred prior to the completion of their services for the client. In those cases, the respective courts view the suspension or disbarment as the equivalent of abandoning the client such that they must determine whether the attorney is entitled to no fees at all or whether he or she is limited to recovery in quantum meruit for the reasonable values of the services rendered prior to suspension/disbarment. There was, however, no abandonment in the case at bar.

The Order makes clear that Plaintiff had a very limited initial role in the Pending Cases that comprised her Expectancy Interest under the Dissolution Agreement, and had no active role therein by 2012 (Moradi) and 2014 (Garland), well before the Dissolution Agreement was signed in December 2014 and even longer before Plaintiff's suspension in April 2017. See Order at 3:18-28. Recognizing this limited role, the Court correctly found that "[n]othing in the Dissolution Agreement required or anticipated that Ms. Cohen would perform work on the contingency cases that comprised [] her Expectancy Interest." Order at 2:25-27. Plaintiff, thus, had completed her

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services in the Pending Cases at the time of entering the Dissolution Agreement when she was still an active, licensed attorney. This undisputed factual finding—which Defendants conveniently ignore in their Opposition—takes Plaintiff out of the client-abandonment line of cases, and puts her squarely into the distinct line of cases that allow a suspended attorney to recover fees pursuant to a fee-sharing agreement that existed prior to suspension, and where the subject attorney had performed all work required of her prior to the suspension. See Mot. at 4:10-6:19.

### Plaintiff's Right to Recovery Does Not Turn on the Label Affixed to the Fee-Sharing C. Agreement at Issue.

Besides their attempt to put Plaintiff's cases into the inapplicable "split of authority" addressed above, Defendants also try to distinguish them based on purported differences between the type of fee-sharing arrangements at issue. Specifically, Defendants contend that Plaintiff's authorities allowed recovery based on completed referral fee or origination agreements between counsel whereas Plaintiff seeks to recover based on the parties' Dissolution Agreement. See Opp'n at 9:15-15:2. The difference, according to Defendants, is that "Plaintiff did not receive her Expectancy Interest as a result of her performing any value-creating acts that were definitively completed prior to her suspension such as referring any of the cases subject to her Expectancy Interest." *Id.* at 11:22-24. This argument fails for multiple reasons.

First, the attorneys' right to recover in Plaintiff's cases did not turn on whether they had performed "value-creating acts" prior to their suspension. Rather, to the extent the attorneys were

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Insofar as the Order states that "NRPC 5.4(a) prohibits suspended lawyers from recovering or sharing in attorney's fees earned on cases that were open and unresolved at the time the lawyers were suspended," id. at 7:17-19, this conclusion of law is true only as far as it goes. While it may be a correct statement of the law when the attorney is suspended or disbarred prior to completing his or her services to the client, Plaintiff submits it is clearly erroneous in the present context where the fee sharing agreement was entered and the attorney's services were completed long before the suspension.

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required to perform any services to the client, those services must have been completed prior to the suspension in order to permit recovery. That requirement was satisfied here.

Second, multiple courts have recognized that attorneys within the same firm—which Ms. Cohen and Mr. Padda were at the time of the dissolution Agreement—can agree to split fees without regard to the value of the services rendered or the responsibility assumed. See Mot. at 5:24-28 (citing Norton Frickey, P.C. v. James B. Turner, P.C., 94 P.3d 1266, 1267-70 (Colo. Ct. App. 2004)); see also NRPC 1.5(e) (rule requiring client consent to division of fees applies only to lawyers "who are not in the same firm" and, in any event, contains no proportionality requirement). The suggestion, then, that Ms. Cohen was required to perform "value-creating acts" to obtain her Expectancy Interest is directly contradicted by the Dissolution Agreement, the Order, and the law.

