#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown, Gregory J. Brown (for Beverly M. Brown's Family),

Appellants,

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St. Mary's Regional Medical Center; Tammy Evans (erroneously named as Tami Evans); Prem Reddy, M.D., Tanzeel Islam, M.D.; and Shridevi Challapalli, M.D.

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Appeal from the Second Judicial District Court, the Honorable Kathleen **Drakulich Presiding** 

Respondents.

#### MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION

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#### **INTRODUCTION** I.

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This is a proper person appeal from the District Court's June 10, 2020 Order granting Defendants Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, Tammy Evans (erroneously named as Tami Evans), Prem Reddy, M.D., Tanzeel Islam, M.D. and Sri Challapalli, M.D.'s (collectively "Saint Mary's) Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint for failure to comply with NRS 41A.071. Plaintiffs' March 3, 2020 Complaint, filed by nonlawyers Marilee Brown and Marilou Brown, stated that their claims pursuant to NRS 41A and 41.085 for medical negligence and wrongful death arising the Beverly M. Brown's death on March 5, 2019 were being brought by "Plaintiffs Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family), with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives [+ Heirs] of Beverly Brown". Plaintiffs' July 8, 2020 notice of appeal was signed by nonlawyers Gregory J. Brown, Marilee Brown, and Marilou Brown and seeks review of the district court's June 10, 2020 Order.<sup>3</sup> To the extent that Plaintiffs' seek to represent any other member of Beverly M. Brown's family and/or her estate, their notice of appeal is invalid because "no rule or statute permits a [nonlawyer] to represent any other person. . . or any other entity in the district court or in this

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The District Court's June 10, 2020 order granting Saint Mary's Motion to Dismiss is attached as Exhibit 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Plaintiffs' March 3, 2020 Complaint is attached as **Exhibit 2** (emphasis in original).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Plaintiffs' June 26, 2020 notice of appeal is attached as **Exhibit 3**.

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court." Salman v. Newell, 110 Nev. 1333, 1335-36 (1994). Accordingly, Plaintiffs' appeal should be dismissed because their notice of appeal is the product of the unauthorized practice of law, and thus fails to confer jurisdiction on this court. See Guerin v. Guerin, 116 Nev. 210, 214 (2000).

#### II. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On March 3, 2020, Plaintiffs, "Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family), with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives [and heirs] of Beverly Brown" filed a complaint against St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Tammy Evans (erroneously named as Tami Evans), Prem Reddy, M.D., Tanzeel Islam, M.D. and Sri Challapalli, M.D., asserting one cause of action pursuant to NRS 41, 41A, 41.085 and 41.130 alleging

"that Defendants did commit Medical Negligent actions to include Medicinal, Treatment, Judgment, protocol, Etc. Errors, against the Plaintiffs which led to the Wrongful Suffering and Death of their Mother, patient Beverly Morris (M.) Brown; to include but not limited to the fact that Defendants did commit Medical Negligent Actions, Errors that lead to the Detrimental Health, Suffering and Wrongful Death of their mother, patient Beverly (M.) Brown; And to include Breach of Duty, Medical Negligence/Malpractice, Causation of Human, Financial, Other Loss in these proceedings; Significant Emotional, Financial Distress; Et Al, to the Plaintiffs and their family, Subject to the jurisdiction of this Court."4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Exhibit 2, at pp.1:14-15, 14:22-15:5.

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No affidavit of a medical expert was attached to Plaintiffs' Complaint as required by NRS 41A.071.

On March 26, 2020, St. Mary's filed a motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint on the grounds that their complaint was void ab initio and should be dismissed because it asserted claim(s) based on professional negligence and was filed without a medical expert affidavit as required by NRS 41A.071.<sup>5</sup> In addition, Defendants also argued that Plaintiffs' Complaint should be dismissed because as nonlawyers, they were not permitted to file suit on behalf of another individual or entity, i.e., "Beverly M. Brown's family" and/or as "representatives [+ heirs] of Beverly Brown." After full briefing, during which Plaintiffs sought to file an amended complaint<sup>7</sup>, the district court granted Defendants' Motion. The district court's June 10, 2020 Order found that because Plaintiffs' Complaint asserted claims grounded in professional negligence and they failed to attach an affidavit from a medical expert supporting those claims, the complaint was void ab initio, could not be amended, and needed to be dismissed under NRS 41A.071.8 The district court did not address Defendants' alternative argument that the complaint

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint is attached as **Exhibit 4**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Defendants' Reply in Support of their Motion to Dismiss is attached as **Exhibit 5**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss is attached as **Exhibit 6**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Exhibit 1.

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needed to be dismissed because as nonlawyers, the Plaintiffs were not permitted to file suit on behalf of other individuals or entities.<sup>9</sup>

#### **LEGAL ARGUMENT** III.

#### A. Plaintiffs' Notice Of Appeal Is Invalid And Fails To Vest Jurisdiction In This Court.

Plaintiffs' appeal should be dismissed because Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown and Gregory Brown are not authorized to represent "Beverly M. Brown's family" and/or serve as "representatives" of Beverly Brown before this Court under Nevada law. NRS 7.285 provides that "[n]o person shall practice law in this state unless he is an active member of the State Bar of Nevada pursuant to the rules of the supreme court." See also SCR 77. Although a person is entitled to represent himself or herself in the district court, see SCR 44 ("[n]othing in these rules shall be so construed as to prevent any person from appearing in his own behalf in any court in this state except the supreme court"), "no rule or statute permits a [nonlawyer] to represent any other person, a company, a trust, or any other entity" in either the district court or this Court. See Salman, 110 Nev. at 1336.

Here, Plaintiffs have filed a notice of appeal seeking review of the district court's order dismissing their complaint, including claims which they filed on behalf of "Beverly M. Brown's family" and as "representatives" of Beverly

<sup>9</sup> *Id*.

Brown. As Plaintiffs cannot represent any other person or entity in this Court, their notice of appeal is the product of the unauthorized practice of law and it fails to confer jurisdiction on this Court. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' appeal should be dismissed.

#### **CONCLUSION** IV.

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For the foregoing reasons, Defendants respectfully request that this Court dismiss this appeal for lack of jurisdiction because no rule or statute authorizes Plaintiffs to represent any other person or entity in this Court. Dated this 15 day of July, 2020.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION was filed electronically with the Nevada Supreme Court on the 15th day of July, 2020.

I further certify that that I am an employee of HALL PRANGLE & SCHOONVELD, LLC, and that on the 15th day of July, 2020, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL FOR LACK

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## EXHIBIT 1

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#### IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (for Beverly CASE NO. CV20-00422 M. Brown's Family), DEPT NO. I

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St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Tami Evans, Prem Reddy, M.D., Mark McAllister, M.D., Tanzeel Islam, M.D., DOES I through X inclusive; ROES Businesses I through X inclusive,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Order Granting Defendants Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, Tammy Evans (erroneously named as Tami Evans) and Prem Reddy, M.D.'s Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint for Failure to Comply with NRS 41A.071 filed March 26, 2020 was entered in the above entitled Court on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

A copy of the Order is attached hereto.

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#### AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030

The undersigned do hereby affirm that the preceding document does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of HALL PRANGLE & SCHOONVELD, LLC; that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER** via:

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE **COUNTY OF WASHOE** 

Case No.:

Dept. No.:

CV20-00422

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MARILEE BROWN, MARILOU BROWN, GREGORY J. BROWN (for Beverly M. Brown's family),

Plaintiffs,

ST. MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL

CENTER; TAMI EVANS; PREM REDDY, M.D.; MARK McALLISTER, M.D.; TANZEEL

ISLAM, M.D.; SRIDEVI CHALLAPALLI, M.D., and DOES I through X, inclusive; ROE

BUSINESSES I through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

#### ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT **FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH NRS 41A.071**

Currently before the Court is Defendants Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, Tammy Evans (erroneously named as Tami Evans), and Prem Reddy, M.D.'s (collectively "Defendants Saint Mary's") Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint for Failure to Comply with NRS 41A.071 ("Motion") filed March 26, 2020. On April 13, 2020, Plaintiffs filed an Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss – to Include Amendments/Clarification, et al as Specified in Their Civil Complaint; and Amendment Request Here to Include Additional Plaintiff (Return Service of Summons and Additional Laintiff [sic] Documentation Submitted Separately) ("Opposition"). On April 20, 2020, Defendants filed a Reply in Support of Motion to Dismiss and submitted the Motion to the Court for

consideration. On May 15, 2020, Defendants Saint Mary's filed an Errata to Defendants St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Tammy Evans, and Prem Reddy M.D.'s Reply in Support of Motion to Dismiss. Plaintiffs filed Plaintiffs' (a) Opposition to Defendant Tammy Evans' (Tiffany Coury) / Prem Reddy MD's May 15, 2020 Errata Related to Plaintiffs' May 14, 2020 (& Prior) Default Motions Against Defendants Tanzeel Islam and Sridevi Chapallapalli; (b) in Support of Plaintiffs' May 6/14, 2020 Supplemental & Dismissal Filings Nexused to Defendants' Replies/Errata; (c) With Plaintiffs' Notice of Their Request for Submission of all Adjudicated Filings for no Response / Other (Separate Filings) on May 28, 2020.

#### I. Background

On March 3, 2020, Plaintiffs filed the *Civil Complaint* ("Complaint") in this case which alleges medical negligence / malpractice. *See generally* Compl. On April 13, 2020, Plaintiffs filed an *Amendment to Civil Complaint / Return Service of Summons* ("Amendment to Complaint") which sought to substitute Tiffany Coury for Defendant Tammy Evans and add Mr. Gregory J. Brown as a Plaintiff but did not alter or add to the factual allegations set forth in the Complaint. *See generally* Am. to Compl. Plaintiffs allege Beverly Morris Brown ("Ms. Brown") died on March 5, 2019 as a result of the treatment she received in December 2018 and February 2019 from Defendants. Mot. at 3:8–12.

#### II. Relevant Legal Authority

In reviewing a motion to dismiss pursuant to Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 12(b)(5) for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, the "court must construe the pleadings liberally and accept all factual allegations in the complaint as true . . . [and] draw every fair inference in favor of the non-moving party. 'A complaint will not be dismissed for failure to state a claim unless it appears beyond a doubt that the plaintiff could prove no set of facts which, if accepted by the trier of fact, would entitle him or her to relief." *Blackjack Bonding v. City of Las Vegas Mun. Court*, 116 Nev. 1213, 1217, 14 P.3d 1275, 1278 (2000) (citing *Simpson v. Mars. Inc.*, 113 Nev. 188, 190, 929 P.2d 966, 967 (1997)). As Nevada is a "notice-pleading" jurisdiction, a complaint need only set forth sufficient facts to demonstrate the necessary elements of a claim for relief so that the defending party has "adequate notice of the nature of the claim and relief sought." *Hay v. Hay*, 100 Nev. 196, 198,

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678 P.2d 672, 674 (1984); see also *Stockmeier v. Nevada Dep't of Corrections*, 124 Nev. 313, 316, 183 P.3d 133, 135 (2008) (dismissing a claim, pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5), is proper where the allegations are insufficient to establish the elements of a claim for relief).

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#### NRS 41A.071 provides:

If an action for professional negligence is filed in the district court, the district court shall dismiss the action, without prejudice, if the action is filed without an affidavit that:

1. Supports the allegations contained in the action;

2. Is submitted by a medical expert who practices or has practiced in an area that is substantially similar to the type of practice engaged in at the time of the alleged professional negligence;

3. Identifies by name, or describes by conduct, each provider of health care who is alleged to be negligent; and

4. Sets forth factually a specific act or acts of alleged negligence separately as to each defendant in simple, concise and direct terms.

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that pursuant to NRS 41A.071 "a complaint filed without a supporting medical expert affidavit is void ab initio and must be dismissed. Because a void complaint does not legally exist, it cannot be amended . . . and an NRS 41A.071 defect cannot be cured through amendment." *Washoe Med. Ctr. v. Second Judicial Dist. Court of State of Nev. ex rel. Cty. of Washoe*, 122 Nev. 1298, 1301–02, 148 P.3d 790, 792 (2006). The court went on to state that the "shall" in NRS 41A.071 "is mandatory and does not denote judicial discretion." *Id.* at 1303 (citations omitted).

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NRS 41A.015 defines professional negligence as: "[t]he failure of a provider of health care, in rendering services, to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge used under similar circumstances by similarly trained and experienced providers of health care." When a plaintiff's claim is for injuries resulting from negligent medical treatment, the claim sounds in medical malpractice. *Szymborski v. Spring Mountain Treatment Center*, 133 Nev. 638, 642, 403 P.3d 1280, 1284 (2017) (citations omitted). *Szymborski* stands for the proposition that "allegations of breach of duty involving medical judgment, diagnosis, or treatment indicate that a claim is for medical malpractice." *Id.* When a plaintiff's claim is for injuries resulting from negligent acts that did not affect the medical treatment of a patient, the claim sounds in ordinary negligence. *Id.* (citations omitted). If the alleged breach of

a duty of care set forth in the complaint is one that was based upon medical art or science, training or expertise, then it is a claim for medical malpractice. *Id.* (citations omitted). By extension, if the jury can only evaluate the plaintiff's claims after presentation of the standards of care by a medical expert, then it is a medical malpractice case. *Id.* (citing, *Humboldt Gen. Hosp. v. Sixth Judicial Dist. Court*, 132 Nev. 544, 550-51, 376 P3d 167, 172 (2016). If, on the other hand, the reasonableness of the health care provider's actions can be evaluated by jurors on the basis of their common knowledge and experience, then the claim is likely based in ordinary negligence. Id. 133 Nev. at 642 (citations omitted). Given the subtle distinction, a single set of circumstances may sound in both ordinary negligence and medical malpractice, and an inartful complaint will likely use terms that invoke both causes of action. Id. (citing, Mayo v. United States, 785 F.Supp.2d 692, 695 (M.D. Tenn. 2011)). It is the nature of the grievance rather than the form of the pleadings that determines the character of the action. Id. (citing, State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Wharton, 88 Nev. 183, 186, 495 P.2d 359, 361 (1972)).

#### III. Analysis

Defendants Saint Mary's argue all of Plaintiffs' factual claims arise out of medical care, treatment, and alleged breaches of the medical providers' duties of care and therefore sound in medical malpractice. Mot. at 4:3–5; 5:19–22. Defendants Saint Mary's maintain all of Plaintiffs' allegations fall within the definition of professional negligence pursuant to NRS 41A.015. *Id.* at 5:26–6:4. Defendants Saint Mary's contend Plaintiffs failed to satisfy the affidavit requirement pursuant to NRS 41A.071 and the Complaint must be dismissed. *Id.* at 6:5–7:10.

Plaintiffs request a hearing to clarify this matter. Opp. at 1:15. Plaintiffs contend their claims in the Complaint rely upon other statutes. *Id.* at 2:13–14. Plaintiffs assert the Complaint can be tolled pursuant to NRS 41A.097(2) and that should be considered as a mitigating factor and for this Court to maintain all the issues until Plaintiffs can obtain a medical expert affidavit because such a dismissal would be prejudicial to Plaintiffs as they may not be able to re-file any medical issues due to running of the statute of limitations. *Id.* at 2:15–3:5; 5:3–6. Plaintiffs assert it is within this Court's discretion whether to dismiss the action. *Id.* at 3:5–6. Plaintiffs insist the word "shall" in NRS 41A.071 is not mandatory and argue cases should be decided upon the merits rather than dismissed on procedural

grounds. *Id.* at 3:11–4:7. Plaintiffs claim because pleadings of a pro per litigant are held to a less stringent standard, the Complaint should not be dismissed. *Id.* at 4:8–9. Plaintiffs insist there are factual allegations in the Complaint that are non-medical including: (1) failure to follow protocol; (2) lack of communication; (3) age/other discrimination / jeopardy to the elderly; (4) negligence jeopardizing patients/others safety related to infectious persons; and (5) failure to expedite medical documentation that jeopardized this patient's case. *Id.* at 4:9–14; 5:6–12. Plaintiffs state that in the Complaint they requested the ability to amend the Complaint, and they should be allowed to do so in this instance without having all of their non-medical claims dismissed as that would cause significant hardship. *Id.* at 5:12–16.

Plaintiffs then claim they themselves are sufficiently familiar with this case to prepare a joint affidavit that illustrates their education, experience, and caretaking of patients that will suffice until Plaintiffs can obtain a proper medical expert affidavit if required. *Id.* at 6:11–24. Plaintiffs assert it is difficult to obtain written or testimonial support from medical experts because they fear reprisal, damage to their reputation, or denial of hospital rights in speaking out. *Id.* at 8:9–16. Plaintiffs allege Defendants Saint Mary's failed to perform an investigation into the facts surrounding Ms. Brown's death and instead engaged in a coverup. *Id.* at 9:16–20. Plaintiffs maintain a jury can evaluate Plaintiffs claims despite any procedural shortcomings, especially those based on the nonmedical functions. *Id.* at 11:14–19. Plaintiffs state that it is the substance rather than the form of the claim that must be examined. *Id.* at 16:21–17:1. Plaintiffs request this Court allow them to amend the Complaint to: (1) add age/other discrimination violations; (2) add Gregory J. Brown as a Plaintiff; (3) clarify, correct, and amend the Complaint; and (4) time to secure a medical expert affidavit if necessary. *Id.* at 20:13–22.

In the Reply, Defendants Saint Mary's maintain the application of NRS 41A.071 focuses on whether a defendant is a provider of health care and whether the allegations in a complaint contemplate a failure in rendering of services by that provider. Reply at 5:3–7. Defendants Saint Mary's argue that all of the allegations are in relation to medical care and treatment provided to Ms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Amendment to the Complaint adding/substituting parties was filed concurrently with the Opposition on April 13, 2020 and does not allege any claims for discrimination or request additional time to secure a medical expert affidavit.

Brown at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, a licensed hospital and the respective physicians who practice there. *Id.* at 5:8–18. Defendants Saint Mary's maintain a plaintiff cannot avoid application of NRS 41A.071 through artful pleading and emphasize Plaintiffs' claims arise out of breaches of duties involving medical judgment, diagnosis, or treatment. *Id.* at 5:19–6:2. Defendants Saint Mary's point out that the Nevada Supreme Court has held that "allegations of negligent maintenance of medical records are properly characterized as medical malpractice." *Id.* at 6:5–8; *Jones v. Wilkin*, 111 Nev. 1335, 1338, 905 P.2d 166, 168 (1995). Defendants Saint Mary's argue Plaintiffs seek to impose liability for treatment Ms. Brown received for a foot wound, an atrial fibrillation, an improper amputation, low oxygen levels, and a pulmonary injury. Reply at 6:14–16. Defendants Saint Mary's state these allegations clearly implicate professional negligence and the Complaint repeatedly describes these claims as one for medical malpractice. *Id.* at 6:14–19. Defendants Saint Mary's also contend Plaintiffs lack standing to bring this suit as self-represented litigants on behalf of their mother's estate. *Id.* at 7:1–8:2.

Having reviewed the pleadings on file and having reviewed the facts and legal support set forth therein, this Court finds good cause to grant the Motion. For NRS 41A.071 to apply to this action, it must be an action for professional negligence. Plaintiffs allege "Defendants did commit Medical Negligent actions to include Medicinal, Treatment, Judgment, protocol, Etc [sic] errors, against the Plaintiffs which led to the Wrongful Suffering and Death of their mother . . . . " Compl. at 14:26–27. This language or substantially similar language is repeated three times in this section of the Complaint. *Id.* at 14:22–15:13. Further, all of the allegations contained in the Complaint directly involve medical judgment, diagnosis, or treatment that Ms. Brown allegedly received or should have received, which the Nevada Supreme Court has held means the claim sounds in professional negligence. *Szymborski*, 133 Nev. at 642.

This Court has reviewed the allegations contained in the Complaint. Contrary to Plaintiffs' claim that there are factual allegations in the Complaint that are non-medical (to include failure to follow protocol, lack of communication, age/other discrimination/jeopardy to the elderly, negligence jeopardizing patients/others safety related to infectious persons, and failure to expedite medical documentation that jeopardized this patient's case) each of these allegations is inextricably tied to a

claim for professional negligence and Plaintiffs cannot now claim otherwise for the sole purpose of remedying a violation of NRS 41A.071.

To evaluate whether the medical professionals in this case followed established protocol necessarily requires expert testimony to explain the standard of care. *Id.* The protocol Plaintiffs claim was not followed related to the amount and type of medication administered to Ms. Brown which is rooted in professional negligence, as the Complaint contends that the physicians prescribed the medication. Compl. at 3:22–27.

As to the alleged "lack of communication," the only usage of the word "communication" in the Complaint deals with "the communication between providers and patients/patients' families so as to ensure the improvement of quality care, healthcare Improvement and less Medical Medicinal, Judgment mistakes/error that lead to the deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preventable death of patients as what happened in this case . . . ." Compl. at 16:26–17:2. The failure of communication alleged is related directly to quality of care, the deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preventable death of Ms. Brown and thus is rooted in professional negligence. *Szymborski*, 133 Nev. at 642. In some instances, the failure to communicate is co-extensive with the failure to follow procedure, and in other instances it overlaps with the failure to provide medical documentation. Mot. at 2:20–22; 9:16–10:2. Regardless, these do not form an independent basis for an ordinary negligence claim such that an expert affidavit would not be required in this case.