Third, denying Plaintiff the opportunity to recover fees based on the label affixed to the parties' fee-sharing arrangement would be the epitome of elevating form over substance, which is something the Nevada Supreme Court has repeatedly eschewed. Cf. Perry v. Terrible Herbst, Inc., 132 Nev. 767, 770, 383 P.3d 257, 260 (2016) ("The nature of the claim, not its label, determines what statute of limitations applies."); Bally's Grand Hotel & Casino v. Reeves, 112 Nev. 1487, 1488, 929 P.2d 936, 937 (1996) ("This court has consistently looked past labels in interpreting NRAP 3A(b)(1)[.]"). Regardless of its title, the Dissolution Agreement established a fee sharing arrangement between Plaintiff and Defendants; the parties entered the agreement prior to Plaintiff's suspension; and Plaintiff had performed all services required of her the day the agreement was signed—more than two years before her suspension for failure to satisfy CLE requirements. Under these undisputed facts, Plaintiff should be permitted to proceed to trial.

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### III. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff respectfully submits that her Motion for Reconsideration should be granted.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2020.

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### By /s/ *Philip R. Erwin*

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### DISTRICT COURT

### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Plaintiff,

VS.

PAUL S. PADDA, an individual; PAUL PADDA LAW, PLLC, a Nevada professional limited liability company; DOE individuals I-X; and, ROE entities I-X,

Case No.: A-19-792599-B Dept. No.: XI

### PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO **DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES**

Date of Hearing: April 17, 2020 Time of Hearing: IN CHAMBERS

Defendants.

Plaintiff Ruth L. Cohen ("Ms. Cohen"), by and through her attorneys of record, the law firm of Marquis Aurbach Coffing and the law firm of Campbell & Williams, hereby files her Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees ("Opposition"). This Opposition is made and based upon the pleadings and papers on file herein, the following points and authorities, and any argument allowed by the Court at the time of hearing.

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### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

This case arose as a result of Defendants Paul S. Padda's ("Mr. Padda") and Paul Padda Law, LLC's fraudulent misconduct in order to perpetuate their own greed to the detriment of Ms. Cohen. As his longtime mentor and partner, Ms. Cohen completely trusted that Mr. Padda was being honest when he convinced her that a \$50,000 buyout of her interests was more than fair based on the value of the partnership's assets (i.e., the contingency fee cases). Mr. Padda specifically told Ms. Cohen that the David Moradi case was "in the toilet" since he had returned to work as a hedge-fund manager and that she shouldn't wait around for any recovery. Later on, Mr. Padda's lies surfaced when Ms. Cohen read in the newspaper that the jury had awarded Mr. Moradi \$160.5 million. Little did Ms. Cohen know that, days before Mr. Padda approached her with the proposed buyout, he was aware that Mr. Moradi's economic expert valued the case over \$300 million, that Mr. Moradi had not returned to work and that he had settled the Mark Garland case for \$215,000. All of this, Mr. Padda had withheld from Ms. Cohen even though he still owed her fiduciary obligations and she was an active member of the State Bar of Nevada.

Armed with this evidence, Ms. Cohen filed suit and sought a total of over \$3 million in compensatory damages. It was not until Ms. Cohen engaged in the discovery process that she learned the actual scope of the Defendants' fraud. Even before Ms. Cohen agreed to the buyout, the Defendants had already started to shortchange her by failing to pay her the agreed upon 33.33% of any fees recovered in partnership cases. To her astonishment, Ms. Cohen learned that she had an interest in 65 contingency cases and was owed a total of \$3,335,302.49.<sup>2</sup> So, while she was paid \$50,000 for her interests in the partnership, the Defendants pocketed over \$10 million.

<sup>1</sup> See Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment dated January 10, 2020, on file herein, at Section IV Subsection A-2, pages 17-19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Plaintiff's Seventeenth Supplement to Initial Disclosure of Witnesses and Documents Pursuant to NRCP 16.1, dated January 23, 2020, at Computation of Damages, **Exhibit A** hereto.