Further, the Complaint does not set forth a claim for age discrimination and there is no factual explanation or legal support for the allegation of "jeopardy to the elderly." Any negligence claim derived from exposure to an infected patient as alleged by Plaintiffs is purported to be the direct result of the medical decisions made for and treatment provided to Ms. Brown and as such falls squarely within the scope of a professional negligence claim. *Szymborski*, 133 Nev. at 642. As for the failure to expedite the medical documentation in this case, the Nevada Supreme Court has held "allegations of negligent maintenance of medical records are properly characterized as medical malpractice." *Jones*, 111 Nev. at 1338. Failure to expedite the medical documents is pertinent to the diagnosis and treatment of Ms. Brown and therefore does not state a claim for ordinary negligence. *Szymborski*, 133 Nev. at 642.

Moreover, and importantly, there are no separate claims for relief pled in the Complaint related to the purported non-medical claims. The Complaint sets forth a "Statement of Facts Main Medical Malpractice Information Summary," a "Background History," a "Primary Background Related to ISSUE AT HAND- Patient Beverly M. Brown," "ISSUE AT HAND FOR MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE/MALPRACTICE- History and Details," "MAIN MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE SUMMARY INFORMATION" and "MAIN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INFORMATION (REITERATED)." With the exception of the "Background" sections, each of these headings references "Medical Malpractice" or "Medical Negligence" or both. There are no allegations in the Complaint related to ordinary negligence. By way of example, a reading of the section labeled "MAIN MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE SUMMARY INFORMATION" reveals allegations that pertain to Ms. Brown that relate to lack of care on behalf of treating physicians to include failure to look at Ms. Brown's "extensive medical information provided by the family," an "error in a pulmonary procedure by the Interventional Radiologist as they had been attempting to remove fluid from this patient's lungs" and removal of "critical life saving medication" "needed to prevent arterial blockages" that "ultimately led to Beverly M. Brown's blockages, stroke, heart stress/CHF UNCONTROLLABLE AFIB, returned infectious Pneumonia and Death at Renown hospital." Id. at 9:5-10; 10:18-20. To the extent Plaintiffs are now contending that claims for ordinary negligence were pled, they have failed to set forth the necessary elements of those claims and/or factual allegations sufficient to support those claims denying Defendants "adequate notice of the nature of the claim and relief sought" in violation of *Hay*.

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Accordingly, this Court finds that Plaintiffs' Complaint (as originally filed and as amended to add or substitute parties) states a claim or claims for professional negligence and as such NRS 41A.071 applies. Plaintiffs admit that the Complaint does not contain a medical expert affidavit. Opp. at 3:3–6. As noted above, the Nevada Supreme Court has held that "a complaint filed without a supporting medical expert affidavit is void ab initio and must be dismissed. Because a void complaint does not legally exist, it cannot be amended . . . and an NRS 41A.071 defect cannot be cured through amendment" as well as pointing out that the word "shall" in NRS 41A.071 "is mandatory and does not denote judicial discretion." *Washoe Med. Ctr.*, 122 Nev. at 1301–02, 1303.

The Nevada Supreme Court has acknowledged that NRS 41A.071 applies to all medical malpractice actions even if the person is representing themselves. Anderson v. Sierra Surgery Hosp., Case No. 58753, 2012 WL 2308670, \*1 (2012). As such, this Court finds that dismissal of Plaintiffs' Complaint is proper pursuant to NRS 41A.071. This Court does not reach Defendants Saint Mary's argument regarding Plaintiffs' standing because it has found the Complaint to be void ab initio pursuant to NRS 41A.071. Based upon the foregoing and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants Saint Mary's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint for Failure to Comply with NRS 41A.071 is GRANTED and this case is DISMISSED to include all motions that are pending or have been submitted to this Court. IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED this 8th day of June, 2020. Drafuluit KATHLEEN DRAKULICH **DISTRICT JUDGE** 

1	<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>
2	CASE NO. CV20-00422
3	I certify that I am an employee of the SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of
4	the STATE OF NEVADA, COUNTY OF WASHOE; that on the 8th day of June, 2020, I
5	electronically filed the ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS'
6	COMPLAINT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH NRS 41A.071 with the Clerk of the
7	Court by using the ECF system.
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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF

- 6. THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE
- 7. Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (for Beverly M. Brown's family)

Plaintiffs, in Proper Person

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10. St. Mary's Regional Medical Center: Tami Evans (Director Medical Services / Risk Mgmt; Prem Reddy, MD - (Prime HealthCare)

Mark McAllister, MD (St. Mary's Interventional Radiologist)

11. Tanzeel Islam, MD (St. Mary's Hospitalist)

Sridevi Challapalli, MD (St. Mary's Cardiologist),

12. DOES I through X inclusive; ROES Businesses I through X inclusive

Defendants,

13. CIVIL COMPLAINT (Jury Demanded)

#### **CIVIL COMPLAINT**

- 14. 1. Come now Plaintiffs Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family), with Legal Power
- 15. of Attorney as representatives of Beverly Brown), hereafter referenced as Plaintiffs, hereby Complain and
- 16. allege of the Defendants, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center Tami Evans, Director of Medical Services/
- 17. Risk Mgmt; Prem Reddy, MD (Prime HealthCare); Mark McAllister, MD (St. Mary's Interventional Radiology);
- 18. Tanzeel Islam, MD (St. Mary's Hospitalist); Sridevi Challapalli, MD (St. Mary's Cardiologist), DOES I X
- 19. and ROES Businesses I X Inclusive, hereafter referenced as Defendants, as set forth in the following:

#### 20. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 21. 2a. Plaintiffs will serve the Defendants with this Complaint and Summons by a Non Party over 18 years of
- 22. age and within 120 days of Filing pursuant to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure NRCP 4(a)(c)(d)(i); and will
- 23. provide an Affidavit of Service to the Court upon Service of Same Complaint and Summons NRCP (4(g)(2)
- 24. 2b. Pro Se Plaintiffs Note: The Courts State:
- 25. "Pleadings of a pro per litigant (Plaintiff non lawyer) are held to a less stringent standard than formal pleading drafted by lawyers (Defendant)(caselaw)" And
- 26. "the Nevada Supreme Court held that the basic underlying policy governing the exercise of discretion is to have cases decided upon the merits, rather than dismissed on procedural grounds (caselaw)"

#### 1. JURISDICTION 2. 3. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therefore alleges, that this Court has subject jurisdiction over this 3. action pursuant to Nevada State Law NRS 11.310 (with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives of 6. Treatment, Judgment, protocol, Etc Errors, against the Plaintiffs which led to the Wrongful Suffering and Death 7. of their mother, patient Beverly Morris (M.) Brown; to include but not limited to the fact that Defendants did 8. commit Medical Negligent Actions, Errors that lead to the Detrimental Health, Suffering and Wrongful death 9. of their mother, patient Beverly Morris (M.) Brown; And to include Breach of Duty, Medical Negligence / 10. Malpractice, Causation of Financial loss in these proceedings, and Emotional, Financial Distress, et al. to 11. the Plaintiffs and their family, Subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. 12. 4. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therefore alleges, that this Court has subject jurisdiction over this 13. action pursuant to Nevada State Law NRS 11.310 (with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives of Beverly 14. Brown): NES 41 A sand any other applicable law or statute under this jurisdiction not yet known to Plaintiffs; 15. 5. Plaintiffs advise that this Complaint may be Amended at a later date as authorized by the Court to include 16. additional laws, clarifications, corrections, etc. to this Complaint. 17. VENUE 18. 6. Venue is Proper in this Court as Defendants' Medical Negligence conduct asserted in this Complaint by

- 18. 6. Venue is Proper in this Court as Defendants' Medical Negligence conduct asserted in this Complaint by 19. the Plaintiffs took place within the State of Nevada, County of Washoe, where the Defendants and the 20. Plaintiffs reside/work; and in which Defendants' Negligent Medical Malpractice Actions occurred.
- 21. PARTIES
- 22. 7. Plaintiffs Marilee Brown and Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family) (with Legal Power of 23. Attorney as representatives of Beverly Brown), (hereafter referred to as "Plaintiffs") currently reside in the 24. State of Nevada, County of Washoe; and St. Mary's Regional Medical Center Tami Evans, Director of 25. Medical Services/Risk Mgmt; Prem Reddy, MD (Prime HealthCare); Mark McAllister, MD (St. Mary's Interv.
- 26. Radiologist); Tanzeel Islam, MD (St. Mary's Hospitalist); Sridevi Challapalli, MD (St. Mary's Cardiologist),
- 27. (hereafter referred to as "Defendants") currently reside//work, in the State of Nevada, County of Washoe.

- 1. 8. All of the Acts or Failures of Duty, et al are performed and/or are attributable to the Defendants,
- 2. individually and/or combined; et seq;
- 3. 9. The names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise of Defendants and
- 4. /or their alter egos sued herein as DOES I through X, and ROE Business Entities I through X, inclusive,
- 5. are presently unknown, and Plaintiffs will Amend this Complaint to insert the names (s) when ascertained.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

#### 6. 10. MAIN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INFORMATION SUMMARY:

- 7. a. On/About December 12-14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27,28/2019:
- 8. Hospitalist's and Interventional Radiologist's removal of patient from lifesaving medications for procedure
- 9. that threatened/negatively impacted patient's health without prior consult with her primary Cardiology
- 10. Specialist who would have advised against same unless necessary (All Led to Patient Beverly M. Brown's
- 11. deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish);
- 12. b. On/About February 21, 2019: Interventional Radiologist's pulmonary procedure error resulting in the
- 13. Hospitalist's continued removal of patient's necessary life saving medication; buildup of plural fluid in
- 14. patient's lungs that could no longer be removed by procedure due to the Interventional Radiologist's error
- 15. even when purportedly healed around Feb 25, 2019 (All Led to Patient Beverly M. Brown's deteriorating
- 16. medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019; Family anguish);
- 17. c. On/About December 12-14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27,28/2019:
- 18. Hospitalist's and Interventional Radiologist's removal of patient from lifesaving medications for procedure
- 19. that threatened/negatively impacted patient's health without prior consult with her primary Cardiology
- 20. Specialist who would have advised against same unless necessary (All Led to Patient Beverly M.
- 21. deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019; Family anguish);
- 22. d. On/About December 12-14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27,28/2019:
- 23. Hospitalist's refusal to consult with the patient's cardiology specialist per protocol who would have
- 24. maintained her on the necessary amount and type of lifesaving medication (yet other hospital admitting
- 25. staff cc'ed said important specialists regarding patient's initial and proceeding care) (All Led to Patient
- 26. Beverly M. Brown's deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish;
- 27. e. On/About December 12-14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27,28/2019:
- 28. Hospitalist's refusal to consult with the hospital assigned cardiology, pulmonary specialists per protocol

- 1. (despite assigned specialists apparent readings of patient's tests during hospital stay) until On/About
- 2. 2/25/19 when family members emphasized specialists needed to be consulted for patient's proper care and
- 3. treatment (All Led to Patient Beverly M. Brown's 11. deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish;
- 4. f. On/About February 25, 2019: Attending hospital cardiology specialist misreading and alluding only to
- 5. hospital notes with erroneous interpretation of hospital medication given to patient; failure to consult with
- 6. patient's primary cardiology specialist who would have affirmed patient needed to be on correct
- 7. medications and amounts who was in the same St. Mary's office as she; and purportedly released the
- 8. patient per the Hospitalist with apparent ongoing life threatening conditions (All Led to Patient Beverly
- M. Brown' deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish;
- 10. g. On/About December 12-14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27,28/2019:
- 11. Hospitalists failed to consult with patient's primary cardiology specialist who would have affirmed patient
- 12. needed to be on correct medications and amounts while and after hospital admission (All Led to Patient
- 13. Beverly M. Brown's deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish;
- 14. h. On/About December 12-14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27,28/2019:
- 15. Hospitalist failed to timely review and properly reviews patients life threatening health condition symptoms
- 16. for proper treatment until speaking with the family on/about Feb 25, 2019; Failed to consult with patient's
- 17. primary cardiology specialist who would have affirmed patient needed to be on correct medications and
- 18. amounts while and after hospital admission; purportedly only consulted with a pharmacist who gave the
- 19. incorrect dosage for one lifesaving medication (2.5 Eliquis/2X per day, when it should have been 5mg/2X
- 20. per day) to be administered at the hospital; Failed to have patient on life saving medication Plavix at all;
- 21. and purportedly released the patient with apparent ongoing life threatening conditions; False statement
- 22. asserting family refused skilled nursing facility for PT to patient's detriment when Hospitalist agreed
- 23. Home Therapy program was best for patient due to weak condition and malnutrition from hospital stay;
- 24. Hospitalist and Palliative Care staff pushing for DNR when patient wanted to live and simply, repeatedly
- 25. stating to patient and her family that she was just "OLD"; ETC (All Led to Patient Beverly M. Brown's
- 26. deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish;
- 27. i. On/About December 12 -14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27, 28/2019:
- 28. Hospitalists Failed to consult with patient's primary cardiology specialist who would have affirmed patient

- 1. needed to be on correct medications and amounts and purportedly released the patient asserting to
- 2. specialists' recommendations with apparent ongoing life threatening conditions (All Led to Patient Beverly
- 3. M. Brown's deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish
- 4. j. On/About February 26,27/2019 February 28, 2019: Hospital staffs placement of patient Beverly M.
- 5. Brown in a room with an infection patient that contributed to patient's pulmonary, respiratory issues death
- 6. on 3/5/19 (All Led to Patient Beverly M. Brown's deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish
- 7. k. On/About: March 3, 2019 March 5, 2019: St. Mary's Hospital Failed to timely fax vital documentation
- 8. requested by Renown for assisting in care and treatment of patient until 3/5/19; with said delinquency
- 9. impacting vital care/treatment and contributed to patient's death on 3/5/19 (All Led to Patient Beverly M.
- 10. Brown's deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish
- 11. ETC
- 12. m. All directly contributing to the Wrongful Suffering and Death of this patient who had severe Chronic
- 13. Medical conditions but the Negligence of St Mary's Regional Medical Center Hospital staff caused an
- 14. unnecessary Terminal Medical Condition of this patient (Lead to Patient Beverly M. Brown's death on
- 15. March 5, 2019)
- 16. n. From About April 2019 To The Date of this Filing, after securance and review of medical records from
- 17. St. Mary's Medical Center, the patient's family attempted to address the aforementioned issues with St.
- 18. Mary's Regional Medical Center without response, except upon contact with Prime Health Care said
- 19. Organization referred patient's family to St. Mary Regional Medical Center Risk Management Department,
- 20. Upon consult with same, Kathy Millard of Risk Management advised their department would investigate
- 21. the matter and respond in writing within 45 days.
- 22. o. Throughout February 2020, Upon consult with local counsel, it was advised to patient's family that any
- 23. medical malpractice case had to be filed in Court within a one year Statute of Limitations.
- 24. p. During this time, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center Risk Management and Legal Department refused
- 25. to return patient's family's calls for informal meeting in this matter, Alternative Dispute Resolution,
- 26. Mediation or Arbitration proceedings to resolve their concerns .Nor would same discuss matters when
- 27. Patient's family physically went to this Department to inquire of voluntary participation.
- 28. q. On/about February 21, 2020, Upon consult with Nevada District Court staff in Reno, NV, it was stated
- 29. by the Clerks that no such programs could be accessed through the Court unless a formal Civil Complaint

- 1. was filed -predicating this Action by the patient's family.
- 2. r. For the aforementioned reason, Plaintiffs (and patient's family) had no choice but to file this Civil Action in
- 3. order 3 to engage in Court and/or other sponsored programs to facilitate resolution of this matter and the
- 4. issues within since St. Mary's Regional Center Risk and Legal Department would not return Plaintiffs'
- 5. aforementioned requests to engage in said programs;
- 6. s. All to facilitate Hospital and Health Care Providers accountability and education for improving the quality
- 7. of care and reduction of medical mistakes by their accredited bodies; To improve the communication between
- 8. providers and patients/patients' families so as to ensure the improvement of quality care, healthcare
- 9. improvement and less Medical Medicinal, Judgment mistakes/error that lead to the suffering and
- 10. preventable death of patients; etc

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#### **BACKGROUND HISTORY**

#### 12. A/1. <u>Background History Related to Issue At Hand – St. Mary's Hospital/Medical Center (More Available)</u> Patient Beverly M. Brown

- 13. 1a. Beverly M. Brown had Chronic medical conditions of Cardiovascular disease, Afib, etc as disclosed herein and more details available for the Related ISSUE AT HAND
- 14. 1b. Beverly M. Brown continued her heart and vascular care in Reno, Nevada with St. Mary's interventional vascular cardiologist Dr. Devang Desai after treatment with Renown and UCDavis physicians for associated illnesses; and her Cardiologist in Reno, NV Retired.
- 15. 2a. St Mary's wound care unit Infection Disease Specialist recommended Beverly M. Brown take conservative approach of oral antibiotics in an attempt to clear up her foot infection instead of a more
- aggressive necessary cutting the infection out of an amplification wound caused by her condition. The medication simply made Beverly M. Brown sick and did not help with the wound considering her
- 17. compromised circulatory vascular condition.
- 18. 2b. During a follow up visit at St. Mary's wound care center, Beverly M. Brown's wound was so infected the attending care professionals referred her to St. Mary's ER. Beverly M Brown's daughters wanted to
- 19. immediately drive Beverly to UCDavis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA but St. Mary's medical staff advised against that and advised immediate hospitalization (for their financial gain). Beverly and
- 20. her daughters followed all medical advice and recommendations.
- 21. 3a. Once hospitalized, the St. Mary's health care professionals put Beverly M. Brown on IV heparin medication and could not remove this medication despite the vascular surgeon agreeing Beverly was best treated at
- 22. UCDavis. Unfortunately, the IV heparin drip now required medical transport vs. private family transport to UCDavis Medical Center, which caused over a week delay in travel and longer for interventional treatment
- 23. Beverly M. Brown's condition required not only limb but LIFE saving treatment upon arrival at UCDavis.
- 24. 3b. During the very lengthy waiting period at St. Mary's Hospital for transport to UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA, Beverly M. Brown's condition deteriorated dramatically, to the degree attending
- 25. nurses and staff disclosed to Beverly's daughters that they feared she would die and not survive the trip.
- 26. 3c. St Mary's did NOT treat Beverly M. Brown for her cardiovascular condition except for IV Heparin pending transport to UCDavis hospital for treatment. Due to a limited number of patients allowed at UC Davis via

- 1. medical transport, Beverly M. Brown's transfer of care was further delayed. Beverly M. Brown's daughter Marilou Brown finally contacted UCDavis Dr. Laird and advised of the delay and Beverly's
- 2. deteriorating condition. Dr. Laird expedited UC Davis transfer acceptance thereafter.
- 2. 3d. UC Davis medical staff advised Beverly M. Brown's daughters that they would NOT be able to do any vascular treatment to further save Beverly M. Brown's infected foot/leg and would now require amputation
- 3. all because her vascular Dr. Have stated she could walk or her amputation when she should not have while it was recovering from infection; AND MOSTLY BECAUSE OF
- 4. St. Mary's actions noted above by the Wound Care Center poor treatment decisions, \* followed by St. Mary's decisions to Admit Beverly Brown to the Hospital for financial gain, poor medical treatment, thereafter delayed
- 5. transport to UCDavis, when this patinet's daughters could have expedited transport to UCDavis on their own.
- 3e. UCDavis Staff stated they had to do extensive treatment on Beverly M. Brown's Cardio condition (Afib, etc) aggravated by the lack of care at St Mary's hospital in Reno, NV and lengthy delay there for transport
   to UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA
- 8. Again, had St Mary's care staff simply let Beverly's daughters drive Beverly to UC Davis Medical Center ER Beverly M. Brown would have been treated more exigently. (As Noted above: Brown subsequently learned
- 9. from Specialist that St Mary's ER protocol was to admit as many patients as possible, unfortunately to the demise of Beverly M. Brown in this case;
- 10. 4. Beverly M. Brown's leg amputation led to accelerated extensive bone loss (20%) from Osteoporosis due to Beverly M. Brown's inactivity and severe impact on her already compromised cardiovascular condition (CHF) because she had very limited mobility from June 2016 Dec 2018/ March 2019

#### 12. A/2. Primary Background Related to ISSUE AT HAND - Patient Beverly M. Brown

- 13. 1a. In December 2018, Beverly M Brown was hospitalized at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada for her Cardiovascular Condition, low oxygen level. Patient had her lungs aspired and was released.
- 14. lb. However, upon review of medical documentation it was noted that the attending Hospitalist and Interventional Radiologist protocol was to conduct the aspiration without consult with Cardiovascular
- 15. and Pulmonary Specialists; which included removing the patient from life saving medications which caused more jeopardy to the patient than leaving this patient on same medications, Plavix and Eliquis;
- 16. Despite having the hospital assigned Cardiologist reading patient's test, residing in same St. Mary's Office as patient's primary Cardiologist.
- 17. 2a. From December 2018 February 28, 2019, St. Mary's Cardiology reduced Beverly M. Brown's Eliquis from 5 to 2.5mg/2X per day due to incidental bleeding, intermittent blood in her phlegm due to an in hospital
- 18. radiological procedure to remove fluid from her lungs.
- 19. 2b. \* Within the week Marilou Brown called St. Mary's Cardiology requesting to know if Beverly M. Brown should return to an Eliquis 5mg/2X per day dosage as recommended by her Cardiologist from Renown,
- 20. Dr. Ganchan since Beverly no longer spotted blood and if vascular arterial tests should be ordered since it had been a year or more since said tests on Beverly had last been done.
- 21. 2c. St. Mary's Issue: The cardio nurse who answered the telephone said Beverly M. Brown should stay at 2.5mg for her weight and size. Marilou Brown explained with Beverly's AFIB/CHF condition, it was
- 22. advised by her previous cardiologist that Beverly's condition required she be at a 5mg 2X per day. Marilou Brown again requested the nurse ask the St. Mary's Cardiologist (Dr. Desai) if she could
- 23. return to this 5mg, 2x/day Eliquis dosage since she was not spotting blood from the procedure anymore. Marilou again reiterated to the nurse her concern because of what Beverly M. Brown's
- 24. previous, now retired Cardiologist recommended for her condition; 5mg twice a day. Beverly M. Brown's family did not hear back to this Request despite other same issue messages left for
- 25. this cardio nurse on this matter. Beverly M. Brown had resumed taking Plavix.