In her over 40 years of practice, Ms. Cohen's bar license had always remained active until April 6, 2017 when she fell behind on her CLEs. When she became aware that her license was suspended, Ms. Cohen immediately called the CLE board, ordered CLE tapes and started to listen to them.<sup>3</sup> During this time, Ms. Cohen was suffering from serious health issues and complications. And, after she confronted Mr. Padda about lying to her about the Moradi case and demanding her one-third share, Defendants locked her out of the office and gave away her computer without any prior notice. At almost 70 years of age, Ms. Cohen made the decision to retire from the practice of law and not reinstate her license – a decision that should not allow the Defendants to disregard their pre-existing contractual and fiduciary obligations.<sup>4</sup>

Given the clear evidence of Defendants' misconduct, Ms. Cohen rejected their December 18, 2019 to settle all claims for \$150,000, and elected to proceed to trial. In doing so and based on the *Beattie* factors, 5 the Defendants are not now entitled to an award of their attorneys' fees and costs since (1) Ms. Cohen's claims were brought in good faith; (2) the offer of judgment was not reasonable and made in good faith in light of the disputed issues; and (3) Ms. Cohen's decision to reject the offer was not grossly unreasonable or in bad faith. It does not matter, under the eyes of the law, whether the fees requested are reasonable in light of all three good-faith Beattie factors weighing in favor of Ms. Cohen. See Frazier v. Drake, 131 Nev. 632, 644, 357 P.3d 365, 373 (2015) (holding that an award supported only by the reasonableness factor constitutes legal error). Accordingly, the Court should deny any award of attorneys' fees in favor of the Defendants.

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<sup>4</sup> It is Plaintiff's position that the Defendants cannot, as a matter of law, escape their contractual and fiduciary obligations owed to her based on the fact that her bar license was suspended on April 6, 2017.

Since this issue has been fully briefed by the Plaintiff in moving for reconsideration of the Court's

summary judgment award dated February 18. 2020, she incorporates those arguments herein.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Excerpts of the Deposition of Ruth Cohen, Volume 1, July 22, 2019 ("Cohen Depo"), attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Beattie v. Thomas, 99 Nev. 579, 588-89, 668 P.2d 268, 274 (1983).

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### II. **LEGAL ARGUMENT**

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"An award of attorney fees lies within the district court's discretion, but a court may not award attorney fees absent authority under a specific rule or statute." RTTC Commc'ns, LLC v. Saratoga Flier, Inc., 121 Nev. 34, 40, 110 P.3d 24, 28 (2005). The only basis for Defendants to seek recovery of their attorneys' fees stems from their offer of judgment served on December 18, 2019. Any such relief, however, is not supported by Nevada law because: (A) the offer of judgment was not made pursuant to NRS 17.117; (2) the good-faith Beattie factors do not support an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to NRCP 68; and (C) public policy dictates that awarding fees to a prevailing defendant, without a monetary judgment, would deter plaintiffs with meager financial capabilities from prosecuting claims brought in good faith. All \$279,167.50 in requested attorneys' fees must be denied.

### DEFENDANTS' OFFER OF JUDGMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE A Α. LEGAL BASIS TO RECOVER FEES PURSUANT TO NRS 17.117.

Relying on NRS 17.117(10)(b), Defendants seek an award of their attorneys' fees in the amount of \$279,167.50.6 However, both of the offers of judgment served by the Defendants were only made on the basis of NRCP 68.7 There was absolutely no reference to NRS 17.117 and, as a result, Defendants cannot rely upon it as a basis to recover attorney fees. RTTC Commc'ns, LLC, 121 Nev. at 41, 110 P.3d at 28 ("An offer of judgment must specify the statute or rule that provides for the costs or fees sought by the offeror.") (citations omitted). Any request by the Defendants to recover fees pursuant to NRS 17.117(1)(b) must therefore be denied.

### BASED ON THE BEATTIE FACTORS, DEFENDANTS' REQUEST FOR В. AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES MUST BE DENIED.