#### 1. B. ISSUE AT HAND FOR MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE / MALPRACTICE - History and Details

- 2. 1. On/about February 20, 2019, During a primary care visit and a planned pulmonary visit at St. Mary's (which was set up by her aforementioned family members to get an electric wheelchair for her and oxygen
- 3. authorizations), Beverly M. Brown was again admitted by the attending Primary care physician to St. Mary's hospital due to low oxygen levels and for her now severe Cardiovascular condition.
- 4. 2a. On/about February 20, 2019, a female attending ER practitioner at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada began discussing Directives, Resuscitation, End of Life issues with patient Beverly M. Brown's daughters in
- 5. front of this patient The daughters requested this conversation stop in front of the patient as it was placing undue further stress on Beverly clearly leaving her with the impression of dying when she is wanting to live!
- 6. 2b. This hospitalization became an unnecessary lengthy stay from Feb 20 Feb 28th, 2019 as a result of a radiological pulmonary procedural error; further complicated by vital, life saving medications being withdrawn
- 7. completely from Beverly M. Brown during almost her entire hospital stay (contrary to what a nurse told this patient's family) when they specifically went over meds with her in the hospital including the fact this
- 8. patient needed to be on 5mg/2x per day Eliquis, and Plavix).
- 9. 2c. Beverly M. Brown's daughters specifically asked of the ER Physician, one of the nurses and the attending Hospitalist if Beverly was on 5 mg/2 X per day Eliquis, and Plavix, other meds for said entities responded
- 10. "YES" to each question they asked. Plaintiff Marilou Brown specifically stated Beverly M. Brown needed to be on 5 Eliquis/2 X per day and Plavix; and was led to believe she was on these medications and dosages.
- 11. 2d. However, upon reviewing more details of the discharge information the family learned these vital, life saving meds had <u>not</u> been given to Beverly M. Brown for her hospital stay (*Plavix*; *Eliquis almost the*
- 12. entire stay and then back to only 2.5 mg/X2 per day per Hospitalist consult with a pharmacist vs consulting with Beverly M. Brown's Primary Cardiologist who works for St. Mary's and would have
- 13. placed her back on 5 mg unless any bleeding occurred).
- 14. 2e. Again, Beverly M. Brown's Primary Cardiologist works for St. Mary's Medical Center yet was never consulted (with any assigned cardiologists to the Hospital apparently only reviewing patient tests and
- 15. notes); with the one Cardiology Specialist consulted at patient's family's urgence of the Hospitalist on / about Feb 25, 2019, having erroneous medication information in her purported consult dictation; and one
- 16. Pulmonary Specialist consulted at patient's family's insistence on/about Feb 25, 2019 because of a procedural error by the Interventional Radiologist doing a lung aspiration procedure on Beverly M.
- 17. Brown had resulted in pulmonary injury and no further aspiration procedure could conducted.
- 18. 3. The Hospitalist met the family days later, on /about Feb 25, 2019?, for the first time since this patient was admitted and only then were they informed of the dire situation she was in.. The Hospitalist informed the
- 19. Plaintiffs of this pulmonary aspiration error and inquired if this patient had an AFIB/CHF condition, five days since this patient's admittance. In fact, the Hospitalist admitted he had not contacted pulmonary or
- 20. cardio specialists per hospital protocol; until family (Plaintiffs) demanded and complained for Specialist intervention, especially since the patient's own specialists work for St. Mary's Medical Center.
- 21. 4. Despite specialist late intervention at the demand of family detrimental, life threatening cardio pulmonary damage was done to Beverly M. Brown; with more fluid build up during this St. Mary's hospital stay. In
- 22. addition, consequential pneumonia and pairing this patient in a room with a serious infectious patient exacerbated Beverly M. Brown's condition upon discharge after the Drs claimed she was healed and cleared
- 23. her for home for which the family asked for in home post hospital care. At no time did the Hospitalist advise of adverse results if this patient went to Home care and patient was not in a condition for Physical Therapy
- 24. falsely asserted by the Hospitalist in his Discharge Summary
- 25. 5. In Summary, the attending physician/Hospitalist Defendant did not read Beverly's hospital intake condition notes on the present and past visit and was not aware until midway through this patient's hospital
- 26. admittance that she had uncontrolled Arial Fibula ion (Afib). The physician did not address specialists at the hospital until the family adamantly requested this due to Beverly M. Brown's deteriorating
- 27. condition; or this patient's cardiology specialists outside the hospital whom worked for St. Mary's at all.

- 1. 6. Despite the family requesting this not be done, the physicians and Palliative care personnel would keep reiterating IN FRONT OF THE PATIENT AND HER HUSBAND that she "WAS OLD"
- 2. And RECOMMENDED DO NOT RESUCITATE (DNR) .... clearly covering up for the hospital Error and Beverly M. Brwn's deteriorating condition (deteriorating because they REMOVED all her VITAL LIFE
- 3. SAVING medication necessary for her heart and vascular condition) and negligent diagnosis/treatment. BEVERLY M. BROWN MADE IT CLEAR SHE WANTED TO LIVE.

#### 4. C. MAIN MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE SUMMARY INFORMATION:

- 5. 1. As per above, In February 2019, while visiting with Beverly M Brown who was hospitalized at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada for her Cardiovascular Condition, the attending Hospitalist, Dr. Tanzeel Islam(?),
- 6. came in to speak with Beverly Morris Brown's family (the Plaintiffs named above). Dr. Tanzeel Islam (?) asked/stated the following:
- 7. After 4-5 days in the hospital Dr. Tanzeel Islam (?) only then visited with the family and only then did he first inquire if Beverly M. Brown had Afib which he just surmised after doing days of repetitive unnecessary
- 8. tests....stating PROTOCOL.
- 9. He admitted he had not looked at the extensive medical information provided by the family and prior hospital records from her previous and current hospitalization/other medical attendances.
- 10. Only after 4-5 days did Dr Tanzeel Islam (?) visit and explain there had been an error in a <u>pulmonary procedure</u> by the Interventional Radiologist as they had been attempting to do to remove fluid from this patient's lungs
- 11. He stated he was working on Healing the pulmonary injury
- 12. He stated he had not consulted with any specialists (Pulmonary or Cardiology) because hospital protocol and further stated No Specialists were to be consulted unless absolutely necessary (family then demanded same)
- 13. Hospitalists don't contact Specialists unless there is a medicine change question, other significant reasons; And don't contact patient's primary Outside Hospital Treating Specialist
- 14. Upon Review of Discharge papers, the Attending Hospitalist simply consulted with a pharmacist for dose and return of patient on one medication (Eliquis) with no dosage given on Plavix, both extensively needed
- 15. for the health of this patient; and the Hospital assigned Cardiologists simple reviewing tests and/or noting information some inaccurate and what appears to be discharge of this patient with ongoing
- 16. life threatening conditions.
- 17. The Hospitalist, Dr Tanzeel Islam (?) recommended Beverly M. Brown not be resuscitated if she coded as she would have broken ribs and he emphasized SHE WAS OLD, clearly to cover up under his statement
- 18. of following PROTOCOL and the Pulmonary error caused by the interventional radiologist physician. He stated such in front of the patient and her husband.
- 19. 2. Plaintiffs expressed their concerns to the hospital Social Worker about the protocol and malpractice performance, statements made by the Hospitalist; as well as the palliative care employee clearly resulting
- 20. in a negative emotional and physical impact on the patient and family because the message related was death, not healing of patients.
- 21. This Social Worker stated she would reflect all the family's concerns to the hospital board and later confirmed to the family members she did so via email/other correspondence. This Social Worker also informed
- 22. them that St. Mary's recognition as "being one of the 200 best hospitals" simply had to do with a Survey for which the hospitals pay to participate in and exclude all hospitals who don't participate 19. making it a
- 23. very inaccurate statistic.
- 24. 3. Hospitalist, Dr. Tanzeel Islam (?) came in on a later date stated he consulted with a Pulmonary Specialist and was able to get proper advice on dealing with the pulmonary injury followed by infectious pneumonia etc.

- 1. There was no indication he spoke to any Cardiologist or at minimum did not seek the extensive consult needed for Beverly M. Brown's chronic cardiovascular condition.
- 2. 4a On/about February 26, 27-28, 2019, St, Mary's staff placed Beverly M. Brown, who was in a very weakened state, in a room with an infected patient; with another infectious patient who kept entering the hallway. The
- 3. staff then moved Beverly M. Brown across the hallway during the night after they affirmed the other patent
- 4. was infected and quarantined.
- 5. As a result of being with this infected patient; Beverly' M. Brown's weakened condition from being taken off her cardio-vascular life saving medications; the lung aspiration Error, Beverly M. Brown got weaker.
- In ADDITION, her husband OF SIXTY (60) YEARS, Charles F. Brown, had been in that same room visiting Beverly M. Brown all day in the <u>infected and later quarantined</u> patient's room AND became very sick. He
   was treated at Renown Urgent Care after Beverly M. Brown died on March 5, 2019.
- 8. Because of his Sickness, he was not able to physically be with his wife of SIXTY (60) years, Beverly M. Brown, when she died on March 5, 2019 at Renown Hospital due to the Negligent, Malpractice errors 9. caused by Defendants.
- 10. 4b. On/about February 27, 2019 Beverly M. Brown was moved to a different floor level and put in a room with an infectious patient, who was later quarantined (REITERATED FROM ABOVE, AGAIN BELOW)
- 11. That same day, an attending male nurse aid had informed Beverly M. Brown's daughters Marilee Brown and Marilou Brown as they walked down the hallway to stay away from a mentally ill patient in a wheelchair
- 12. that was at the entrance of his room and often in the hallway because he had infection that could be spread.
- 13. 4c. On February 27, 2019 The night before Beverly M. Brown's discharge, the family received a call from a St. Mary's hospital employee that Beverly M. Brown had been moved across the hallway from her prior room.
- 14. 4d. The following day, February 28, 2019 the aforementioned family members noticed a DO NOT ENTER sign INFECTIOUS PATIENT/QUARANTINE at the entry way of where Beverly M. Brown had been
- 15. in the day before and only masked and gowned medical professionals were allowed into that room with this patient.
- 16. 5. Beverly M. Brown was discharged late in the day on February 28, 2019 with oxygen her aforementioned family members had been seeking for her. She was in such a very weak state that Marilee and Marilou
- 17. Brown asked the Nurse Aids to give her a sponge bath before leaving the hospital because she would be too weak to have a shower at home.
- 18. 6. Beverly M. brown was discharged with full medical clearance TO GO HOME with Oxygen over the weekend yet she had significant, ongoing life threatening medical conditions; Yet within two days of discharge patient
- 19. had a cranial blockage causing a stroke because the Drs at St Mary's had reduced then removed the critical life saving medication she needed to prevent arterial blockages. The removal of these critical life saving
- 20. medications altogether during her Second hospital stay due the lung procedural error ultimately led to Beverly M. Brown's blockages, stroke, heart stress/CHF/UNCONTROLLABLE AFIB, returned infectious Pneumonia
- 21. and Death at Renown hospital.
- 22. 7a. Upon review of Beverly M. Brown's discharge papers, it appeared Attending Hospitalist, Tanzeel Islam (?) simply consulted with a pharmacist for dosage and return of patient on one medication (Eliquis) with no
- 23. dosage given on Plavix both extensively needed for the healthy of this patient; and the Hospital assigned Cardiologists simple reviewing tests and/or noting information some inaccurate and what appears to
- 24. discharge of patient with ongoing life threatening conditions.
- 25. 7b. Upon review of Beverly M. Brown's discharge papers, the aforementioned family members noticed that she had <u>NOT</u> been given any; delinquently given and/or been given reduced amount of necessary medication

- 1. upon consult only with a pharmacist; the critical life saving Cardiovascular medications (Eliquis and Plavix) vital to Beverly M. Brown's cardiovascular condition and her life.
- 2. Upon discharge Beverly M. Brown resumed taking full dosage LIFE Saving medicines: Plavix for clots and Eliquis (yet still at the improper dosage of 2.5mg/2X per day too late and still to little with the damage already
- 3. done directly contributing to the death of this patient, after Hospitalists improper consult with pharmacist vs. Patient's primary St. Mary's cardiology physician who would have specified 5mg/2X per day).
- 4. 7c. In addition, this patient's discharge papers showed she was discharged with life threatening conditions; and had been placed with an infected patient a day prior to final discharge all directly contributing to the death of
- 5. this patient.
- 6. 8. On Sunday March 3, 2019, only three (3) days after being fully cleared for HOME care by St. Mary's hospital the aforementioned family members noticed Beverly M. Brown appeared to be having a stroke. Marilou Brown
- 7. called for Paramedics, who took Beverly M. Brown to the requested RENOWN hospital. Marilou Brown rode in the ambulance with her mother to Renown Hospital while Marilee Brown and Charles Brown (patient's husband
- 8. of 60 years) followed in their private vehicle.
- 9. There was a blood clot that had formed in Beverly M. Brown's brain but while the lifesaving procedure was attempted it appeared to be resolving so Beverly M. Brown was placed in Intensive Care.
- 10. 9. On Monday March 4, 2019. Marilee and Marilou Brown went to Renown hospital and were there until 10pm. Their brother, Peter Brown, was present intermittently to visit with Beverly M. Brown, his mother. Peter
- 11. Brown works as a Courier for Renown Hospital.
- 12. Beverly Brown appeared to be having difficulty breathing, with raspy respiratory sounds. Amanda, the Renown ICU nurse stated Beverly M. Brown's chest X-ray did not look good. Marilou and Marilee Brown also noticed
- 13. blood clots in the urinary tube and Beverly M. Brown expressed she was having difficulty urinating.
- 14. Beverly M. Brown expressed she was having severe pain in her amputated leg for which the attending night physician gave her pain medication along with Gabapentin (nerve paid medication). Beverly M. Brown
- 15. fell asleep and Marilee and Marilou Brown went home 10 pm. Their father, Charles F. Brown was sick at home because of his presence in the infected patient's room all day in patient's room.
- 16. 10. On Tuesday March 5, 2019 in the very early morning, Charles F, Brown answered a call from the Renown physician who requested to know if they could intubate Beverly M. Brown as she was having difficulty
- 17. breathing. Charles F. Brown said to do everything they could for Beverly M. Brown. Marilou, who was also on the phone, asked the attending physician was causing her condition. The attending ICU Pulmonary physician
- 18. stated he had an idea what was causing Beverly M. Brown's pulmonary condition, (which he affirmed later to be infectious pneumonia after he finally received the documents he had been requesting for three (3) days from
- 19. St. Mary's hospital; 3 days too late on the day of her death March 5, 2019). The physician recommended the family come to the hospital.
- 20. Again, Charles F. Brown was very ill (he had been in the same room at St. Mary's with the infectious woman Beverly M. Brown had been a roommate with as noted above) so he could not go to the hospital to see his
- 21. wife of sixty (60) years during this critical stages of illness (He later had to go to urgent care and was given antibiotic treatment), thus could not be there with her when she took her last breath.
- 22. 11. As they prepared to leave for the hospital, Marilou Brown received a call from Peter Brown, who stated they needed to get there fast because Beverly M. Brown had just "coded" and had been revived. When Marilee
- 23. Brown and Marilou Brown arrived at Renown hospital. Beverly M. Brown was intubated and awake. She tried to get comfortable in her bed.
- 24. 12. After St. Mary's <u>finally</u> faxed over their documents to Renown, the attending pulmonary physician spoke with Marilou Brown, Peter Brown about tests he wanted to do. Marilou Brown asked the attending physician
- 25. what his suspicions were that he mentioned to Charles Brown and Marilou Brownthat morning that were

- 1. causing Beverly's deteriorating condition. The attending physician stated infectious pneumonia and planned to order a CT scan.
- 2. (Note: The attending ICU Pulmonary physician stated he had an idea what was causing Beverly M. Brown's pulmonary condition affirmed later upon his receipt of St. Mary's hospital documents finally 3 days later,
- 3. three (3) days too late on the day of her death March 5, 2019).
- 4. At that time, Beverly M. Brown began coding again, with Marilee Brown by her side along with a Renown Nurse who commenced CPR. Marilou Brown instructed the nurse and the attending Renown
- 5. Physician to stop CPR measures and to let her go. Plaintiffs would rather patient go quickly from a heart attack and thankful she had been intubated instead of dying from a more painful death such as drowning
- 7. in her own fluids. Beverly M. Brown's family said goodbye at her bedside and on the phone.
- 8. Beverly M. Brown passed away on March 5, 2019 at approximately 12:22pm.

#### 8. D. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

#### 9. <u>MAIN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INFORMATION (REITERATED):</u>

- 10. 1. Of Note: Renown could not aspirate Beverly M. Brown's lungs to remove fluid causing respiratory distress
- 11. which ultimately resulted in her heart failure because her heart was too weak from having been removed from
- 12. her critical life saving cardio-vascular heart medications Eliquis and Plavix that St. Mary's completely removed
- 13. by their own discharge admittance which resulted in her blood clots Sunday through Tuesday March
- 14. 2019, stress on her heart, heart failure and ultimate death.
- 15. 2. The removal of critical life saving medication by St. Mary's physicians from Beverly M. Brown after the
- 16. Interventionist Radiologist's aspiration error should NOT have BEEN DONE despite any possible bleeding
- 17. because such removal led to her higher risk of stroke and ultimate death which ultimately DID OCCUR
- 18. days after discharge because of the aforementioned action.
- 19. The pulmonary aspiration error led to further significant cardio and pulmonary health issues which limited
- 20. further critical medical intervention; in addition to Beverly M. Brown ultimately full clearance and discharge for
- 21. home in a much more deteriorated, weakened and damaged state of health all as a result of the initial
- 22. pulmonary aspiration Error and complicated by additional medical negligence /errors; ultimately leading to
- 23. Beverly M. Brown's Sufferomg and Death, as well as her family's anguish; And
- 24. St Mary's personnel placed Beverly M. Brown in a room for discharge with an infected patient at upon -
- 25. which also caused her husband Charles Brown to be sickened, resulting in the fact he could not physically
- 26. be with his wife when she passed away at Renown hospital because of his illness (he admittedly stated he
- 27. had never been that sick before in his life).
- 28. 3a. St Mary's & Renown's medical documentation supports she died because of infections pneumonia (from

- 1. St. Mary's pulmonary Error procedure & from being placed in a room with the infected patient), blood
- 2. clots ultimately leading to stroke, organ failure, furthered, Uncontrollable heart AFIB a and Congestive heart
- 3. failure (CHF) etc all because St. Mary's removal of Beverly M. Brown's critical life Saving medication, Plavix
- 4. and Eliquis during her entire St. Mary's treatment and hospital stay because of the pulmonary injury caused
- 5. at St. Mary's hospital by the Interventional Radiologist; and;
- 6. 3b. St. Mary's Hospitialist discharged patient with ongoing life threatening conditions.
- 7. 3c. Beverly was discharged with full medical clearance TO GO HOME with Oxygen over the weekend yet
- 8. she had significant, ongoing life threatening medical conditions;
- 9. Yet within two days of discharge patient had a cranial blockage cusing a stroke because the Defendants
- 10. at St Mary's reduced, then removed the critical life saving medication she needed to prevent arterial
- 11. blockages.
- 12. The removal of these critical life saving medications altogether during her Second hospital stay due the
- 13. pulmonary procedural Error ultimately led to Beverly M. Brown's blockages, stroke, heart stress/CHF
- 14. / UNCONTROLLABLE AFIB, returned infectious Pneumonia and Death at Renown hospital.
- 15. 4a. Upon review of Beverly M. Brown's discharge papers, it appeared the Attending Hospitalist simply
- 16. consulted with a pharmacist for dosage and return of patient on one medication (Eliquis) with no dosage
- 17. given on Plavix both extensively needed for the healthy of this patient; and the Hospital assigned
- 18. Cardiologists simple reviewing tests and/or noting information some inaccurate and what appears to
- 19. be discharge of patient with ongoing life threatening conditions.
- 20. 4b. Upon review of Beverly M. Brown's discharge papers, the aforementioned family members noticed that
- 21. she had NOT been given any; delinquently given and/or been given reduced amount of necessary medicine
- 22. upon consult only with a pharmacist; the critical life saving Cardiovascular medications (Eliquis and Plavix)
- 23. vital to Beverly M. Brown's cardiovascular condition and her life.
- 24. 5. Upon discharge Beverly M. Brown resumed taking full dosage LIFE Saving medicines: Plavix for clots
- 25. and Eliquis (yet still at the improper dosage of 2.5mg/2X per day recommended by a pharmacist; too late
- 26. and still to little with the damage already done Directly Contributing to the Sufferig, Death of this patient).
- 27. 6a. In addition, The patient's discharge papers showed she was discharged with life threatening
- 28. conditions; and

- 1. **6b.** Had been placed with an infected patient a day/two prior to final discharge;
- 2. All Directly Contributing to the Suffering and Death of this patient, who had severe Chronic Medical
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- 4. unnecessary Terminal Medical Condition of this patient; All to the Anguish of her family.
- 5. 7. From April 2019 to date, after securance and review of medical records from St. Mary's Medical Center,
- 6. the patient's family attempted to address the aforementioned issues with St. Mary's Regional Medical
- 7.. Center without response, except upon contact with Prime Health Care said Organization referred patient's family to St. Mary Regional Medical Center Risk Management Department. Upon consult with same, Kathy
- 8. Millard of St. Mary's Risk Management Department advised their Department would investigate the matter and respond in writing within 45 days.
- 9. 8a. Throughout February 2020, Upon consult with local counsel, it was advised to patient's family that any
- 10. medical malpractice case had to be filed in Court within a one year Statute of Limitations.
- 11. 8b. During this time, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center Risk Management and Legal Department
- 12. refused to return patients family's calls for informal meeting in this matter, Alternative Dispute Resolution,
- 13. Mediation or Arbitration proceedings to resolve their concerns . Nor would same discuss matters when
- 14. Patient's family physically went to this Department to inquire of voluntary participation.
- 15. 9. Upon consult with Nevada District Court staff in Reno, NV, it was stated by the Clerks that no
- 16. such programs could be accessed through the Court unless a formal Civil Complaint was filed,
- 17. predicating this Action by the patient's family.
- 18. 10. For the aforementioned reason, Plaintiff and her family had no choice but to file this Civil Action in order
- 19. to engage in Court/other sponsored programs to facilitate resolution of this matter and the issues within since
- 20. St. Mary's Regional Center Risk and Legal Department would not return Plaintiff's and her family's
- 21. aforementioned requests to engage in said programs. .

#### 22. AS AND FOR THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 23. 1. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therefore allege, that this Court has subject jurisdiction over this
- 24. action pursuant to Nevada State Law NRS 11.310 (with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives of Beverly
- 25. M. Brown): NES 41.085, 41.130

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- 26. in that Defendants did commit Medical Negligent actions to include Medicinal, Treatment, Judgment, protocol,
- 27. Etc Errors, against the Plaintiffs which led to the Wrongful Suffering and Death of their mother, patient Beverly

- 1. Morris (M.) Brown; to include but not limited to the fact that Defendants did commit Medical Negligent Actions, Errors that lead to the Detrimental Health, Suffering and Wrongful Death of their mother, patient 3. Beverly Morris (M.) Brown; And to include Breach of Duty, Medical Negligence/Malpractice, Causation of 4. Human, Financial, Other loss in these proceedings; Significant Emotional, Financial Distress; Et Al, to the 5. Plaintiffs and their family, Subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. 6. 2. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 10, 11(A-D) 7. of this Complaint as though fully set forth at length herein; to include but not limited to the facts that the Adval Operation Mal practice.

  8. Defendants did commit Medical Negligent Actions, Errors that lead to the Detrimental Health, Suffering 9. and Death of Beverly M. Brown; Emotional, Financial, Other Anguish Distress to her family; Breach of 10. Duty, Medical Negligence/Malpractice Action, Causation of Financial loss and Emotional, Financial 11. <u>Distress</u>, Et Al, to the Plaintiffs and her family, Etc – All Subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. 12. 3. Plaintiffs advise that this Complaint may be Amended at a later date as authorized by the Court to 13. include additional laws, clarifications, corrections, etc. to this Complaint. 14. **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF** 15. 1. WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs refer to and by such reference incorporate herein each, every and all 16. averments contained in paragraphs 1 – 10, 11(A – D) herein, above and below as fully set forth in this 17. Complaint. The Defendants are liable to the Plaintiffs for the afore and below mentioned damages under 18. Nevada State Law NRS 11.310 (with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives of Beverly Brown); 20. /other, as afforded by the aforementioned and yet unknown other Statutes; by Defendants causing such harm @Heil 21. to Plaintiffs (with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives of Beverly Brown); as noted above and below. 22. 2. WHEREFORE, as a result of the Medical Negligence and Malpractice Actions by Defendants as asserted 23. under the Jurisdiction and Causation Sections of this Complaint; And Affirmed in the Facts set forth herein; 24. The Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Honorable Court grant Judgment to the Plaintiffs against the 25. Defendant containing the following Prayer For Relief, all of which exceeds \$10,000.00 in damages; All of and ov 26. Which will be proven at Trial; Ar btration 27. With All the Aforementioned Directly Contributing to the <u>Suffering and Wrongful Death</u> of this patient
  - 15/17

28. who had Chronic Medical conditions, but the medical Negligence of Defendants caused the Unnecessary

- 1. Suffering and Terminal Medical Condition of this patient Leading to Patient Beverly M. Brown's
- 2. preliminary Death on March 5, 2019; And emotional Anguish to her family.

#### 3. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

- 4. Wherefore Plaintiffs Pray for the Following Relief:
- 5. 1. An Award of actual, future, and any other financial damages, legal costs, medical, costs representing
- 6. attorney or elf-acquired Fees, legal expenses, disbursement fees and equivalent effort income lost etc, all in
- 7. sums may be exceeding \$10,000.00 in amount; representing Defendants' violations of and other any other
- 8. applicable law under this jurisdiction not yet known to the Plaintiffs, et seq/other, as afforded by the
- 9. aforementioned/other Statutes; Noting Defendant financially gains from this/other patients' illnesses;
- 10. 2. An Award of compensatory and any other financial damages, etc., all in sums exceeding \$10,000.00 in
- 11. amount; representing Defendants' violations of Nevada State Law NRS 11.310 (with Legal Power of Attorney
- 11. amount, ...; and other

  12. as representatives of Beverly Brown); ; and other

  NRS 41. 085, 41. 130 in ; and other any other applicable laws under this jurisdiction
- 13. not yet known to the Plaintiffs, et seq/other, as afforded by the aforementioned/other Statutes;
- 14. 3. An Award of emotional and any other financial damages, etc all in sums exceeding \$10,000.00 in amount;
- 15. representing Defendants' violations Nevada State Law NRS 11.310 (with Legal Power of Attorney as
- 16. representatives of Beverly Brown):

  NRS 41, 414

  and other any other applicable law under this jurisdiction not
  NRS 41.085, NRS 41, 130
- 17. yet known to the Plaintiffs, et seq/other, as afforded by the aforementioned/other Statutes;
- deterristing medical condition 18. 4. An Award of Damages representing Plaintiffs and her family's loss of their Mother by Wrongful Suffering
- Actual @ Parimate
- 19. and Death caused by Defendants' Negligent Medical Malpractice Actions, Et seq/Other, as afforded by the
- 20. aforementioned/other Statutes,
- With All the Aforementioned Directly Contributing to the Wrongful Suffering and Death of this patient
- 22. who had Chronic Medical conditions but the Negligence of Defendants caused the Unnecessary Suffering
- 23. and Terminal Medical Condition of this patient, Leading to Patient Beverly M. Brown's deteriorating
- 24. medical condition, suffering and pereliminary Death on March 5, 2019; And Anguish to her family.
- 25. 5. An Award to facilitate Hospital and Health Care Providers accountability and education for improving
- 26, the quality of care and reduction of medical mistakes by their accredited bodies; To improve the
- 27. communication between providers and patients/patients' families so as to ensure the improvement of
- 28. quality care, healthcare Improvement and less Medical Medicinal, Judgment mistakes/error that lead to the

1. deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preventable death of patients as what happened in this case; etc 2. 6. Any other equitable and further relief as afforded by this Court as Deem and Proper. 3. Of Note: Plaintiffs have Filed an Application For Electronic Filing and Service Exemption in this Matter 4. Date: March 3, 2020 5. Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family), Pro Se c/o 45 Nives Court 6. Sparks, NV 89441 Telephone: (775) 425-4216

AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

8. The undersigned do hereby affirm that the preceding document, <u>CIVIL COMPLAINT</u> and Summons

9. filed in this matter does not contain the Social Security Number of any person.

10. Date: March 3. 2020 11. Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family), Pro Se

. c/o 45 Nives Court

12. Sparks, NV 89441

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Telephone: (775) 425-4216

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

14. The undersigned do hereby affirm that the preceding document, CIVIL COMPLAINT and Summons will be served in person by a Non Party over 18 years of age within the timeframe of 120 days of Filing this

15. Complaint specified pursuant to NRCP 4(a)(c)(d)(i); and will provide an Affidavit of Service to the Court upon Service of Same Complaint and Summons pursuant to NRCP (4(g)(2)

16. Parties To be Served:

17. 1. St. Mary's Regional Medical Center - Tami Evans Director of Medical Services and Risk Mgmt,

2. Prem Reddy, MD - (Prime HealthCare @ 3480 E. Guasti Road, Ontario, CA 91761; 909-235-4400)

18. 3. Mark McAllister, MD (St Mary's Interventional Radiologist)

4. Tanzeel Islam, MD (St. Mary's Hospitalist)

19. 5. Sridevi Challapalli, MD (St. Mary's Cardiologist

6. DOES I through X inclusive; 7. ROES Businesses I through X inclusive (yet to be determined)

At/About:

21. St. Mary's Regional Medical Center (Hospital/Medical Offices) Risk Management and Legal Department; St Mary's Medical Offices

22. Via 235 West 6th Street, Reno, NV 89503 (Tele: 775-770-3228/3210; 775-770-3745) And FYI to:

23. Prem Reddy, MD - (Prime HealthCare @ 3480 E. Guasti Road, Ontario, CA 91761(909-235-4400)

24. Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown, Pro Se Plaintiffs

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25. Sparks, NV 89441

26. 775-425-4216

Date: March 2020

# EXHIBIT 3

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THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

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Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that the above named Plaintiffs/Appellants Appeal to the Supreme Court of Nevada from the District Court Order of June 8, 2020 Dismissing Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Complaint in this Action, with nexus to the Court's May 26, 2020/Other Orders;

With Reference to Plaintiffs'/Appellants' May 28, 2020 Opposition in Support of their Default Judgment/Other Supporting Filing Briefs addressing medical and NON MEDICAL issues in this case; for which the Supreme Court has Ruled said NON MEDICAL issues (refute of the District Court's June 8, 2020 Order) are to be Returned Back to District Court for ongoing proceedings (caselaw) - as addressed in Defendants' and Plaintiffs' Appellants' District Court Filings - to be further addressed inPlaintiffs'/Appellants' Informal Appeal Brief later.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory J. Brown, Pro Se, Approved Informa Pauperis Plaintiff/Appellant

Marilee Brown, Pro Se. Plaintiff/Appellant Marilou Brown, Pro Se, Plaintiff/Appellant

45 Nives Court Sparks, NV 89441

Telephone: (775) 425-4216 Date: June 26, 2020

AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.a.

The undersigned do hereby affirm that the preceding documents, NOTICE OF APPEAL and CASP APPEAL STATEMENT, Et. Al. do not contain the Social Security Number of any person.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Docket 81434 Document 2020-25101

The undersigned do hereby affirm that the preceding documents, NOTICE OF APPEAL and CASE APPEAL STATEMENT, Et AL, were served on Defendanst via regular mail on this date

Gregory J. Brown. Pro Se, Approved Informa Pauperis Plaintiff/Appellant
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Pro Se Plaintiffs/Appellants.

Case No: CV 20-00422

St. Mary's Regional Medical Center - Tami Evans (Tiffany Coury), Prem Reddy, MD Tanzeel Islam, MD, Mark McAllister, MD Sridevi Challapalli, MD DOES I through X inclusive; ROES Businesses I through X inclusive

Defendants

#### PLAINTIFFS'/APPELLANTS' Pro Se CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

1. Appellant: Gregory J. Brown, Pro Se (Approved Informa Pauperis)

Appellant: Marilee Brown, Pro Se Appellant: Marilou. Brown, Pro Se

2. Plaintiffs/Appellants Appeal to the Supreme Court of Nevada from the District Court Order of June 8, 2020 Dismissing Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Complaint in this Action, with nexus to the Court's May 26, 2020 /Other Orders:

With Reference to Plaintiffs'/Appellants' May 28, 2020 Opposition in support of their Default Judgment/
Other Supporting Filing Briefs addressing medical and NON MEDICAL issues in this case; for which the
Supreme Court has Ruled said NON MEDICAL issues (refute of the District Court's June 8, 2020 Order)
are to be Returned Back to District Court for ongoingproceedings (caselaw) - as addressed in Defendants'
and Plaintiffs'Appellants' District Court Filings - to be further addressed in Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Informal
Appeal Brief later.

From: District Court Judge: Kathleen Drakulich

3. Appellants: Gregory J. Brown, Pro Se (Approved Informa Pauperis)

Marilee Brown
Marilou Brown

- 4. Respondents:
- 5. N/A Not represented
- 6. N/A Not represented
- 7. N/A Not represented
- 8a. Plaintiff/Appellant Gregory J. Brown was granted Informa Pauperis by the District Court

Plaintiffs/Appellants Marilee Brown and Marilou Brown have not applied for Informa Pauperis in this case and paid District Court Filing costs. Same Appellants Request Waiver of Costs however in this Court due to Financial limitations; else this case will simply proceed under Plaintiff/Appellant Gregory J. Brown until such time Plaintiffs/Appellants Marilee Brown and Marilou Brown can proceed otherwise.

- 8b. Plaintiffs'Appellants request that this Case be heard on the Original Record Without Reproduction of Record Portions. No Transcript exists as there was no trial.
- 9. Civil Complaint initiated (Case No: CV 20-00422): March 3, 2020
- 10. This Case was NOT the subject of a prior Appeal, etc in the Supreme Court
- 11. This Case does Not involve a Child Custody Matter
- 12. Appellant is Agreeable to Settlement Proceedings
- 13. Description of Nature of Action, Result in District Court Appealed From:
- **A.** Notice is hereby given that the above named Plaintiffs/Appellants Appeal to the Supreme Court of Nevada from the District Court Order of June 8, 2020 Dismissing Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Complaint in this Action, with nexus to the Court's May 26, 2020/Other Orders;

With Reference to Plaintiffs'/Appellants' May 28, 2020 Opposition in support of their Default Judgment/
Other Supporting Filing Briefs addressing medical and NON MEDICAL issues in this case; for which the
Supreme Court has Ruled said NON MEDICAL issues (refute of the District Court's June 8, 2020 Order)
are to be Returned Back to District Court for ongoingproceedings (caselaw) - as addressed in Defendants'
and Plaintiffs'Appellants' District Court Filings - to be further addressed in Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Informal
Appeal Brief later.

- **B.** Appellant Requests the Court REINSTATE the NON Medical and Default Judgment Asspects of this case for continued proceedings; And Provide Equitable Relief Deemed appropriate by the Court For Appellants as Requested in Appellant's Civil Action and Supported by their Filings
- C. The District Court Erred, was Mistaken, had Oversight, executed Disparate Treatment, etv in Rulings against Plaintiffs/Appellants related to the aforementioned Appeal issues all addressed in Plaintiffs'/ Appellants' May 28, 2020 Default Judgment and other District Court Filings regarding NON Medical issues, Judicial Discretion, Defualt Judgment, Disparate Treatment, etc with a DETAILED Summary to be addressed in Plaintiffs' Appellants' upcoming Docketing and Opening Brief SUBMITTED LATER AS REQUIRED IN THIS APPEAL.
- D. 1. \* Per Other Court case rulings (August 27, 2018 Order affirmation Pg 3, the Court states:
- "Pleadings of a pro per litigant (Plaintiffs- non lawyer) are held to a less stringent standard than formal pleading drafted by lawyers (Defendants) (caselaw)"
- "the Nevada Supreme Court held that the basic underlying policy governing the exercise of discretion is to have cases decided <u>upon the merits</u>, rather than dismissed on procedural grounds (caselaw)"
- 2. Appellants are willing to clarify their arguments further at a Hearing should the Court request same
- 3a. Prays that the Court will Rule \*Favorably for Appellants as the \*Non moving Party pursuant to the Facts and Evidence provided by Appellants and in the Appellate and Nexused District Court Record.
- 3b. \* Per caselaw Court May 6, 2019 Order affirmation Pg 3, the Court states "when deciding whether summary judgment is appropriate, the Court must view all evidence in light most favorable to the non-moving party (Plaintiffs) and accept all properly supported evidence, factual allegations, reasonable inferences favorable to non-moving party (Plaintiff) as true".
- 4a. Plaintiffs/ Appellants are Agreeable to any Court Sponsored Mediation/Arbitration.
- 4b. Plaintiffs/Appellants are willing to Attend a Settlement Conference before a Settlement Judge.

- 5. Plaintiffs/Appellants Request Waiver of Costs/Fees And to be Relieved from providing Record Excerpts and Exhibits due to Pro Se (and Approved Informa Pauperis Status for Party Gregory J. Brown). but references Arguments and Exhibits from the Record and Will do so Further in his Appeal in Support of Case Reinstatement.
- 6. No Transcript is Requested as NO Trial Proceedings Occurred.
- 7. Appellants Request <u>Relief from the Supreme Court pursuant to</u> the aforementioned arguments, those addressed in the Record, and those further addressed in this Appeal:
- <u>- That the Court REINSTATE</u> this case, at least the Default Judgment and NON Medical aspects of same, for continued proceedings; <u>And Provide Equitable Relief Deemed appropriate by the Court</u> For Appellants as requested in Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Civil Action and Supported by their Filings

Respectfally Submitted.

NAME: Gregory J. BROWN

BAR NUMBER: N/A (Pro Se, Approved Informa Pauperis litigant)

NAME: Marilee Brown, Pro Se NAME: Marilou Brown, Pro Se ADDRESS: 45 Nives Court

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June 26, 2020

#### AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

The undersigned do hereby affirm that the preceding documents, <u>NOTICE OF APPEAL and CASE APPEAL STATEMENT</u>, Et. Al, do not contain the Social Security Number of any person.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned do hereby affirm that the preceding documents, <u>NOTICE OF APPEAL and CASE APPEAL STATEMENT</u>, Et AL, were served on Defendants via regular mail on this date: June 26, 2020.

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

MARILEE BROWN, MARILOU BROWN, GREGORY J. BROWN (for Beverly M. Brown's family),

Plaintiffs,

VS.

ST. MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER; TAMI EVANS; PREM REDDY,M.D.; MARK MCALLISTER, M.D.; TANZEEL ISLAM, M.D.; SRIDEVI CHALLAPALLI, M.D. AND DOES I THROUGH X, INCLUSIVE, ROE

BUSINESSES I THROUGH X, INCLUSIVE,

Defendants.

#### CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

This case appeal statement is filed pursuant to NRAP 3(f).

- 1. Appellants are Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown and Gregory J. Brown.
- 2. This appeal is from an order entered by the Honorable Judge Kathleen Drakulich.
- 3. Appellants are representing themselves in Proper Person on appeal, the Appellant's address is:

Gregory J. Brown Marilee Brown Marilou Brown 45 Nives Court Sparks, Nevada 89441 4. Respondent are Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, Tammy Evans (erroneously named as Tami Evans), and Prem Reddy, M.D.. Respondents were represented in District Court by:

Michael E. Prangle, Esq. SBN 8619 Richard D. DeJong, Esq. SBN 15207 Hall Prangle & Schoonveld, LLC 1140 North Town Center Drive. Ste. 350 Las Vegas, Nevada 89144

- 5. Respondent's attorney is not licensed to practice law in Nevada: n/a
- 6. Appellant s are not represented by counsel in District Court.
- 7. Appellant s are not represented by counsel on appeal.
- 8. Appellant filed a Motion to Proceed Informa Pauperis on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the District Court.
- 9. Proceeding commenced by the filing of a Civil Complaint on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.
- 10. This is a civil proceeding and the Appellant is appealing the Order Granting Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint for Failure to Comply with NRS 41A.071 filed June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 11. The case has not been the subject of a previous appeals to the Supreme Court.
- 12. This case does not involve child custody or visitation.
- 13. It is unknown if the case involves the possibility of a settlement.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2020.