Although the decision to award attorney fees lies with the district court, the Nevada Supreme Court has emphasized that, "while Nevada's offer of judgment provisions are designed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Defendants' Motion for Attorneys' Fees ("Motion") dated March 11, 2020, on file herein, at pg. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Defendants' NRCP 68 Offer of Judgment to Plaintiff Ruth L. Cohen dated June 18, 2019, attached hereto as Exhibit C; see also Defendants' Offer of Judgment dated December 18, 2019, attached hereto as Exhibit D.

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to encourage settlement, they should not be used as a mechanism to unfairly force plaintiffs to forego legitimate claims." Frazier v. Drake, 131 Nev. 632, 641, 357 P.3d 365, 371-72 (2015) (citing Beattie v. Thomas, 99 Nev. 579, 588-89, 668 P.2d 268, 274 (1983)). To that end, when exercising its discretion to award attorneys' fees based on an offer of judgment, this Court is tasked with considering four factors espoused by the Nevada Supreme Court:

- (1) whether the plaintiff's claim was brought in good faith;
- (2) whether the defendants' offer of judgment was reasonable and in good faith in both its timing and amount;
- (3) whether the plaintiff's decision to reject the offer and proceed to trial was grossly unreasonable or in bad faith; and
- (4) whether the fees sought by the offeror are reasonable and justified in amount.

Beattie, 99 Nev. at 588-89, 668 P.2d at 274. When a district court properly evaluates the Beattie factors, its decision to grant or deny attorney fees will not be disturbed absent a clear abuse of discretion. LaForge v. State, Univ. & Cmty. Coll. Sys. of Nev., 116 Nev. 415, 423, 997 P.2d 130, 136 (2000). An abuse of discretion occurs when the court's evaluation of the *Beattie* factors is arbitrary or capricious. Yamaha Motor Co., U.S.A. v. Arnoult, 114 Nev. 233, 251, 955 P.2d 661, 672 (1998). A district court, however, is not required to make explicit findings on every Beattie factor to adequately exercise its discretion. Certified Fire Prot. Inc. v. Precision Constr., 128 Nev. 371, 383, 283 P.3d 250, 258 (2016) (citations omitted); see also Wynn, 117 Nev. at 13, 16 P.3d at 428 ("Although explicit findings with respect to these factors are preferred, the district court's failure to make explicit findings is not a per se abuse of discretion."). And, claims for attorneys' fees under NRCP 68 are fact intensive. Wynn v. Smith, 117 Nev. 6, 13, 16 P.3d 424, 428 (2001).

Notably, the first three factors all relate to the parties' motives in making or rejecting the offer and continuing the litigation, whereas the fourth factor relates to the amount of fees requested. See id. None of these factors are outcome determinative and each should be given appropriate consideration. Yamaha Motor Co., 114 Nev. at 252 n. 16, 955 P.2d at 673 n. 16. However, when the district court determines that the three good-faith *Beattie* factors weigh in favor of the party that rejected the offer of judgment, the reasonableness of the fees requested by

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the offeror becomes irrelevant, and cannot, by itself, support a decision to award attorney fees to the offeror. *Frazier*, 131 Nev. at 644, 357 P.3d at 373. Such is the case here. Thus, Defendants' request for an award of attorneys' fees in the amount of \$279,167.50 must be denied.

### 1. All Good-Faith Beattie Factors Weigh in Favor of Plaintiff

The first three *Beattie* factors require an assessment of whether the parties' actions were undertaken in good faith. *Frazier*, 131 Nev. at 642, 357 P.3d at 372. The connection between the emphases that these three factors place on the parties' good-faith participation in the litigation process and the underlying purposes of NRCP 68 is clear. *Id.* As the Nevada Supreme Court has long recognized, "[i]f the good faith of either party in litigating liability and/or damage issues is not taken into account, offers would have the effect of unfairly forcing litigants to forego legitimate claims." *Id.* (quoting *Yamaha Motor Co.*, 114 Nev. at 252, 955 P.2d at 673).

### a. Plaintiff brought all of her claims in good faith.8

Prior to filing this lawsuit, Plaintiff possessed documented evidence that Mr. Padda intentionally misrepresented material facts about the David Moradi case and purposefully withheld information from her including, but not limited to, Stanley V. Smith's economic expert report valuing Mr. Moradi's lost earnings damages between \$74,523,737 and \$307,281,435 plus upwards of another \$2,369,593 in loss of enjoyment of life damages.<sup>9</sup> Although Mr. Padda denied ever receiving Dr. Smith's report on or about August 18, 2016,<sup>10</sup> Ashley Pourghahreman (his paralegal at the time) testified that she personally went into Mr. Padda's office to specifically tell him about the report before she left on maternity leave in July 2016.<sup>11</sup> Mr. Padda therefore knew that the economic expert he was instrumental in retaining for Mr. Moradi's loss

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> For efficiency purposes, Plaintiff incorporates the factual background and all referenced exhibits set forth in Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, dated January 10, 2020, on file herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Complaint dated April 9, 2019, on file herein, at pg. 7,  $\P\P$  50, 51.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Defendant Paul S. Padda's Responses to Plaintiff's First Set of Requests for Admissions dated August 7, 2019 at Response to Request No. 17, attached hereto as **Exhibit E**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See Excerpts of the Deposition Transcript of Ashley Pourghahreman, October 23, 2019 ("Ashley's Depo") at 143:3-25, 144-145, 146:1-14, 150:7-25, 151, and 152:1-20, attached hereto as **Exhibit F**.

of income damages had valued his case over \$300 million. But, Mr. Padda never shared this material fact with Plaintiff when he fraudulently convinced her in September 2016 to accept a \$50,000 buyout since, according to him, the Moradi case was "in the toilet." If Plaintiff had known about this expert report and that Mr. Moradi had not been able to return to work given his brain injuries, Plaintiff would have never accepted the buyout.

Through diligent discovery, Plaintiff uncovered further evidence that illustrated the depth and full breadth of Mr. Padda's fraudulent behavior. In the Moradi case alone, Plaintiff discovered that Mr. Padda knew in December 2015 that the defendants' insurance carrier had conveyed an admission of liability, another fact Mr. Padda never shared with the Plaintiff.<sup>13</sup> The timing of the September 2016 buyout allowed Mr. Padda to get the Plaintiff out of the picture in order to increase settlement efforts, demanding \$26 million on November 2, 2016, \$51 million on February 24, 2017 and \$26 million on March 9, 2017.<sup>14</sup> All of this information and much more Mr. Padda withheld from Plaintiff depriving her of the previously agreed upon 1/3 share of any fee recovery, which just for the Moradi case the Defendants collected \$9,186,667.00.

Aside from the Moradi case, Plaintiff also learned – prior to filing this lawsuit – that Mr. Padda had settled the Mark Garland case for over \$200,000 days before Mr. Padda proposed the \$50,000 buyout.<sup>15</sup> The evidence obtained through discovery confirmed that Mr. Padda was heavily engaged in settlement negotiations prior to June 2016 and by July 2016, Mr. Padda knew that Mr. Garland's case would settle around \$215,000, which it eventually did on August 22, 2016.<sup>16</sup> Mr. Padda withheld this settlement from Plaintiff and the day after he fraudulently