Jacqueline Bryant Clerk of the Court By: /s/ YViloria YViloria Deputy Clerk

### SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEVADA COUNTY OF WASHOE

Case History - CV20-00422

Case Description: MARILEE BROWN ETAL VS. SAINT MARY'S REGIONAL ETAL

Case Number: CV20-00422 Case Type: OTHER CIVIL MATTERS - Initially Filed On: 3/3/2020

Parties		
Party Type & Name	Party Status	
JUDG - KATHLEEN DRAKULICH - D1	Active	
PLTF - MARILOU BROWN - @157728	Active	
PLTF - MARILEE BROWN - @196169	Active	
DEFT - TANZEEL ISLAM, M.D @1296794	Active	
DEFT - PREM REDDY, M.D @1353798	Active	
DEFT - TAMI EVANS - @1352762	Active	
DEFT - MARK MCALLISTER - @1352763	Active	
DEFT - TIFFANY COURY, CEO - @1354586	Active	
DEFT - ST. MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - @1277835	Active	
DEFT - SRIDEVI CHALLAPALLI - @1209628	Active	
ATTY - Heather S. Hall, Esq 10608	Active	
ATTY - Edward J. Lemons, Esq 699	Active	
ATTY - Richard De Jong, Esq 15207	Active	
ATTY - Alice G. Campos Mercado, Esq 4555	Active	
ATTY - Michael E. Prangle, Esq 8619	Active	
ATTY - Robert C. McBride, Esq 7082	Party ended on: 4/20/2020 12:00:00AM	
Disposed Hearings		

- Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 4/13/2020 at 11:57:00
  - Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST THAT THEIR OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS TO INCLUDE AMENDMENT/CLARIFICATION C Event Disposition: S200 4/17/2020
- 2 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 4/13/2020 at 11:57:00

Extra Event Text: AMENDMENT TO CIVIL COMPLAINT / RETURN SERVICE OF SUMMONS

Event Disposition: S200 - 4/17/2020

B Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 4/16/2020 at 13:29:00

Extra Event Text: DEFT MARK MCALLISTER M.D.'S MOTION TO DISMISS FILED 4-3-2020

Event Disposition: S200 - 6/8/2020

4 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 4/20/2020 at 15:56:00

Extra Event Text: DEFT ST MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENER, TAMMY EVANS, PREM REDDY M.D.'S MOTION TO DISMISS FILED 3-26-2020; PLTFS OPPC Event Disposition: S200 - 6/8/2020

5 Department: D9 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 4/28/2020 at 14:05:00

Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFF GREGORY J BROWNS MOTION TO PROCEED INFORMA PAUPERIS WITH AFFIDAVIT OF POVERTY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION T Event Disposition: S200 - 6/8/2020

6 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 4/28/2020 at 14:05:00

Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST TO ADD GREGORY J BROWN AS PARTY (MOTION TO PROCEED INFORMA PAUPERIS FILED SEPARATELY)

Event Disposition: S200 - 5/5/2020

- 7 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 4/28/2020 at 14:05:00
  - Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST FOR A HEARING WITH REITERAED REFUTES OF DEFENDANTS (TIFFANY COURY REPLACED TAMMY EVANS, PRI Event Disposition: S200 6/8/2020
- 8 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 4/28/2020 at 14:05:00
  - Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFFS APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 54/55/OTHER AGAINST DEENDANTS TANZEEL ISLAM, MD AN Event Disposition: S200 5/5/2020
- 9 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/7/2020 at 14:20:00
  - Extra Event Text: MARK MCALLISTER M.D'S MOTION TO STRIKE PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR HEARING WITH REITERATED REFUTES OF DEFENDANTS' A Event Disposition: S200 6/8/2020
- 10 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/14/2020 at 11:56:00
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- 11 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/14/2020 at 11:56:00
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- 13 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/14/2020 at 11:56:00
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- 14 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/14/2020 at 11:56:00
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- 17 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/28/2020 at 12:34:00
  - Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFFS AMENDED PLEADING / SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF REQUEST IN SUPPORT OF THEIR HEARING REQUEST / INFO CONSIDERATI Event Disposition: S200 6/8/2020
- 18 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/28/2020 at 12:34:00
  - Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFFS MOTION TO DISMISS DEFENDANTS TIFFANY COURY (REPLACED TAMMY EVANS) / PREM REDDY'S APRIL 20, 2020 DELINQI Event Disposition: S200 6/8/2020
- 19 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/28/2020 at 12:34:00
  - Extra Event Text: AMENDMENT TO CIVIL COMPLAINT / RETURN SERVICE OF SUMMONS
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- 20 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/28/2020 at 12:34:00
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21 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 5/28/2020 at 12:35:00

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22 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 6/5/2020 at 12:00:00

Extra Event Text: AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT (NO ORDER)

Event Disposition: S200 - 6/8/2020

23 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 6/5/2020 at 11:59:00

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24 Department: D1 -- Event: Request for Submission -- Scheduled Date & Time: 6/5/2020 at 12:00:00

Extra Event Text: PLAINTIFFS ADDENDUM TO THEIR MAY 28TH 2020 OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS TAMMY EVANS ETC (NO ORDER)

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#### **Actions**

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1 3/3/2020 - 1270 - Application ...

Additional Text: MARILEE BROWN

Transaction 7772099 - Approved By: BVIRREY: 03-03-2020:14:45:25

2 3/3/2020 - \$1425 - \$Complaint - Civil

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3 3/3/2020 - \$PLTF - \$Addl Plaintiff/Complaint

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5 3/4/2020 - 3105 - Ord Granting ...

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6 3/4/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7773601 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 03-04-2020:11:20:27

7 3/26/2020 - 2315 - Mtn to Dismiss ...

Additional Text: DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH NRS 41A.071 - Transaction 7811786 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 03-26-2020:16:20:02

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11 3/26/2020 - 1817 - Initial Appear. Fee Disclosure

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18 4/13/2020 - 2645 - Opposition to Mtn ...

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19 4/13/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: Transaction 7831867 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 04-13-2020:12:38:41

DOCUMENT TITLE: AMENDMENT TO CIVIL COMPLAINT / RETURN SERVICE OF SUMMONS

PARTY SUBMITTING: MARILEE BROWN

DATE SUBMITTED: 4-13-2020

SUBMITTED BY: YV

DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

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PARTY SUBMITTING: MARILEE BROWN

DATE SUBMITTED: 4/13/2020

SUBMITTED BY: YV

DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

21 4/13/2020 - 1090 - Amended Complaint

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23 4/16/2020 - 1290 - Association of Counsel

Additional Text: NOTICE OF ASSOCIATION OF COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANT MARK MCALLISTER MD - Transaction 7838276 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 04-16-2020:13:29:33

24 4/16/2020 - 3790 - Reply to/in Opposition

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25 4/16/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: Transaction 7838282 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 04-16-2020:13:30:06
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PARTY SUBMITTING: EDWARD LEMONS ESQ

DATE SUBMITTED: 4-16-2020

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26 4/16/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

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29 4/17/2020 - 3366 - Ord Vacating

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31 4/17/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: AMENDMENT TO CIVIL COMPLAINT / RETURN SERVICE OF SUMMONS (SEE ORDER FILED 4/17/2020)

32 4/17/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7839964 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 04-17-2020:11:57:47

33 4/20/2020 - 4075 - Substitution of Counsel

Additional Text: SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL: HALL PRANGLE & SCHOONVELD LLC IN PLACE OF CARROLL, KELLY TROTTER FRANZEN & MCBRIDE / DEFT ST MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, TAMMY EVANS AND PREM REDDY MD Transaction 7841720 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 04-20-2020:11:29:16

34 4/20/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

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35 4/20/2020 - 3795 - Reply...

Additional Text: DEFENDANTS ST MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, TAMMY EVANS AND PREM REDDY M.D.'S RELY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS - Transaction 7842678 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 04-20-2020:15:57:07

36 4/20/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: Transaction 7842683 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 04-20-2020:15:57:14

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PARTY SUBMITTING: RICHARD DE JONG ESQ

DATE SUBMITTED: 4-20-2020

SUBMITTED BY: YV

DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

37 4/20/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7842686 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 04-20-2020:15:58:14

38 4/20/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7842685 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 04-20-2020:15:58:13

39 4/28/2020 - 2475 - Mtn to Strike...

Additional Text: DEFENDANT MARK MCALLISTER M.D.'S MOTION TO STRIKE PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR HEARING WITH REITERATED REFUTES OF DEFENDANTS ANSWERS ETC - Transaction 7852640 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 04-28-2020:10:32:34

40 4/28/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7852646 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 04-28-2020:10:33:38

41 4/28/2020 - 1047 - Affidavit of Poverty

Additional Text: AFFIDAVIT OF POVERTY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS - Transaction 7853337 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 04-28-2020:14:09:48

42 4/28/2020 - 2385 - Mtn Proceed Forma Pauperis

Additional Text: MOTION TO PROCEED INFORMA PAUPERIS - Transaction 7853337 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 04-28-2020:14:09:48

43 4/28/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: Transaction 7853337 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 04-28-2020:14:09:48

DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFF GREGORY J BROWNS MOTION TO PROCEED INFORMA PAUPERIS WITH AFFIDAVIT OF

POVERTY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO PROCEED INFORMA PAUPERIS

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44 4/28/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: Transaction 7853337 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 04-28-2020:14:09:48

DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST TO ADD GREGORY J BROWN AS PARTY (MOTION TO PROCEED INFORMA

PAUPERIS FILED SEPARATELY)

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45 4/28/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: Transaction 7853337 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 04-28-2020:14:09:48

DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST FOR A HEARING WITH REITERAED REFUTES OF DEFENDANTS (TIFFANY COURY

REPLACED TAMMY EVANS, PREM REDDY, MD; MARK MCALLISTER; MD) ANSWERS IN LIEU OF A HEARIN G- IF SAME

SUPPORTS UPHOLDING PLAINTIFFS COMPLAINT

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46 4/28/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT UDGMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 54/55 OTHER AGAINST

DEFENDANTS TANZEEL ISLAM, MD AND SRIDEVI CHALLAPALLI MD FOR NON ANSWER RESPONSE - Transaction 7853337 -

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DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 54/55/OTHER AGAINST

DEENDANTS TANZEEL ISLAM. MD AND SRIDEVI CALLAPALLI MD FOR NON ANSWER / RESPONSE

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47 4/28/2020 - 3870 - Request

Additional Text: REQUEST TO ADD GREGORY J. BROWN AS PARTY (MOTION TO PROCEED INFORMA PAUERIS FILED

SEPARATELY) - Transaction 7853337 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 04-28-2020:14:09:48

48 4/28/2020 - 3870 - Request

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST FOR A HEARING WITH REITERATED REFUTES OF DEFENDANTS' (TIFFANY COURY REPLACTED TAMMY EVANS, PREM REDDY, MD; MARK MCALLISTER MD) ANSWERS IN LIEU OF A HEARING - IF SAME

SUPPORTS UPHOLD - Transaction 7853337 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 04-28-2020:14:09:48

49 4/28/2020 - 1225 - Application Default Judgment

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT UDGMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 54/55 OTHER AGAINST DEFENDANTS TANZEEL ISLAM, MD AND SRIDEVI CHALLAPALLI MD FOR NON ANSWER RESPONSE - Transaction 7853337 -

Approved By: YVILORIA: 04-28-2020:14:09:48

50 4/28/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7853352 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 04-28-2020:14:10:48

51 5/5/2020 - 3366 - Ord Vacating

Additional Text: SUBMISSION - Transaction 7863217 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-05-2020:15:46:44

52 5/5/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7863218 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-05-2020:15:47:34

53 5/5/2020 - 2840 - Ord Denying ...

Additional Text: APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT - Transaction 7863220 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-05-2020:15:48:25

54 5/5/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7863222 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-05-2020:15:49:14

55 5/5/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 54/55/OTHER AGAINST DEENDANTS TANZEEL ISLAM, MD AND SRIDEVI CALLAPALLI MD FOR NON ANSWER / RESPONSE (SEE ORDER FILED 5/5/2020)

56 5/5/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST TO ADD GREGORY J BROWN AS PARTY (MOTION TO PROCEED INFORMA PAUPERIS FILED SEPARATELY) (SEE ORDER FILED 5/5/2020)

57 5/6/2020 - 2650 - Opposition to ...

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT MCALLISTER'S DISMISSAL MOTION OF: PLAINTIFF'S HEARING REQUEST ELSE CONSIDERATION OF PLAINTIFF'S NEW/REITERATED REFUTES (CLARIFICATIONS) IN LIEU OF HEARING TO UPHOLD PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT ISSUES (SEE SEPARATE OPPOSITION/MOTION FILINGS ON SAME ISSUES, AS WELL) - Transaction 7865178 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 05-06-2020:15:22:27

58 5/6/2020 - 1120 - Amended ...

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS' AMENDED PLEADING / SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF REQUEST IN SUPPORT OF THEIR HEARING REQUEST/INFO CONSIDERATION IN LIEU OF; CLARIFICATION OF DEFENDANTS ERRONEOUS INFORMATION WITHIN SAID PLEADINGS (PLAINTIFFS DIRECT AND REITERATED REFUTES) IN SUPPORT OF THE COURT JUSTIFIABLY UPHOLDING PLAINTIFFS CMPLAINT ISSUES (SEE SEPARATE OPPOSITION/MOTION FILINGS ON SAME ISSUES, AS WELL) - Transaction 7865178 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 05-06-2020:15:22:27

59 5/6/2020 - 2315 - Mtn to Dismiss ...

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO DISMISS DEFENDANTS TIFFANY COURY (REPLACED TAMMY EVANS) / PREM REDDY'S APRIL 20, 2020 DELINQUENT/ERRONEOUS REPRESENTATION REPLY (SEE SEPARATE OPPOSITION/MOTION FILINGS AS WELL) - Transaction 7865178 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 05-06-2020:15:22:27

60 5/6/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7865181 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-06-2020:15:23:25

61 5/7/2020 - 3795 - Reply...

Additional Text: DEFENDANT MARK MCALLISTER, M.D.'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO STRIKE PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR HEARING WITH REITERATED REFUTES OF DEFENDANTS ANSWERS, ETC - Transaction 7866827 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 05-07-2020:14:25:53

62 5/7/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: Transaction 7866828 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-07-2020:14:21:16

DOCUMENT TITLE: MARK MCALLISTER M.D'S MOTION TO STRIKE PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR HEARING WITH REITERATED REFUTES OF DEFENDANTS' ANSWERS ETC FILED 4-28-2020

PARTY SUBMITTING: EDWARD LEMONS ESQ DATE SUBMITTED: 5-7-2020

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63 5/7/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7866833 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-07-2020:14:22:25

64 5/7/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7866853 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-07-2020:14:26:53

65 5/14/2020 - 3795 - Reply...

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS' REPLY (OPPOSITION) TO DEFENDANT MCALLISTER'S May 7, 2020 OPPOSITION {"REPLY") REQFESTING TO STRIKE PLAINTIFTS' MAY 6, 2020 AMENDED PLEADING/ SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF

66 5/14/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING (ALREADY FILED DOCUI1EN1:V) TO THE COURT FOR DECISION -AS THE RESPONSE TIME FOR SAME HAS LAPSED: REQUEST

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OF POVERTY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO PROCEED INFORM.A PAUPERIS; 3) PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 54/55/0THER AGAINST DEFENDANTS TanzEel Islam. MD and Sridevi Challapalli, MD FOR NON ANSWER/ NON RESONSE

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67 5/14/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

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68 5/14/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO DH'ENDANT MCA LUSTER'S DISMISSAL MOTION OF: PLAINTIFF'S HEARING REQUEST ELSE CONSIDERATION OF PLAINTIFFS' NEW / REITERATED REFUTES (CLARIFICATIONS) IN LIU OF HEARING TO UPHOLD PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT ISSUES (See Separate Opposition/Motion Filings on Same Issues, as well) PARTY SUBMITTING: MARILEE BROWN

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69 5/14/2020 - 3860 - Reguest for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFF GREGORY J. BROWN'S MOTION TO PROCEED INFORMA PAUPERIS WITH AFFIDAVIT OF POVERTY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

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70 5/14/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST TO ADD GREGORY J BROWN AS PARTY (MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS FILED SEPARATELY)
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71 5/14/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 54/55/0THER AGAINST DEFENDANS TANEEL ISLAM, MD AND SRIDEVI CHALLAPALLI MD FOR NON ANSWER/RESPONSE

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72 5/14/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS REPLY (OPPOSITION) TO DEFENDANT MCALLISTER'S MAY 7, 2020 OPPOSITION (REPLY) REQUEST TO STRIKE PLAINTIFFS' MAY 6, 2020 AMENDED PLEADING/SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF

PARTY SUBMITTING: MARILEE BROWN DATE SUBMITTED: 5-14-2020

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73 5/15/2020 - 3795 - Reply...

Additional Text: ERRATA TO DEFENDANTS ST. MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, TAMMY EVANS AND PREM REDDY M.D.'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS - Transaction 7879975 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 05-18-2020:08:31:59

74 5/15/2020 - \$1560 - \$Def 1st Appearance - CV

Additional Text: TANZEEL ISLAM, M.D. - Transaction 7879975 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 05-18-2020:08:31:59

75 5/15/2020 - \$DEFT - \$Addl Def/Answer - Prty/Appear

Additional Text: SRI CHALLAPALLI, M.D. - Transaction 7879975 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 05-18-2020:08:31:59

76 5/15/2020 - 1817 - Initial Appear. Fee Disclosure

Additional Text: DEFENDANT TANZEEL ISLAM, M.D. AND SRI CHALLAALLI M.D.'S INITIAL APPEARANCE FEE DISCLOSURE - Transaction 7879975 - Approved By: YVILORIA: 05-18-2020:08:31:59

77 5/18/2020 - PAYRC - \*\*Payment Receipted

Additional Text: A Payment of \$238.00 was made on receipt DCDC658957.

78 5/18/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7880641 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-18-2020:08:32:59

79 5/26/2020 - 3105 - Ord Granting ...

Additional Text: REQUEST TO ADD GREGORY J BROWN AS PARTY - Transaction 7891381 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-26-2020:09:01:17

80 5/26/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7891385 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-26-2020:09:02:16

81 5/26/2020 - 3366 - Ord Vacating

Additional Text: SUBMISSION - Transaction 7891393 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-26-2020:09:04:28

82 5/26/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7891398 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 05-26-2020:09:05:27

83 5/26/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST TO ADD GREGORY J. BROWN AS PARTY (SEE ORDER FILED 5/26/2020)

84 5/26/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 54/55/0THER AGAINST DEFENDANS TANEEL ISLAM, MD AND SRIDEVI CHALLAPALLI MD FOR NON ANSWER/RESPONSE (SEE ORDER FILED 5/26/2020)

85 5/28/2020 - 2650 - Opposition to ...

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS (A) OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS TAMMY EVANS (TIFFANY COURY)/PREM REDDY MDS MAY 15, 2020 ERRATA RELATED TO PLAINTIFFS MAY 14, 2020 (& PRIOR) DEFAULT MOTIONS AGAINST DEFENDANTS TANZEEL ISLAM AND SRIDEVI CHALLAPALLI; (B) IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MAY 6/14, 2020 SUPPLEMENTAL & DISMISSAL FILINGS NEXUSED TO DEFENDANTS' REPLIES/ERRATA; (C) WITH PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF THEIR REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL ADJUDICATED FILINGS FOR NO RESPONSE/OTHER (SEPARATE FILINGS)

86 5/28/2020 - 3870 - Request

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST TO SUBMIT THIS SUBMISSION BRIEF AND THE (ALREADY FILED DOCUMENTS) TO THE COURT FOR DECISION - AS THE RESPONSE TIME FOR SAME HAS LAPSED; REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS FILED SEPARATELY FOR EACH DOCUMENT

87 5/28/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST TO SUBMIT THIS SUBMISSION BRIEF AND THE (ALREADY) FILED DOCUMENTS) TO THE COURT FOR DECISION - AS THE RESPONSE TIME FOR SAME HAS LAPSED; REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS FILED SEPARATELY FOR EACH DOCUMENT

PARTY SUBMITTING: MARILOU BROWN

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88 5/28/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: AMENDMENT TO CIVIL COMPLAINT / RETURN SERVICE OF SUMMONS

PARTY SUBMITTING: MARILOU BROWN

DATE SUBMITTED: 5-28-2020

SUBMITTED BY: YV

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89 5/28/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS MOTION TO DISMISS DEFENDANTS TIFFANY COURY (REPLACED TAMMY EVANS) / PREM REDDY'S APRIL 20, 2020 DELINQUENT/ERRONEOUS REPRESENTATION REPLY (SEE SEPARATE OPPOSITION

/ MOTION FILINGS AS WELL)
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90 5/28/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS AMENDED PLEADING / SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF REQUEST IN SUPPORT OF THEIR HEARING REQUEST / INFO CONSIDERATION IN LIEU OF; CLARIFICAITON OF DEFENDANTS ERRONEOUS INFORMATION WITHIN SAID PLEADINGS, (PLAINTIFFS DIRECT AND REITERATED REFUTES) IN SUPPORT OF THE COURT JUSTIFIABLY UPHOLDING PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT ISSUES (SEE SEPARATE OPPOSITION/MOTION FILINGS ON SAME ISSUES, AS WELL)

PARTY SUBMITTING: MARILOU BROWN

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91 5/28/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS REPLY (OPPOSITION) TO DEFENDANT MCALLISTER'S MAY 7, 2020 OPPOSITION (REPLY) REQUESTING TO STRIKE PLAINTIFFS MAY 6, 2020, AMENDED PLEADING / SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF PARTY SUBMITTING: MARILOU BROWN

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92 6/5/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS TAMMY EVANS PREM REDDY MD'S MAY 15TH, 2020 ERRATA RELATED TO PLAINTIFFS MAY 14 2020 DEFAULT MOTIONS AGAINST DEFENDANTS TANZEEL ISLAM ETC (NO ORDER)

PARTY SUBMITTING: MARILEE BROWN

DATE SUBMITTED: 6/5/2020 SUBMITTED BY: AZAMORA DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

93 6/5/2020 - 1020 - Addendum

Additional Text: PLAINTIFF'S ADDENDUM TO THEIR MY 28. 2020 OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS TAMMY EVANS (TIFFANY COURY) / PREM REDDY MD'S MAY 15, 2020 ERRATA- NEXUSED TO PLAINTIFFS APRIL 28 & MAY 14, 2020 DEFAULT FILINGS AGAINST DEFENDANT'S TANZEEL ISLAM AND SRIDEVI CHALLAPALLI.

94 6/5/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: PLAINTIFFS ADDENDUM TO THEIR MAY 28TH 2020 OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS TAMMY EVANS ETC (NO ORDER)

PARTY SUBMITTING: MARILEE BROWN

DATE SUBMITTED: 6/5/2020 SUBMITTED BY: AZAMORA DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

95 6/5/2020 - 1030 - Affidavit in Support...

Additional Text: AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT

96 6/5/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

Additional Text: DOCUMENT TITLE: AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT (NO ORDER) PARTY SUBMITTING: MARILEE BROWN DATE SUBMITTED: 6/5/2020 SUBMITTED BY: AZAMORA

DATE RECEIVED JUDGE OFFICE:

97 6/8/2020 - 3060 - Ord Granting Mtn ...