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See Complaint, on file herein, at pg. 5, ¶ 33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See Email from Matthew Stumpf to Paul Padda and Rahul Ravipudi dated December 30, 2015, attached hereto as **Exhibit G**, submitted under seal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See Email from Matthew Stumpf attaching Confidential Settlement Communication dated November 2, 2016, attached hereto as **Exhibit H**, submitted under seal; see also Email from Rahul Ravipudi attaching draft letter dated February 24, 2017, attached hereto as **Exhibit I**, submitted under seal; see also Letter from Rahul Ravipudi dated March 9, 2017, attached hereto as **Exhibit J**, submitted under seal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See Complaint, on file herein, at pg. 6,  $\P\P$  36-39.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See Ashley's Depo, Exhibit F at 166:22-25, 167:1-11, 167:20-25, 168:1-7; see also Email exchange between Paul Shpirt, Louis Garfinkel, and Paul Padda dated June-July, 2016, attached hereto as **Exhibit**Page 7 of 14

induced Plaintiff to accept a \$50,000 buyout on September 12, 2016, the \$215,000 check was issued on September 13, 2016.<sup>17</sup> Plaintiff's share of the fees would have been around \$28,666.67 for the Garland case.

In his initial responses to Plaintiff's interrogatories, Defendants falsely stated, under penalties of perjury, that there were only three cases in which Plaintiff had a one-third interest in: Moradi, Cochran and Garland. Yet, after months of Plaintiff's repeated and ignored requests for Defendants to produce all documents showing every contingency case that existed prior to December 31, 2014, along with the breakdown of all attorneys' fees collected on those cases, Plaintiff discovered that there were a total of 65 cases in which she had an interest in once those records were ordered to be produced by the Court. Defendants' financial ledgers and statements revealed that Plaintiff was not only owed \$3,335,302.49, but the Defendants also shortchanged her by paying her 30% instead of the 33.33% she was entitled to prior to the buyout agreement. This directive came from none other than Mr. Padda himself. So, even while Plaintiff was an active member of the State Bar of Nevada, Defendants failed to pay her the agreed upon 33.33% share of fees recovered and earned prior to her April 6, 2017 suspension. All of this evidence confirms that the Defendants' fraud started well before Plaintiff became delinquent on her CLEs and, in fact, this Court recognized that the Plaintiff

**K**, submitted under seal; *see also* Email exchange between Paul Shpirt and Paul Padda dated August 22, 2016, attached hereto as **Exhibit L**, submitted under seal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See Garland Settlement Check dated September 13, 2016, attached hereto as **Exhibit M**, submitted under seal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Defendant Paul Padda Law, PLLC's Answers to Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories dated August 7, 2019, attached hereto as **Exhibit N**, at Response to Interrogatory No. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See Exhibit O 1-65 hereto, submitted under seal, for all 65 cases in which Plaintiff maintained an interest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See e.g. Exhibits O-1, O-40, O-56, O-57, and O-60.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> See Email exchange between Paul Padda and Patricia Davidson dated June 9, 2016, attached hereto as **Exhibit P**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> See Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration briefing and the arguments contained therein to further support that her claims were brought in good faith.

brought her claims in good faith concluding as a matter of law that "[i]f Ms. Cohen is successful on her claim of fraudulent inducement, she would be able to address all of the claims that she has pled in her complaint at trial."<sup>23</sup> The first *Beattie* factor thus weighs in favor of Plaintiff.

### b. Defendants' offer of judgment was unreasonable.

In evaluating the second *Beattie* factor, the Defendants are correct that "there is no bright-line rule that qualifies an offer of judgment as per se reasonable in amount; instead, the district court is vested with discretion to consider the adequacy of the offer and the propriety of granting attorney fees." *O'Connell v. Wynn Las Vegas, LLC*, 134 Nev. 550, 556, 429 P.3d 664, 669 (2018) (quoting *Certified Fire Prot. Inc.*, 128 Nev. at 383, 283 P.3d at 258).

But for the Defendants' fraudulent deception, Plaintiff would have received a total of \$3,365,802.20 representing her one-third share of any attorneys' fees recovered in the partnership's contingency cases. While Plaintiff was an active member of the bar, however, Mr. Padda intentionally misrepresented the status of the Moradi case, admittedly failed to disclose the settlement reached in the Garland case,<sup>24</sup> and duped Plaintiff into accepting a \$50,000 buyout for her partnership interest. Meanwhile, the Defendants collected a whopping \$10,097,406.62 in attorneys' fees – all derived from partnership assets.

When confronted by Plaintiff to pay her one-third share, the Defendants locked her out of the office, gave her computer away without notice and took advantage of her vulnerable state. Plaintiff was left with no choice but to retire from the practice of law all together and focus on rebuilding her health. And, her decision to do so should not allow the Defendants to obtain a financial windfall and disregard their own pre-existing legal obligations. Offering her a mere \$150,000 to resolve this case was thus unreasonable in light of the evidence highlighting the disparity of what Plaintiff was entitled to as a contractual right had Mr. Padda not breached his fiduciary duties owed to her and committed outright fraud. Since discovery had closed,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> See Order Granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment dated February 18, 2020, on file herein, at pg. 9, ¶ 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> See Excerpts of the Deposition Transcript of Paul S. Padda, Volume 1, dated November 7, 2019, attached hereto as **Exhibit Q**, at 30:20-34:16.

Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 (702) 382-0711 FAX: (702) 382-5816 Defendants knew about the existence of this evidence at the time they made their unreasonable offer. The second *Beattie* factor thus weighs in favor of Plaintiff.

### c. Plaintiff's decision to reject the offer of judgment was not grossly unreasonable or in bad faith.

Contrary to Defendants' accusation that Plaintiff "must have known she had little hope of recovering any attorneys' fees" given her temporary license suspension, the law relied upon by Plaintiff in her request for reconsideration mandates otherwise. Namely, a number of courts hold that a fee division contract involving a suspended or even disbarred attorney is enforceable when, the attorney performed all required services prior to the suspension. Just because Nevada lacks similar controlling precedent on this issue does not render Plaintiff's rejection of the offer of judgment grossly unreasonable or done in bad faith. Especially, given the abundance of evidence that Plaintiff planned to introduce at the time of trial to prove that the Defendants intentionally deceived, defrauded and deprived her of making a well-informed decision in accepting the \$50,000 buyout in order to line their pockets with millions of dollars. There was nothing unreasonable or grossly unreasonable for Plaintiff to want to prosecute her claims, brought in good faith, in front of a jury.

Moreover, Defendants cannot escape the fact that Mr. Padda failed to provide Plaintiff with full transparency about the partnership cases when he approached her to buyout her interests -- a clear violation of Nevada's fiduciary law. *Clark v. Lubritz*, 113 Nev. 1089, 944 P.2d 861 (1997) (holding that the fiduciary duty among partners is generally one of full and frank disclosure of all relevant information for just, equitable and open dealings at full value and consideration; each partner must not deceive another partner by concealment of material facts). Common sense dictates that had Plaintiff known about Stan Smith's expert valuation of the Moradi case and that the Garland case had settled, among other things, she would have not

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> See Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration of Order Granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment dated February 21, 2020, on file herein, at Section II Subsection B, pages 3-7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> See Lee v. Cherry, 812 S.W.2d 361 (Tex. Ct. App. 1991); A.M. Wright & Assocs., P.C. v. Glover, Anderson, Chandler & Uzick, L.L.P., 993 S.W.2d 466, 468-70 (Tex. Ct. App. 1999); West v. Jayne, 484 N.W.2d 186 (Iowa 1992); Sympson v. Rogers, 406 S.W.2d 26 (Mo. 1966); Eichen, Levinson & Crutchlow, LLP v. Weiner, 938 A.2d 947, 948-50 (N.J. App. Div. 2008).

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agreed to a \$50,000 buyout. Defendants deliberately deprived her of this opportunity and, as a result, profited from their fraud to the tune of over \$10 million. Declining to accept \$150,000 was sensible under the circumstances and surely does not rise to the level of grossly unreasonable or bad faith. The third Beattie factor thus weighs in favor of Plaintiff.