Additional Text: MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH NRS 41A.071 - Transaction 7912510 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 06-08-2020:08:13:38

98 6/8/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7912516 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 06-08-2020:08:14:38

99 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: DEFT MARK MCALLISTER, M.D.'S MOTION TO DISMISS FILED 4-3-2020 (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

100 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: DEFT ST MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENER, TAMMY EVANS, PREM REDDY M.D.'S MOTION TO DISMISS FILED 3-26-2020; PLTFS OPPOSITION TO DEFTS MOTION TO DISMISS FILED 4-13-2020; DEFTS REPLY TO PLTFS OPPOSITION TO DEFT'S MOTION TO DISMISS FILED 4-20-2020 (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

101 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST FOR A HEARING WITH REITERAED REFUTES OF DEFENDANTS (TIFFANY COURY REPLACED TAMMY EVANS, PREM REDDY, MD; MARK MCALLISTER; MD) ANSWERS IN LIEU OF A HEARIN G- IF SAME SUPPORTS UPHOLDING PLAINTIFFS COMPLAINT (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

102 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFF GREGORY J BROWNS MOTION TO PROCEED INFORMA PAUPERIS WITH AFFIDAVIT OF POVERTY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO PROCEED INFORMA PAUPERIS (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

103 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: MARK MCALLISTER M.D'S MOTION TO STRIKE PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR HEARING WITH REITERATED REFUTES OF DEFENDANTS' ANSWERS ETC FILED 4-28-2020 (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

104 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO DH'ENDANT MCA LUSTER'S DISMISSAL MOTION OF: PLAINTIFF'S HEARING REQUEST ELSE CONSIDERATION OF PLAINTIFFS' NEW / REITERATED REFUTES (CLARIFICATIONS) IN LIU OF HEARING TO UPHOLD PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT ISSUES (See Separate Opposition/Motion Filings on Same Issues, as well) (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

105 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFF GREGORY J. BROWN'S MOTION TO PROCEED INFORMA PAUPERIS WITH AFFIDAVIT OF POVERTY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

106 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING (ALREADY FILED DOCUMENTS) TO THE COURT FOR DECISION - AS THE RESPONSE TIME FOR SAME HASLAPSED; REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS FILED SEPARATELY FOR EACH DOCUMENT (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

107 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING (ALREADY FILED DOCUI1EN1:V) TO THE COURT FOR DECISION -AS THE RESPONSE TIME FOR SAME HAS LAPSED: REQUEST

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OF POVERTY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO PROCEED INFORM.A PAUPERIS; 3) PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 54/55/0THER AGAINST DEFENDANTS TanzEel Islam. MD and Sridevi Challapalli, MD FOR NON ANSWER/ NON RESONSE (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

108 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS REPLY (OPPOSITION) TO DEFENDANT MCALLISTER'S MAY 7, 2020 OPPOSITION (REPLY) REQUEST TO STRIKE PLAINTIFFS' MAY 6, 2020 AMENDED (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

109 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS REQUEST TO SUBMIT THIS SUBMISSION BRIEF AND THE (ALREADY) FILED DOCUMENTS) TO THE COURT FOR DECISION - AS THE RESPONSE TIME FOR SAME HAS LAPSED; REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS FILED SEPARATELY FOR EACH DOCUMENT (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

110 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: AMENDMENT TO CIVIL COMPLAINT / RETURN SERVICE OF SUMMONS (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

111 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS MOTION TO DISMISS DEFENDANTS TIFFANY COURY (REPLACED TAMMY EVANS) / PREM REDDY'S APRIL 20, 2020 DELINQUENT/ERRONEOUS REPRESENTATION REPLY (SEE SEPARATE OPPOSITION / MOTION FILINGS AS WELL) (SEE ORDERF FILED 6/8/2020)

112 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS AMENDED PLEADING / SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF REQUEST IN SUPPORT OF THEIR HEARING REQUEST / INFO CONSIDERATION IN LIEU OF; CLARIFICAITON OF DEFENDANTS ERRONEOUS INFORMATION WITHIN SAID PLEADINGS, (PLAINTIFFS DIRECT AND REITERATED REFUTES) IN SUPPORT OF THE COURT JUSTIFIABLY UPHOLDING PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT ISSUES (SEE SEPARATE OPPOSITION/MOTION FILINGS ON SAME ISSUES, AS WELL) (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

113 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS REPLY (OPPOSITION) TO DEFENDANT MCALLISTER'S MAY 7, 2020 OPPOSITION (REPLY) REQUESTING TO STRIKE PLAINTIFFS MAY 6, 2020, AMENDED PLEADING / SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

114 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS TAMMY EVANS PREM REDDY MD'S MAY 15TH, 2020 ERRATA RELATED TO PLAINTIFFS MAY 14 2020 DEFAULT MOTIONS AGAINST DEFENDANTS TANZEEL ISLAM ETC (SEE O RDER FILED 6/8/2020)

115 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: PLAINTIFFS ADDENDUM TO THEIR MAY 28TH 2020 OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS TAMMY EVANS ETC (SEE O RDER FILED 6/8/2020)

116 6/8/2020 - S200 - Request for Submission Complet

Additional Text: AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT (SEE ORDER FILED 6/8/2020)

117 6/8/2020 - F135 - Adj Motion to Dismiss by DEFT

No additional text exists for this entry.

118 6/10/2020 - 2540 - Notice of Entry of Ord

Additional Text: Transaction 7918025 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 06-10-2020:10:56:28

119 6/10/2020 - NEF - Proof of Electronic Service

Additional Text: Transaction 7918029 - Approved By: NOREVIEW: 06-10-2020:10:57:28

120 6/26/2020 - 2515 - Notice of Appeal Supreme Court

Additional Text: NOTICE OF APPEAL - 6/8/2020

121 6/26/2020 - 1310 - Case Appeal Statement

Additional Text: CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

122 6/26/2020 - 3860 - Request for Submission

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III. **Analysis** 

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Defendants Saint Mary's argue all of Plaintiffs' factual claims arise out of medical care, treatment, and alleged breaches of the medical providers' duties of care and therefore sound in medical malpractice. Mot. at 4:3-5; 5:19-22. Defendants Saint Mary's maintain all of Plaintiffs' allegations fall within the definition of professional negligence pursuant to NRS 41A.015. Id. at 5:26-6:4. Defendants Saint Mary's contend Plaintiffs failed to satisfy the affidavit requirement pursuant to NRS 41A.071 and the Complaint must be dismissed. *Id.* at 6:5–7:10.

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Plaintiffs request a hearing to clarify this matter. Opp. at 1:15. Plaintiffs contend their claims in the Complaint rely upon other statutes. *Id.* at 2:13–14. Plaintiffs assert the Complaint can be tolled pursuant to NRS 41A.097(2) and that should be considered as a mitigating factor and for this Court to maintain all the issues until Plaintiffs can obtain a medical expert affidavit because such a dismissal would be prejudicial to Plaintiffs as they may not be able to re-file any medical issues due to running of the statute of limitations. *Id.* at 2:15–3:5; 5:3–6. Plaintiffs assert it is within this Court's discretion whether to dismiss the action. *Id.* at 3:5–6. Plaintiffs insist the word "shall" in NRS 41A.071 is not mandatory and argue cases should be decided upon the merits rather than dismissed on procedural

grounds. *Id.* at 3:11–4:7. Plaintiffs claim because pleadings of a pro per litigant are held to a less stringent standard, the Complaint should not be dismissed. *Id.* at 4:8–9. Plaintiffs insist there are factual allegations in the Complaint that are non-medical including: (1) failure to follow protocol; (2) lack of communication; (3) age/other discrimination / jeopardy to the elderly; (4) negligence jeopardizing patients/others safety related to infectious persons; and (5) failure to expedite medical documentation that jeopardized this patient's case. *Id.* at 4:9–14; 5:6–12. Plaintiffs state that in the Complaint they requested the ability to amend the Complaint, and they should be allowed to do so in this instance without having all of their non-medical claims dismissed as that would cause significant hardship. *Id.* at 5:12–16.

Plaintiffs then claim they themselves are sufficiently familiar with this case to prepare a joint affidavit that illustrates their education, experience, and caretaking of patients that will suffice until Plaintiffs can obtain a proper medical expert affidavit if required. *Id.* at 6:11–24. Plaintiffs assert it is difficult to obtain written or testimonial support from medical experts because they fear reprisal, damage to their reputation, or denial of hospital rights in speaking out. *Id.* at 8:9–16. Plaintiffs allege Defendants Saint Mary's failed to perform an investigation into the facts surrounding Ms. Brown's death and instead engaged in a coverup. *Id.* at 9:16–20. Plaintiffs maintain a jury can evaluate Plaintiffs claims despite any procedural shortcomings, especially those based on the nonmedical functions. *Id.* at 11:14–19. Plaintiffs state that it is the substance rather than the form of the claim that must be examined. *Id.* at 16:21–17:1. Plaintiffs request this Court allow them to amend the Complaint to: (1) add age/other discrimination violations; (2) add Gregory J. Brown as a Plaintiff; (3) clarify, correct, and amend the Complaint; and (4) time to secure a medical expert affidavit if necessary. *Id.* at 20:13–22.

In the Reply, Defendants Saint Mary's maintain the application of NRS 41A.071 focuses on whether a defendant is a provider of health care and whether the allegations in a complaint contemplate a failure in rendering of services by that provider. Reply at 5:3–7. Defendants Saint Mary's argue that all of the allegations are in relation to medical care and treatment provided to Ms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Amendment to the Complaint adding/substituting parties was filed concurrently with the Opposition on April 13, 2020 and does not allege any claims for discrimination or request additional time to secure a medical expert affidavit.

Brown at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, a licensed hospital and the respective physicians who practice there. *Id.* at 5:8–18. Defendants Saint Mary's maintain a plaintiff cannot avoid application of NRS 41A.071 through artful pleading and emphasize Plaintiffs' claims arise out of breaches of duties involving medical judgment, diagnosis, or treatment. *Id.* at 5:19–6:2. Defendants Saint Mary's point out that the Nevada Supreme Court has held that "allegations of negligent maintenance of medical records are properly characterized as medical malpractice." *Id.* at 6:5–8; *Jones v. Wilkin*, 111 Nev. 1335, 1338, 905 P.2d 166, 168 (1995). Defendants Saint Mary's argue Plaintiffs seek to impose liability for treatment Ms. Brown received for a foot wound, an atrial fibrillation, an improper amputation, low oxygen levels, and a pulmonary injury. Reply at 6:14–16. Defendants Saint Mary's state these allegations clearly implicate professional negligence and the Complaint repeatedly describes these claims as one for medical malpractice. *Id.* at 6:14–19. Defendants Saint Mary's also contend Plaintiffs lack standing to bring this suit as self-represented litigants on behalf of their mother's estate. *Id.* at 7:1–8:2.

Having reviewed the pleadings on file and having reviewed the facts and legal support set forth therein, this Court finds good cause to grant the Motion. For NRS 41A.071 to apply to this action, it must be an action for professional negligence. Plaintiffs allege "Defendants did commit Medical Negligent actions to include Medicinal, Treatment, Judgment, protocol, Etc [sic] errors, against the Plaintiffs which led to the Wrongful Suffering and Death of their mother . . . . " Compl. at 14:26–27. This language or substantially similar language is repeated three times in this section of the Complaint. *Id.* at 14:22–15:13. Further, all of the allegations contained in the Complaint directly involve medical judgment, diagnosis, or treatment that Ms. Brown allegedly received or should have received, which the Nevada Supreme Court has held means the claim sounds in professional negligence. *Szymborski*, 133 Nev. at 642.

This Court has reviewed the allegations contained in the Complaint. Contrary to Plaintiffs' claim that there are factual allegations in the Complaint that are non-medical (to include failure to follow protocol, lack of communication, age/other discrimination/jeopardy to the elderly, negligence jeopardizing patients/others safety related to infectious persons, and failure to expedite medical documentation that jeopardized this patient's case) each of these allegations is inextricably tied to a

claim for professional negligence and Plaintiffs cannot now claim otherwise for the sole purpose of remedying a violation of NRS 41A.071.

To evaluate whether the medical professionals in this case followed established protocol necessarily requires expert testimony to explain the standard of care. *Id.* The protocol Plaintiffs claim was not followed related to the amount and type of medication administered to Ms. Brown which is rooted in professional negligence, as the Complaint contends that the physicians prescribed the medication. Compl. at 3:22–27.

As to the alleged "lack of communication," the only usage of the word "communication" in the Complaint deals with "the communication between providers and patients/patients' families so as to ensure the improvement of quality care, healthcare Improvement and less Medical Medicinal, Judgment mistakes/error that lead to the deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preventable death of patients as what happened in this case . . . ." Compl. at 16:26–17:2. The failure of communication alleged is related directly to quality of care, the deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preventable death of Ms. Brown and thus is rooted in professional negligence. *Szymborski*, 133 Nev. at 642. In some instances, the failure to communicate is co-extensive with the failure to follow procedure, and in other instances it overlaps with the failure to provide medical documentation. Mot. at 2:20–22; 9:16–10:2. Regardless, these do not form an independent basis for an ordinary negligence claim such that an expert affidavit would not be required in this case.

Further, the Complaint does not set forth a claim for age discrimination and there is no factual explanation or legal support for the allegation of "jeopardy to the elderly." Any negligence claim derived from exposure to an infected patient as alleged by Plaintiffs is purported to be the direct result of the medical decisions made for and treatment provided to Ms. Brown and as such falls squarely within the scope of a professional negligence claim. *Szymborski*, 133 Nev. at 642. As for the failure to expedite the medical documentation in this case, the Nevada Supreme Court has held "allegations of negligent maintenance of medical records are properly characterized as medical malpractice." *Jones*, 111 Nev. at 1338. Failure to expedite the medical documents is pertinent to the diagnosis and treatment of Ms. Brown and therefore does not state a claim for ordinary negligence. *Szymborski*, 133 Nev. at 642.

Moreover, and importantly, there are no separate claims for relief pled in the Complaint related to the purported non-medical claims. The Complaint sets forth a "Statement of Facts Main Medical Malpractice Information Summary," a "Background History," a "Primary Background Related to ISSUE AT HAND- Patient Beverly M. Brown," "ISSUE AT HAND FOR MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE/MALPRACTICE- History and Details," "MAIN MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE SUMMARY INFORMATION" and "MAIN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INFORMATION (REITERATED)." With the exception of the "Background" sections, each of these headings references "Medical Malpractice" or "Medical Negligence" or both. There are no allegations in the Complaint related to ordinary negligence. By way of example, a reading of the section labeled "MAIN MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE SUMMARY INFORMATION" reveals allegations that pertain to Ms. Brown that relate to lack of care on behalf of treating physicians to include failure to look at Ms. Brown's "extensive medical information provided by the family," an "error in a pulmonary procedure by the Interventional Radiologist as they had been attempting to remove fluid from this patient's lungs" and removal of "critical life saving medication" "needed to prevent arterial blockages" that "ultimately led to Beverly M. Brown's blockages, stroke, heart stress/CHF UNCONTROLLABLE AFIB, returned infectious Pneumonia and Death at Renown hospital." Id. at 9:5-10; 10:18-20. To the extent Plaintiffs are now contending that claims for ordinary negligence were pled, they have failed to set forth the necessary elements of those claims and/or factual allegations sufficient to support those claims denying Defendants "adequate notice of the nature of the claim and relief sought" in violation of *Hay*.

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Accordingly, this Court finds that Plaintiffs' Complaint (as originally filed and as amended to add or substitute parties) states a claim or claims for professional negligence and as such NRS 41A.071 applies. Plaintiffs admit that the Complaint does not contain a medical expert affidavit. Opp. at 3:3–6. As noted above, the Nevada Supreme Court has held that "a complaint filed without a supporting medical expert affidavit is void ab initio and must be dismissed. Because a void complaint does not legally exist, it cannot be amended . . . and an NRS 41A.071 defect cannot be cured through amendment" as well as pointing out that the word "shall" in NRS 41A.071 "is mandatory and does not denote judicial discretion." *Washoe Med. Ctr.*, 122 Nev. at 1301–02, 1303.

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- 2. Is submitted by a medical expert who practices or has practiced in an area that is substantially similar to the type of practice engaged in at the time of the alleged professional negligence;
- 3. Identifies by name, or describes by conduct, each provider of health care who is alleged to be negligent; and
- 4. Sets forth factually a specific act or acts of alleged negligence separately as to each defendant in simple, concise and direct terms.

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that pursuant to NRS 41A.071 "a complaint filed without a supporting medical expert affidavit is void ab initio and must be dismissed. Because a void complaint does not legally exist, it cannot be amended . . . and an NRS 41A.071 defect cannot be cured through amendment." Washoe Med. Ctr. v. Second Judicial Dist. Court of State of Nev. ex rel. Cty. of Washoe, 122 Nev. 1298, 1301–02, 148 P.3d 790, 792 (2006). The court went on to state that the "shall" in NRS 41A.071 "is mandatory and does not denote judicial discretion." Id. at 1303 (citations omitted).

NRS 41A.015 defines professional negligence as: "[t]he failure of a provider of health care, in rendering services, to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge used under similar circumstances by similarly trained and experienced providers of health care." When a plaintiff's claim is for injuries resulting from negligent medical treatment, the claim sounds in medical malpractice. Szymborski v. Spring Mountain Treatment Center, 133 Nev. 638, 642, 403 P.3d 1280, 1284 (2017) (citations omitted). Szymborski stands for the proposition that "allegations of breach of duty involving medical judgment, diagnosis, or treatment indicate that a claim is for medical malpractice." Id. When a plaintiff's claim is for injuries resulting from negligent acts that did not affect the medical treatment of a patient, the claim sounds in ordinary negligence. *Id.* (citations omitted). If the alleged breach of

1 a duty of care set forth in the complaint is one that was based upon medical art or science, training or expertise, then it is a claim for medical malpractice. Id. (citations omitted). By extension, if the jury 2 3 can only evaluate the plaintiff's claims after presentation of the standards of care by a medical expert, 4 then it is a medical malpractice case. *Id.* (citing, *Humboldt Gen. Hosp. v. Sixth Judicial Dist. Court*, 5 132 Nev. 544, 550–51, 376 P3d 167, 172 (2016). If, on the other hand, the reasonableness of the health care provider's actions can be evaluated by jurors on the basis of their common knowledge and 6 7 experience, then the claim is likely based in ordinary negligence. *Id.* 133 Nev. at 642 (citations 8 omitted). Given the subtle distinction, a single set of circumstances may sound in both ordinary 9 negligence and medical malpractice, and an inartful complaint will likely use terms that invoke both 10 causes of action. Id. (citing, Mayo v. United States, 785 F.Supp.2d 692, 695 (M.D. Tenn. 2011)). It is the nature of the grievance rather than the form of the pleadings that determines the character of 11

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III. **Analysis** 

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Defendants Saint Mary's argue all of Plaintiffs' factual claims arise out of medical care, treatment, and alleged breaches of the medical providers' duties of care and therefore sound in medical malpractice. Mot. at 4:3-5; 5:19-22. Defendants Saint Mary's maintain all of Plaintiffs' allegations fall within the definition of professional negligence pursuant to NRS 41A.015. Id. at 5:26-6:4. Defendants Saint Mary's contend Plaintiffs failed to satisfy the affidavit requirement pursuant to NRS 41A.071 and the Complaint must be dismissed. *Id.* at 6:5–7:10.

the action. Id. (citing, State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Wharton, 88 Nev. 183, 186, 495 P.2d 359,

Plaintiffs request a hearing to clarify this matter. Opp. at 1:15. Plaintiffs contend their claims in the Complaint rely upon other statutes. *Id.* at 2:13–14. Plaintiffs assert the Complaint can be tolled pursuant to NRS 41A.097(2) and that should be considered as a mitigating factor and for this Court to maintain all the issues until Plaintiffs can obtain a medical expert affidavit because such a dismissal would be prejudicial to Plaintiffs as they may not be able to re-file any medical issues due to running of the statute of limitations. *Id.* at 2:15–3:5; 5:3–6. Plaintiffs assert it is within this Court's discretion whether to dismiss the action. *Id.* at 3:5–6. Plaintiffs insist the word "shall" in NRS 41A.071 is not mandatory and argue cases should be decided upon the merits rather than dismissed on procedural

grounds. *Id.* at 3:11–4:7. Plaintiffs claim because pleadings of a pro per litigant are held to a less stringent standard, the Complaint should not be dismissed. *Id.* at 4:8–9. Plaintiffs insist there are factual allegations in the Complaint that are non-medical including: (1) failure to follow protocol; (2) lack of communication; (3) age/other discrimination / jeopardy to the elderly; (4) negligence jeopardizing patients/others safety related to infectious persons; and (5) failure to expedite medical documentation that jeopardized this patient's case. *Id.* at 4:9–14; 5:6–12. Plaintiffs state that in the Complaint they requested the ability to amend the Complaint, and they should be allowed to do so in this instance without having all of their non-medical claims dismissed as that would cause significant hardship. *Id.* at 5:12–16.

Plaintiffs then claim they themselves are sufficiently familiar with this case to prepare a joint affidavit that illustrates their education, experience, and caretaking of patients that will suffice until Plaintiffs can obtain a proper medical expert affidavit if required. *Id.* at 6:11–24. Plaintiffs assert it is difficult to obtain written or testimonial support from medical experts because they fear reprisal, damage to their reputation, or denial of hospital rights in speaking out. *Id.* at 8:9–16. Plaintiffs allege Defendants Saint Mary's failed to perform an investigation into the facts surrounding Ms. Brown's death and instead engaged in a coverup. *Id.* at 9:16–20. Plaintiffs maintain a jury can evaluate Plaintiffs claims despite any procedural shortcomings, especially those based on the nonmedical functions. *Id.* at 11:14–19. Plaintiffs state that it is the substance rather than the form of the claim that must be examined. *Id.* at 16:21–17:1. Plaintiffs request this Court allow them to amend the Complaint to: (1) add age/other discrimination violations; (2) add Gregory J. Brown as a Plaintiff; (3) clarify, correct, and amend the Complaint; and (4) time to secure a medical expert affidavit if necessary. *Id.* at 20:13–22.

In the Reply, Defendants Saint Mary's maintain the application of NRS 41A.071 focuses on whether a defendant is a provider of health care and whether the allegations in a complaint contemplate a failure in rendering of services by that provider. Reply at 5:3–7. Defendants Saint Mary's argue that all of the allegations are in relation to medical care and treatment provided to Ms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Amendment to the Complaint adding/substituting parties was filed concurrently with the Opposition on April 13, 2020 and does not allege any claims for discrimination or request additional time to secure a medical expert affidavit.

Brown at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, a licensed hospital and the respective physicians who practice there. *Id.* at 5:8–18. Defendants Saint Mary's maintain a plaintiff cannot avoid application of NRS 41A.071 through artful pleading and emphasize Plaintiffs' claims arise out of breaches of duties involving medical judgment, diagnosis, or treatment. *Id.* at 5:19–6:2. Defendants Saint Mary's point out that the Nevada Supreme Court has held that "allegations of negligent maintenance of medical records are properly characterized as medical malpractice." *Id.* at 6:5–8; *Jones v. Wilkin*, 111 Nev. 1335, 1338, 905 P.2d 166, 168 (1995). Defendants Saint Mary's argue Plaintiffs seek to impose liability for treatment Ms. Brown received for a foot wound, an atrial fibrillation, an improper amputation, low oxygen levels, and a pulmonary injury. Reply at 6:14–16. Defendants Saint Mary's state these allegations clearly implicate professional negligence and the Complaint repeatedly describes these claims as one for medical malpractice. *Id.* at 6:14–19. Defendants Saint Mary's also contend Plaintiffs lack standing to bring this suit as self-represented litigants on behalf of their mother's estate. *Id.* at 7:1–8:2.

Having reviewed the pleadings on file and having reviewed the facts and legal support set forth therein, this Court finds good cause to grant the Motion. For NRS 41A.071 to apply to this action, it must be an action for professional negligence. Plaintiffs allege "Defendants did commit Medical Negligent actions to include Medicinal, Treatment, Judgment, protocol, Etc [sic] errors, against the Plaintiffs which led to the Wrongful Suffering and Death of their mother . . . . " Compl. at 14:26–27. This language or substantially similar language is repeated three times in this section of the Complaint. *Id.* at 14:22–15:13. Further, all of the allegations contained in the Complaint directly involve medical judgment, diagnosis, or treatment that Ms. Brown allegedly received or should have received, which the Nevada Supreme Court has held means the claim sounds in professional negligence. *Szymborski*, 133 Nev. at 642.

This Court has reviewed the allegations contained in the Complaint. Contrary to Plaintiffs' claim that there are factual allegations in the Complaint that are non-medical (to include failure to follow protocol, lack of communication, age/other discrimination/jeopardy to the elderly, negligence jeopardizing patients/others safety related to infectious persons, and failure to expedite medical documentation that jeopardized this patient's case) each of these allegations is inextricably tied to a

claim for professional negligence and Plaintiffs cannot now claim otherwise for the sole purpose of remedying a violation of NRS 41A.071.

To evaluate whether the medical professionals in this case followed established protocol necessarily requires expert testimony to explain the standard of care. *Id.* The protocol Plaintiffs claim was not followed related to the amount and type of medication administered to Ms. Brown which is rooted in professional negligence, as the Complaint contends that the physicians prescribed the medication. Compl. at 3:22–27.

As to the alleged "lack of communication," the only usage of the word "communication" in the Complaint deals with "the communication between providers and patients/patients' families so as to ensure the improvement of quality care, healthcare Improvement and less Medical Medicinal, Judgment mistakes/error that lead to the deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preventable death of patients as what happened in this case . . . ." Compl. at 16:26–17:2. The failure of communication alleged is related directly to quality of care, the deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preventable death of Ms. Brown and thus is rooted in professional negligence. *Szymborski*, 133 Nev. at 642. In some instances, the failure to communicate is co-extensive with the failure to follow procedure, and in other instances it overlaps with the failure to provide medical documentation. Mot. at 2:20–22; 9:16–10:2. Regardless, these do not form an independent basis for an ordinary negligence claim such that an expert affidavit would not be required in this case.

Further, the Complaint does not set forth a claim for age discrimination and there is no factual explanation or legal support for the allegation of "jeopardy to the elderly." Any negligence claim derived from exposure to an infected patient as alleged by Plaintiffs is purported to be the direct result of the medical decisions made for and treatment provided to Ms. Brown and as such falls squarely within the scope of a professional negligence claim. *Szymborski*, 133 Nev. at 642. As for the failure to expedite the medical documentation in this case, the Nevada Supreme Court has held "allegations of negligent maintenance of medical records are properly characterized as medical malpractice." *Jones*, 111 Nev. at 1338. Failure to expedite the medical documents is pertinent to the diagnosis and treatment of Ms. Brown and therefore does not state a claim for ordinary negligence. *Szymborski*, 133 Nev. at 642.

Moreover, and importantly, there are no separate claims for relief pled in the Complaint related to the purported non-medical claims. The Complaint sets forth a "Statement of Facts Main Medical Malpractice Information Summary," a "Background History," a "Primary Background Related to ISSUE AT HAND- Patient Beverly M. Brown," "ISSUE AT HAND FOR MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE/MALPRACTICE- History and Details," "MAIN MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE SUMMARY INFORMATION" and "MAIN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INFORMATION (REITERATED)." With the exception of the "Background" sections, each of these headings references "Medical Malpractice" or "Medical Negligence" or both. There are no allegations in the Complaint related to ordinary negligence. By way of example, a reading of the section labeled "MAIN MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE SUMMARY INFORMATION" reveals allegations that pertain to Ms. Brown that relate to lack of care on behalf of treating physicians to include failure to look at Ms. Brown's "extensive medical information provided by the family," an "error in a pulmonary procedure by the Interventional Radiologist as they had been attempting to remove fluid from this patient's lungs" and removal of "critical life saving medication" "needed to prevent arterial blockages" that "ultimately led to Beverly M. Brown's blockages, stroke, heart stress/CHF UNCONTROLLABLE AFIB, returned infectious Pneumonia and Death at Renown hospital." Id. at 9:5-10; 10:18-20. To the extent Plaintiffs are now contending that claims for ordinary negligence were pled, they have failed to set forth the necessary elements of those claims and/or factual allegations sufficient to support those claims denying Defendants "adequate notice of the nature of the claim and relief sought" in violation of *Hay*.

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Accordingly, this Court finds that Plaintiffs' Complaint (as originally filed and as amended to add or substitute parties) states a claim or claims for professional negligence and as such NRS 41A.071 applies. Plaintiffs admit that the Complaint does not contain a medical expert affidavit. Opp. at 3:3–6. As noted above, the Nevada Supreme Court has held that "a complaint filed without a supporting medical expert affidavit is void ab initio and must be dismissed. Because a void complaint does not legally exist, it cannot be amended . . . and an NRS 41A.071 defect cannot be cured through amendment" as well as pointing out that the word "shall" in NRS 41A.071 "is mandatory and does not denote judicial discretion." *Washoe Med. Ctr.*, 122 Nev. at 1301–02, 1303.

The Nevada Supreme Court has acknowledged that NRS 41A.071 applies to all medical malpractice actions even if the person is representing themselves. Anderson v. Sierra Surgery Hosp., Case No. 58753, 2012 WL 2308670, \*1 (2012). As such, this Court finds that dismissal of Plaintiffs' Complaint is proper pursuant to NRS 41A.071. This Court does not reach Defendants Saint Mary's argument regarding Plaintiffs' standing because it has found the Complaint to be void ab initio pursuant to NRS 41A.071. Based upon the foregoing and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants Saint Mary's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint for Failure to Comply with NRS 41A.071 is GRANTED and this case is DISMISSED to include all motions that are pending or have been submitted to this Court. IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED this 8th day of June, 2020. Drafeelich KATHLEEN DRAKULICH DISTRICT JUDGE 

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

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Plaintiffs,

VS.

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TO: Clerk of the Court, Nevada Supreme Court, and All Parties or their Respective Counsel Of Record:

On June 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2020, Plaintiffs, Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown and Gregory Brown filed a Notice of Appeal with the Court. Plaintiffs failed to include the Twenty-Four Dollar (\$24.00) District Court Filing Fee, the Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) District Court appeal bond, and the Two Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$250.00) Supreme Court filing fee.

Pursuant to NRAP 3(a)(3), on July 1st, 2020, the Notice of Appeal was filed with the Nevada Supreme Court. By copy of this notice Plaintiffs will be notified by mail of the deficiency. Dated this 1st day of July, 2020.

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Authorities, the papers and pleadings on file herein, such other documentary evidence as may be

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#### **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

I.

#### **INTRODUCTION & STATEMENT OF FACTS**

On March 3, 2020, Plaintiffs filed their Complaint against St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Tami Evans, Prem Reddy, M.D., Mark Mcallister, M.D. and Tanzeel Islam, M.D. See Plfs' Comp. The Complaint states one of cause of action, Medical Negligence/Malpractice. *Id.* at page 8. Even a cursory review of Plaintiffs' Complaint illustrates that all of the claims arise out of the medical care provided by Defendants. Plaintiffs' claims arise out of allegations of medical malpractice/wrongful death related to care and treatment provided to decedent Beverly Morris Brown in December 2018 and February 2019. See Plfs' Comp., page 4, para. 7 – 25. Plaintiffs allege that Ms. Brown died on March 5, 2019 as a result of the allegedly negligent medical care she received. *Id.* at para. 25 – 26.

The Complaint specifically cites to Nevada's medical malpractice statutes. *See* Plfs' Comp., pages 2, 14, and 16. Further, the Complaint alleges that:

"the Defendants did commit Medical Negligent actions to include Medicinal, Treatment, Judgment, protocol, Etc Errors, against the Plaintiffs which led to the Wrongful Suffering and Death of their mother, Beverly Morris (M. Brown; to include but not limited to the fact that Defendants did commit Medical Negligent Errors that actual and proximate lead [sic] to the Detrimental Health, Suffering and Wrongful death of their mother, Beverly Morris (M.) Brown; and to include Breach of Duty, Medical Negligence/Malpractice, Causation of Financial loss in their proceedings, and Emotional, Financial Distress, et al, to the Plaintiffs and their family, Subject to the jurisdiction of this Court."

Id., page 2, lines 5-11.

Despite the fact that this case is clearly one involving allegations of medical malpractice, Plaintiffs failed to attach an affidavit of a medical expert to their medical malpractice Complaint, as is required by NRS 41A.071. Pursuant to NRS 41A.071, Plaintiffs were required to attach an affidavit to their Complaint supporting their claims against these Defendants. Thus, dismissal of all claims is mandatory. Plaintiffs may not cure their deficiency of no affidavit because the Complaint is void *ab initio* and Defendants must be dismissed pursuant to NRS 41A.071.

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#### **LEGAL ARGUMENT**

A. ALL OF PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS ARISE OUT OF THE MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT AND, THEREFORE, ARE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF NRS 41A.071.

When determining the nature of a claim, it is the "object of the action, rather than the legal theory under which recovery is sought," which governs. *Stalk v. Mushkin*, 125 Nev. 21, 199 P.2d 838 (2009). In *Szymborski v. Spring Mt. Treatment Ctr.*, 403 P.3d 1280 (Nev. 2017), the Nevada Supreme Court recently addressed the issue of whether a variety of claims against Spring Mountain Treatment Center ("Spring Mountain") required an expert affidavit pursuant to NRS 41A.071. The same analysis is pertinent to the determination of whether NRS 41A applies to Plaintiffs' claims in the instant case.

In Szymborski, the plaintiff was the father of a patient admitted to Spring Mountain for care and treatment due to self-inflicted wounds. Id. at 1282-1283. After the patient was discharged, he vandalized the plaintiff's home causing \$20,000 in property damages. Id. at 128. In his complaint, plaintiff asserted four claims against Spring Mountain: negligence; professional negligence; malpractice, gross negligence, negligence per se; and negligent hiring, supervision, and training. Id. The district court granted Spring Mountain's motion to dismiss, finding the claims were for medical malpractice and required an expert affidavit. Id.

Reversing the district court in part, the Nevada Supreme Court held that the gravamen of each claim, rather than its form, must be examined to determine whether the claim sounds of medical malpractice. *Id.* at 1285, citing *DeBoer v. Sr. Bridges of Sparks Fam. Hosp.*, 128 Nev. 406,409,282 P.3d 727, 730 (2012). The Court held a claim is not for medical malpractice if is not related to medical diagnosis, judgment, or treatment. *Id.* at 1284. Conversely, "allegations of breach of duty involving medical judgment, diagnosis, or treatment indicate that a claim is for medical malpractice." *Id.* 

Of particular importance to the instant case, Szymborski held:

When the duty owing to the plaintiff by the defendant arises from the physicianpatient relationship or is substantially related to medical treatment, the breach

thereof gives rise to an action sounding in medical malpractice as opposed to simple negligence. *Id.* at 1284., citing *Estate of French v. Stratford House*, 333 S.W. 3d 546, 555 (Tenn. 2011) [internal quotations omitted].

Further, if a jury can only evaluate a plaintiff's claim by standards of care presented by a medical expert, the claim is for medical malpractice. *Szymborski*, *supra*, at 1284, citing *Humboldt Gen. Hosp. v. Sixth Judicial Dist. Court*, 132 Nev., Adv. Op. 53, 376 P.3d 167, 172 (2016).

Analyzing the relationship between each of plaintiff's claims and the provision of medical care, *Szymborski* held plaintiffs negligent discharge claim did not require an expert affidavit because the allegations were not related to the patient's medical care. *Id.* at 1286. Rather, the allegations were "based on Spring Mountain employees performing nonmedical functions such as failing to verify [the patient] had his own apartment, arranging for [the patient] to be dropped off at his father's house with no way to get to his apartment, and declining to notify [the father] of this plan despite knowledge of his volatile and contentious relationship with his son." *Id.* In contrast, plaintiff's claim for professional negligence did require an expert affidavit because the claim involved allegations of medical duties, and would require medical expert testimony to assist the jury in determining the standard of care. *Id.* Plaintiff's claim of professional negligence required an expert affidavit because the court could not "discern a set of duties or facts in [the] claim based in ordinary negligence." *Id.* 

In this case, Plaintiffs' claim for Medical Negligence/Malpractice sounds in medical malpractice because it arises from alleged breaches of the medical providers' duties in providing medical care. This claim does not involve nonmedical services and from reviewing the Complaint, there are no set of duties or facts based in ordinary negligence. As discussed in Szymborski, the need for expert testimony to establish a physician's duty indicates the claims sound in medical malpractice. Plaintiffs effectively concede expert testimony is required by making reference to various NRS 41A statutes. See Plfs' Comp., pages 2, 14, and 16.

All of the allegations in Plaintiffs' Complaint against these Defendants fall within the definition of "professional negligence" in NRS 41A, which is defined as a "negligent act or omission to act by a provider of health care in the rendering of professional services, which act

or omission is the proximate cause of a personal injury or wrongful death." See NRS 41A.015. Plaintiffs' claim is based on allegations of medical malpractice and, therefore, subject to the requirements of NRS 41A.071 and must be supported by an expert affidavit. Because Plaintiffs failed to do so, dismissal is mandatory.

### B. PLAINTIFFS FAILED TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN NRS 41A.071, MANDATING DISMISSAL OF THEIR COMPLAINT.

Plaintiffs' claims are based on allegations of medical malpractice/wrongful death and, therefore, subject to the requirements of NRS 41A.071. NRS 41A.071 provides:

"If an action for medical malpractice or dental malpractice is filed in the district court, the district court <u>shall dismiss the action</u>, <u>without prejudice</u>, <u>if</u> the action is filed without an affidavit that:

1. Supports the allegations contained in the action;

2. Is submitted by a medical expert who practices or has practiced in an area that is substantially similar to the type of practice engaged in at the time of the alleged professional negligence;

3. Identifies by name, or describes by conduct, each provider of health care

who is alleged to be negligent; and

4. Sets forth factually a specific act or acts of alleged negligence separately as to each defendant in simple, concise and direct terms."

[Emphasis added].

NRS 41A.071 establishes that claims of medical malpractice may not be maintained unless those claims are supported by an affidavit from a medical expert. A Complaint <u>must</u> be dismissed if an expert's affidavit does not address the breaches of the standard of care as to each and every defendant named in the case. *See Washoe Med. Ctr. v. Second Judicial District Court*, 122 Nev. 1298, 148 P.3d 790 (2006).

The whole purpose behind the affidavit requirement was to ensure that medical malpractice actions were meritorious and supported by competent expert opinion. Washoe, supra.; Borger v. Eighth Judicial District Court, 120 Nev. 1021, 1029 (2004). To satisfy these requirements, the expert affidavit must state that, to a reasonable degree of medical probability, the defendant fell below the standard of care, must substantively identify the manner in which the defendant fell below the standard of care, and must further state that the departure from the standard of care caused damage. Orcutt v. Miller, 95 Nev. 408, 411, 595 P.2d 1191, 1193 (1979), (citing Lockart v. Maclean, 77 Nev. 210, 361 P.2d 670 (1961)). NRS 41A.071 and the cases

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nterpreting that statute have made it abundantly clear that dismissal of the action is mandatory if supporting affidavit of a medical expert is not submitted with the Complaint to support the allegations of negligence by the medical provider. See Borger v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct., 120 Nev. 1021, 102 P.2d 600 (2004); See also Washoe Med. Ctr. v. Second Judicial District Court, 22 Nev. 1298, 148 P.3d 790 (2006).

Additionally, the Washoe decision specifically held that medical malpractice and professional negligence claims that are void ab initio, because a proper expert affidavit is not attached, may not be cured by amendment of the complaint, regardless of whether other claims n the complaint survive. Here, Plaintiffs failed to attach any affidavit to their Complaint nandating dismissal pursuant to NRS 41A.071.

#### III.

#### CONCLUSION

Based on all of the foregoing, Defendants St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Tami Evans, and Prem Reddy, M.D. respectfully request that this Court dismiss all claims against hem.

#### AFFIRMATION PURSUANT TO NRS 239B.030

The undersigned hereby affirms that the within document does not contain the Social security Number of any person.

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FRANZEN and HALL PRANGLE & SCHOONVELD, LLC<sup>1</sup>, and hereby submits this Reply in Support of their Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint for Failure to Comply with NRS 41A.071.

This Motion is made and based on the papers and pleadings on file herein, the points and authorities attached hereto and such argument of counsel, which may be adduced at the time of the hearing on said Motion.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Tammy Evans and Prem Reddy, M.D. have submitted to this Court a stipulation to substitute Hall Prangle and Schoonveld, LLC for previous counsel Carroll, Kelly, Trotter, and Franzen attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

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#### **LEGAL ARGUMENT**

Plaintiffs' Complaint must be dismissed because it is not supported by an affidavit of merit as is required by NRS § 41A.071 and Plaintiffs lack standing to file suit on behalf of the estate of their mother. Plaintiffs opposition misstates the law as the allegations in the Complaints clearly sound in professional negligence<sup>2</sup>.

#### I. Plaintiffs failed to file an expert affidavit as required by NRS § 41A.071.

Plaintiffs are required to file an expert affidavit pursuant to NRS § 41A.071. This statute requires that the affidavit be signed by an expert who is engaged in a substantially similar practice as the provider(s) whose conducted is alleged to be negligent. NRS § 41A.071 states:

If an action for professional negligence is filed in the district court, the district court shall dismiss the action, without prejudice, if the action is filed without an affidavit that: supports the allegations contained in the action; is submitted by a medical expert who practices or has practiced in an area that is substantially similar to the type of practice engaged in at the time of the alleged professional negligence; identifies by name, or describes by conduct, each provider of health care who is alleged to be negligent; and, sets forth factually a specific act or acts of alleged negligence separately as to each **defendant** in simple, concise and direct terms. (emphasis added)

The Nevada Supreme Court held that "under NRS § 41A.071, a complaint filed without a supporting expert affidavit is void ab initio and must be dismissed." Washoe Medical Center, 122 Nev. 1298, 148 P.3d 790 (2006) (emphasis supplied). Further, the Court stated that "Because a complaint that does not comply with NRS § 41A.071 is *void ab initio*, it does not legally exist and thus it cannot be amended." *Id.* The Court went on to state:

"[S]hall" is mandatory and does not denote judicial discretion. The Legislature's choice of the words "shall dismiss: instead of "subject to dismissal" indicates that the legislature intended that the court have no discretion with respect to dismissal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Plaintiffs Opposition references an Amended Complaint. For purposes of this Reply the Complaint and Amended Complaint are treated as one document as the Amended Complaint was not properly filed or served.

and that a complaint filed without an expert affidavit would be void and must be automatically dismissed.