### 2. Defendants' Attorney Fees are Not Reasonable or Justified.

The Nevada Supreme Court holds that should the district court find that the reasonableness *Beattie* factor alone supports an award of attorney fees, such an award is a clear abuse of discretion, constitutes legal error and results in a determination that the district court's weighing of the *Beattie* factors is arbitrary and capricious. *Frazier*, 131 Nev. at 644, 357 P.3d at 373 (citations omitted); see also AA Primo Builders, LLC v. Washington, 126 Nev. 578, 589, 245 P.3d 1190, 1197 (2010) ("While review for abuse of discretion is ordinarily deferential, deference is not owed to legal error.").

Since the good-faith Beattie factors weigh in favor of Plaintiff, the Court need not address the reasonableness of the Defendants' requested attorneys' fees governed by the Brunzell factors. Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat. Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969) (holding that the factors do not govern the initial inquiry of whether a party is entitled to an attorney fees award) (recognized by Dane v. Geico Gen. Ins. Co., 131 Nev. 1269, 2015 WL 5311101 at \*2, n.2 (Sept. 10, 2015). Even so, Plaintiff should not be strapped with an excessive fee award because the Defendants decided to engage two separate law firms and pay four different attorneys on an hourly basis resulting in \$269,167.50 in attorneys' fees incurred in less than two months (from December 18, 2019 until the summary judgment hearing on January 27, 2020). An additional point to consider is that a very small fraction of the fees requested involves work performed for the summary judgment aspect of this case. The ultimate result and decision were not the product of any benefit that the Defendants derived from preparing for trial. Therefore, the Brunzell factors concerning the character of the work to be done to accomplish summary judgment (second factor), the work actually performed to obtain summary judgment (third factor) and the result (fourth factor) do not weigh in favor of reasonableness – an analysis that the Court is not tasked to do given that the good-faith *Beattie* factors do not entitle Defendants to any award.

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### C. PUBLIC POLICY DICTATES A DENIAL OF DEFENDANTS' ATTORNEYS' FEES.

Public policy concerns also support this Court's denial of the Defendants' attorneys' fees. Analogous to here, the Nevada Supreme Court balanced policy interests as it relates to awarding fees in an action for less than \$20,000 pursuant to NRS 18.010(2)(a). Smith v. Crown Fin. Services of Am., 111 Nev. 277, 284-86, 890 P.2d 769, 774-75 (1995). There, the Court held that only prevailing plaintiffs could seek a fee award and a prevailing defendant in a similar action cannot recover because no monetary judgment is secured. *Id.* at 285-87, 890 P.2d at 774-75. The rationale was that allowing a prevailing defendant to recover their attorney fees would "deeply offend the policy underlying the American Rule which seeks to provide less affluent people with access to the courts." *Id.* at 286, 890 P.2d at 775. By way of an example, the *Smith* court referred to a scenario where a plaintiff in a personal injury or products liability case would not only be required to pit his meager resources against those of a large insurance company or manufacturer, but he would risk the potentially devastating burden of paying for this marshalling of superior resources should he lose. *Id.* Requiring a monetary judgment thus preserves the right of some plaintiffs (and counterclaimants) to recover attorney fees while subjecting defendants to the common law rule. *Id.* Accordingly, the *Smith* decision served to minimize any harmful impact upon the policies underlying the American Rule. *Id.* 

The same result should happen here. Defendants did not recover any monetary judgment against Plaintiff who was represented by her counsel on a contingency fee basis. To punish Plaintiff with a \$269,167.50 fee award would not only be devastating but would deter plaintiffs with meager financial means from accessing our courts to prosecute claims brought in good faith. Defendants should therefore be denied all requested attorneys' fees.

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### III. **CONCLUSION**

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Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Court to DENY all \$269,167.50 in attorneys' fees as requested by the Defendants.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing <u>PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS'</u>

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