Id. at 793-94

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The Court in Washoe discussed the legislative intent that upheld their ruling that failure to attach an expert affidavit made the complaint void from the start:

NRS 41A.071's legislative history further supports the conclusion that a complaint defective under NRS 41A.071 is void... NRS 41A.071 was adopted as part of the 2002 medical malpractice tort reform that abolished the Medical-Legal Screening Panel. NRS 41A.071's purpose is to "lower costs, reduce frivolous lawsuits, and ensure that medical malpractice actions are filed in good faith based upon competent expert medical opinion." According to NRS 41A.071's legislative history, the requirement that a complaint be filed with a medical expert affidavit was designed to streamline and expedite medical malpractice cases and lower overall costs, and the Legislature was concerned with strengthening the requirements for expert witnesses. *Id.* at 794.

The Nevada Supreme Court has made this issue abundantly clear that district courts "have no discretion with respect to dismissal" where a complaint fails to comply with NRS § 41A.071. *Id.* The Nevada Supreme Court reiterated this requirement when it found that even when a third party contribution claim is brought, if contingent upon a claim of medical malpractice, it too must be supported by an expert affidavit or must be dismissed. See Pack v. LaTourette, 277 P.3d 1246, (Nev. 2012).

Here, it is undisputed that the original Complaint and Amended Complaint were filed without an expert affidavit. See Complaint and Amended Complaint attached as Exhibits 2 and 3. Plaintiffs' Opposition contemplates that the Plaintiffs have the requisite experience to file their own affidavit, however they do not cite to any relevant medical experience to support this claim nor is any affidavit attached to either complaint. Accordingly, the viability of Plaintiff's case depends entirely upon whether the claims asserted contemplate "professional negligence." Professional negligence is defined as "the failure of a provider of health care, in rendering

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services, to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances by similarly trained and experienced providers of health care." See NRS § 41A.015. Hence, the application of NRS § 41A to a specific case depends solely on two factors: (1) the status of a defendant as a provider of health care, and (2) whether the allegations contemplate a failure in the rendering of services by that provider. Here, both these requirements are met as follows:

#### 1. Plaintiff's allegations contemplate a failure by a provider of health care.

NRS § 41A applies only to a "provider of health care." A provider of health care is defined in NRS § 41A.017 as "a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, physician assistant, dentist, licensed nurse, . . . a licensed hospital, clinic, surgery center, physicians' professional corporation or group practice that employs any such person and its employees." (emphasis added). Here, the allegations are against the St. Mary's Defendants in relation to the medical care and treatment provided to the Plaintiff at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. Therefore, the St. Mary's Defendants are undeniably providers of health care to which NRS § 41A applies.

#### 2. The allegations contemplate a failure by the St. Mary's Defendants in "rendering services" to Plaintiff.

Plaintiffs' allegations clearly contemplate professional negligence. This Court must look to "the nature of the grievance to determine the character of the action, not the form of the pleadings." Egan v. Chambers, 299 P.3d 364, 366 n. 2 (2013). A plaintiff cannot evade the professional negligence limitations through "artful pleading." Brown v. Mt. Grant General Hospital, 2013 WL 4523488, \*8 (D. Nev. 2013) (citing Fierle, 219 P.2d at 913 n. 8).

The Nevada Supreme Court has held that "allegations of breach of duty involving medical judgment, diagnosis, or treatment indicate that a claim is for medical malpractice."

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Szymborski v. Spring Mountain Treatment Center, 133 Nev. Adv. Op. 80 (Oct. 26 2017). Emphasis added. The Nevada Supreme Court has added that "if the jury can only evaluate the plaintiff's claims after presentation of the standards of care by a medical expert, then it is a medical malpractice claim." Id. (citing Humboldt Gen. Hosp. v. Sixth Judicial Dist. Court, 132 Nev. Adv. Op. 53, 376 P.3d 167, 172 (2016)). In fact, the Supreme Court has even broadly held that "allegations of negligent maintenance of medical records are properly characterized as medical malpractice." *Id.* The U.S. District Court of Nevada has further added that "[t]he scope of 'medical malpractice' extends beyond the immediate provision of care, and encompasses even something as far removed from the immediate context of the doctor-patient relationship as the negligent maintenance of medical records and a misrepresentation resulting therefrom." Johnson v. Incline Village General Imp. Dist., 5 F. Supp. 2d 1113, 1115 (D. Nev. 1998).

In this case, Plaintiffs are seeking to impose liability upon the St. Mary's Defendants for treatment relating to a foot wound, atrial fibrillation, improper amputation, low oxygen levels, and pulmonary injury. See Exhibit 2 Pgs. 6-16. These allegations clearly implicate professional negligence in the context of medical care. In fact, the complaints repeatedly describe the causes of action as one for medical malpractice. *Id.* The allegations in the complaints relate directly to care and treatment of Beverley Brown. Id. Therefore, Plaintiffs' allegations are premised on medical services and medical judgment that only providers delineated under NRS § 41A.017 can make. The claims in the Complaints all fall within the definition of NRS § 41A.015 and must therefore be dismissed pursuant to NRS § 41A.071 since there is no affidavit of merit supporting the Complaints.

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#### II. Plaintiffs Lack Standing to File a Complaint or Opposition.

Suit in this case is brought by Marilee Brown and Marilou Brown<sup>3</sup> on behalf of the estate and family of Plaintiffs' Decedent Beverley Brown. See Plaintiff's Complaint Pg. 1 Ln. 14 -17 attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**. Plaintiffs' claim to have legal power of attorney as representatives of decedent Beverley Brown. Id. However, the Nevada Supreme Court has held no rule or statute permits a person to represent any other person, a company, a trust, or any other entity in the district courts or in the Supreme Court. Salman v. Newell, 110 Nev. 1333, 1336 885 P.2d 607, 609 (1994). While Nevada State Supreme Court Rule 44 permits an individual to represent themselves in the district courts, in this case Plaintiffs are not permitted to represent their deceased mother's estate.

Only an active member of the State Bar of Nevada, pursuant to the rules of this court, is permitted to practice law in this state; a violation of this rule is a crime pursuant to NRS § 7.285. In addition, Supreme Court Rule 77 provides that, with certain inapplicable exceptions, no person may practice law as an officer of the courts in this state who is not an active member of the state bar. Although an individual is entitled to represent himself or herself in the district court, no rule or statute permits a non-attorney to represent any other person, a company, a trust, or any other entity in the district courts or in this court. Salman, 110 Nev. 1336.

Plaintiff cites to NRS § 41.085 to support the contention that Plaintiffs may represent the estate in a cause of action, however this statute simply delineates who may recover for damages in a wrongful death action, not who may permissibly file suit and represent an estate in legal proceedings. Plaintiffs' Decedent's children are not entitled to represent the estate in legal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Plaintiffs' Opposition seeks leave to also add Gregory Brown as a named Plaintiff.

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proceedings. The Complaint, Proposed Amended Complaint, and Opposition to Motion to Dismiss are all legally invalid and this case should be dismissed in its entirety.

#### **CONCLUSION**

As Plaintiff has failed to adhere in any capacity to the medical expert affidavit requirements of NRS § 41A.071, the Complaint is *void ab initio* as to the St. Mary's Defendants and must be dismissed. Additionally, Plaintiffs are not permitted to file suit on behalf of their mother's estate. St. Mary's respectfully requests that this Court grant its Motion to Dismiss with prejudice.

#### <u>AFFIRMATION</u>

#### Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

The undersigned does affirm that the preceding document does not contain the Social Security Number of any person.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF

- 6. THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE
- 7. Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (for Beverly M. Brown's family)

Plaintiffs, in Proper Person

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Case No: CV

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Dept No:

10. St. Mary's Regional Medical Center: Tami Evans (Director Medical Services / Risk Mgmt; Prem Reddy, MD - (Prime HealthCare)

Mark McAllister, MD (St. Mary's Interventional Radiologist)

11. Tanzeel Islam, MD (St. Mary's Hospitalist)

Sridevi Challapalli, MD (St. Mary's Cardiologist),

12. DOES I through X inclusive; ROES Businesses I through X inclusive

Defendants,

13. CIVIL COMPLAINT (Jury Demanded)

#### **CIVIL COMPLAINT**

- 14. 1. Come now Plaintiffs Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family), with Legal Power
- 15. of Attorney as representatives of Beverly Brown), hereafter referenced as Plaintiffs, hereby Complain and
- 16. allege of the Defendants, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center Tami Evans, Director of Medical Services/
- 17. Risk Mgmt; Prem Reddy, MD (Prime HealthCare); Mark McAllister, MD (St. Mary's Interventional Radiology);
- 18. Tanzeel Islam, MD (St. Mary's Hospitalist); Sridevi Challapalli, MD (St. Mary's Cardiologist), DOES I X
- 19. and ROES Businesses I X Inclusive, hereafter referenced as Defendants, as set forth in the following:

#### 20. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 21. 2a. Plaintiffs will serve the Defendants with this Complaint and Summons by a Non Party over 18 years of
- 22. age and within 120 days of Filing pursuant to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure NRCP 4(a)(c)(d)(i); and will
- 23. provide an Affidavit of Service to the Court upon Service of Same Complaint and Summons NRCP (4(g)(2)
- 24. 2b. Pro Se Plaintiffs Note: The Courts State:
- 25. "Pleadings of a pro per litigant (Plaintiff non lawyer) are held to a less stringent standard than formal pleading drafted by lawyers (Defendant)(caselaw)" And
- 26. "the Nevada Supreme Court held that the basic underlying policy governing the exercise of discretion is to have cases decided upon the merits, rather than dismissed on procedural grounds (caselaw)"

### 1. JURISDICTION 2. 3. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therefore alleges, that this Court has subject jurisdiction over this 3. action pursuant to Nevada State Law NRS 11.310 (with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives of 6. Treatment, Judgment, protocol, Etc Errors, against the Plaintiffs which led to the Wrongful Suffering and Death 7. of their mother, patient Beverly Morris (M.) Brown; to include but not limited to the fact that Defendants did 8. commit Medical Negligent Actions, Errors that lead to the Detrimental Health, Suffering and Wrongful death 9. of their mother, patient Beverly Morris (M.) Brown; And to include Breach of Duty, Medical Negligence / 10. Malpractice, Causation of Financial loss in these proceedings, and Emotional, Financial Distress, et al. to 11. the Plaintiffs and their family, Subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. 12. 4. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therefore alleges, that this Court has subject jurisdiction over this 13. action pursuant to Nevada State Law NRS 11.310 (with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives of Beverly 14. Brown): NES 41 A sand any other applicable law or statute under this jurisdiction not yet known to Plaintiffs; 15. 5. Plaintiffs advise that this Complaint may be Amended at a later date as authorized by the Court to include 16. additional laws, clarifications, corrections, etc. to this Complaint. 17. VENUE 18. 6. Venue is Proper in this Court as Defendants' Medical Negligence conduct asserted in this Complaint by

- 18. 6. Venue is Proper in this Court as Defendants' Medical Negligence conduct asserted in this Complaint by 19. the Plaintiffs took place within the State of Nevada, County of Washoe, where the Defendants and the 20. Plaintiffs reside/work; and in which Defendants' Negligent Medical Malpractice Actions occurred.
- 21. PARTIES
- 22. 7. Plaintiffs Marilee Brown and Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family) (with Legal Power of 23. Attorney as representatives of Beverly Brown), (hereafter referred to as "Plaintiffs") currently reside in the 24. State of Nevada, County of Washoe; and St. Mary's Regional Medical Center Tami Evans, Director of 25. Medical Services/Risk Mgmt; Prem Reddy, MD (Prime HealthCare); Mark McAllister, MD (St. Mary's Interv.
- 26. Radiologist); Tanzeel Islam, MD (St. Mary's Hospitalist); Sridevi Challapalli, MD (St. Mary's Cardiologist),
- 27. (hereafter referred to as "Defendants") currently reside//work, in the State of Nevada, County of Washoe.

- 1. 8. All of the Acts or Failures of Duty, et al are performed and/or are attributable to the Defendants,
- 2. individually and/or combined; et seq;
- 3. 9. The names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise of Defendants and
- 4. /or their alter egos sued herein as DOES I through X, and ROE Business Entities I through X, inclusive,
- 5. are presently unknown, and Plaintiffs will Amend this Complaint to insert the names (s) when ascertained.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

#### 6. 10. MAIN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INFORMATION SUMMARY:

- 7. a. On/About December 12-14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27,28/2019:
- 8. Hospitalist's and Interventional Radiologist's removal of patient from lifesaving medications for procedure
- 9. that threatened/negatively impacted patient's health without prior consult with her primary Cardiology
- 10. Specialist who would have advised against same unless necessary (All Led to Patient Beverly M. Brown's
- 11. deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish);
- 12. b. On/About February 21, 2019: Interventional Radiologist's pulmonary procedure error resulting in the
- 13. Hospitalist's continued removal of patient's necessary life saving medication; buildup of plural fluid in
- 14. patient's lungs that could no longer be removed by procedure due to the Interventional Radiologist's error
- 15. even when purportedly healed around Feb 25, 2019 (All Led to Patient Beverly M. Brown's deteriorating
- 16. medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019; Family anguish);
- 17. c. On/About December 12-14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27,28/2019:
- 18. Hospitalist's and Interventional Radiologist's removal of patient from lifesaving medications for procedure
- 19. that threatened/negatively impacted patient's health without prior consult with her primary Cardiology
- 20. Specialist who would have advised against same unless necessary (All Led to Patient Beverly M.
- 21. deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019; Family anguish);
- 22. d. On/About December 12-14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27,28/2019:
- 23. Hospitalist's refusal to consult with the patient's cardiology specialist per protocol who would have
- 24. maintained her on the necessary amount and type of lifesaving medication (yet other hospital admitting
- 25. staff cc'ed said important specialists regarding patient's initial and proceeding care) (All Led to Patient
- 26. Beverly M. Brown's deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish;
- 27. e. On/About December 12-14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27,28/2019:
- 28. Hospitalist's refusal to consult with the hospital assigned cardiology, pulmonary specialists per protocol

- 1. (despite assigned specialists apparent readings of patient's tests during hospital stay) until On/About
- 2. 2/25/19 when family members emphasized specialists needed to be consulted for patient's proper care and
- 3. treatment (All Led to Patient Beverly M. Brown's 11. deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish;
- 4. f. On/About February 25, 2019: Attending hospital cardiology specialist misreading and alluding only to
- 5. hospital notes with erroneous interpretation of hospital medication given to patient; failure to consult with
- 6. patient's primary cardiology specialist who would have affirmed patient needed to be on correct
- 7. medications and amounts who was in the same St. Mary's office as she; and purportedly released the
- 8. patient per the Hospitalist with apparent ongoing life threatening conditions (All Led to Patient Beverly
- M. Brown' deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish;
- 10. g. On/About December 12-14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27,28/2019:
- 11. Hospitalists failed to consult with patient's primary cardiology specialist who would have affirmed patient
- 12. needed to be on correct medications and amounts while and after hospital admission (All Led to Patient
- 13. Beverly M. Brown's deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish;
- 14. h. On/About December 12-14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27,28/2019:
- 15. Hospitalist failed to timely review and properly reviews patients life threatening health condition symptoms
- 16. for proper treatment until speaking with the family on/about Feb 25, 2019; Failed to consult with patient's
- 17. primary cardiology specialist who would have affirmed patient needed to be on correct medications and
- 18. amounts while and after hospital admission; purportedly only consulted with a pharmacist who gave the
- 19. incorrect dosage for one lifesaving medication (2.5 Eliquis/2X per day, when it should have been 5mg/2X
- 20. per day) to be administered at the hospital; Failed to have patient on life saving medication Plavix at all;
- 21. and purportedly released the patient with apparent ongoing life threatening conditions; False statement
- 22. asserting family refused skilled nursing facility for PT to patient's detriment when Hospitalist agreed
- 23. Home Therapy program was best for patient due to weak condition and malnutrition from hospital stay;
- 24. Hospitalist and Palliative Care staff pushing for DNR when patient wanted to live and simply, repeatedly
- 25. stating to patient and her family that she was just "OLD"; ETC (All Led to Patient Beverly M. Brown's
- 26. deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish;
- 27. i. On/About December 12 -14, 2018, thereafter to and including On/About February 20 27, 28/2019:
- 28. Hospitalists Failed to consult with patient's primary cardiology specialist who would have affirmed patient

- 1. needed to be on correct medications and amounts and purportedly released the patient asserting to
- 2. specialists' recommendations with apparent ongoing life threatening conditions (All Led to Patient Beverly
- 3. M. Brown's deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish
- 4. j. On/About February 26,27/2019 February 28, 2019: Hospital staffs placement of patient Beverly M.
- 5. Brown in a room with an infection patient that contributed to patient's pulmonary, respiratory issues death
- 6. on 3/5/19 (All Led to Patient Beverly M. Brown's deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish
- 7. k. On/About: March 3, 2019 March 5, 2019: St. Mary's Hospital Failed to timely fax vital documentation
- 8. requested by Renown for assisting in care and treatment of patient until 3/5/19; with said delinquency
- 9. impacting vital care/treatment and contributed to patient's death on 3/5/19 (All Led to Patient Beverly M.
- 10. Brown's deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preliminary death on March 5, 2019); Family anguish
- 11. ETC
- 12. m. All directly contributing to the Wrongful Suffering and Death of this patient who had severe Chronic
- 13. Medical conditions but the Negligence of St Mary's Regional Medical Center Hospital staff caused an
- 14. unnecessary Terminal Medical Condition of this patient (Lead to Patient Beverly M. Brown's death on
- 15. March 5, 2019)
- 16. n. From About April 2019 To The Date of this Filing, after securance and review of medical records from
- 17. St. Mary's Medical Center, the patient's family attempted to address the aforementioned issues with St.
- 18. Mary's Regional Medical Center without response, except upon contact with Prime Health Care said
- 19. Organization referred patient's family to St. Mary Regional Medical Center Risk Management Department,
- 20. Upon consult with same, Kathy Millard of Risk Management advised their department would investigate
- 21. the matter and respond in writing within 45 days.
- 22. o. Throughout February 2020, Upon consult with local counsel, it was advised to patient's family that any
- 23. medical malpractice case had to be filed in Court within a one year Statute of Limitations.
- 24. p. During this time, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center Risk Management and Legal Department refused
- 25. to return patient's family's calls for informal meeting in this matter, Alternative Dispute Resolution,
- 26. Mediation or Arbitration proceedings to resolve their concerns .Nor would same discuss matters when
- 27. Patient's family physically went to this Department to inquire of voluntary participation.
- 28. q. On/about February 21, 2020, Upon consult with Nevada District Court staff in Reno, NV, it was stated
- 29. by the Clerks that no such programs could be accessed through the Court unless a formal Civil Complaint

- 1. was filed -predicating this Action by the patient's family.
- 2. r. For the aforementioned reason, Plaintiffs (and patient's family) had no choice but to file this Civil Action in
- 3. order 3 to engage in Court and/or other sponsored programs to facilitate resolution of this matter and the
- 4. issues within since St. Mary's Regional Center Risk and Legal Department would not return Plaintiffs'
- 5. aforementioned requests to engage in said programs;
- 6. s. All to facilitate Hospital and Health Care Providers accountability and education for improving the quality
- 7. of care and reduction of medical mistakes by their accredited bodies; To improve the communication between
- 8. providers and patients/patients' families so as to ensure the improvement of quality care, healthcare
- 9. improvement and less Medical Medicinal, Judgment mistakes/error that lead to the suffering and
- 10. preventable death of patients; etc

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#### **BACKGROUND HISTORY**

### 12. A/1. <u>Background History Related to Issue At Hand – St. Mary's Hospital/Medical Center (More Available)</u> Patient Beverly M. Brown

- 13. 1a. Beverly M. Brown had Chronic medical conditions of Cardiovascular disease, Afib, etc as disclosed herein and more details available for the Related ISSUE AT HAND
- 14. 1b. Beverly M. Brown continued her heart and vascular care in Reno, Nevada with St. Mary's interventional vascular cardiologist Dr. Devang Desai after treatment with Renown and UCDavis physicians for associated illnesses; and her Cardiologist in Reno, NV Retired.
- 15. 2a. St Mary's wound care unit Infection Disease Specialist recommended Beverly M. Brown take conservative approach of oral antibiotics in an attempt to clear up her foot infection instead of a more
- aggressive necessary cutting the infection out of an amplification wound caused by her condition. The medication simply made Beverly M. Brown sick and did not help with the wound considering her
- 17. compromised circulatory vascular condition.
- 18. 2b. During a follow up visit at St. Mary's wound care center, Beverly M. Brown's wound was so infected the attending care professionals referred her to St. Mary's ER. Beverly M Brown's daughters wanted to
- 19. immediately drive Beverly to UCDavis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA but St. Mary's medical staff advised against that and advised immediate hospitalization (for their financial gain). Beverly and
- 20. her daughters followed all medical advice and recommendations.
- 21. 3a. Once hospitalized, the St. Mary's health care professionals put Beverly M. Brown on IV heparin medication and could not remove this medication despite the vascular surgeon agreeing Beverly was best treated at
- 22. UCDavis. Unfortunately, the IV heparin drip now required medical transport vs. private family transport to UCDavis Medical Center, which caused over a week delay in travel and longer for interventional treatment
- 23. Beverly M. Brown's condition required not only limb but LIFE saving treatment upon arrival at UCDavis.
- 24. 3b. During the very lengthy waiting period at St. Mary's Hospital for transport to UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA, Beverly M. Brown's condition deteriorated dramatically, to the degree attending
- 25. nurses and staff disclosed to Beverly's daughters that they feared she would die and not survive the trip.
- 26. 3c. St Mary's did NOT treat Beverly M. Brown for her cardiovascular condition except for IV Heparin pending transport to UCDavis hospital for treatment. Due to a limited number of patients allowed at UC Davis via

- 1. medical transport, Beverly M. Brown's transfer of care was further delayed. Beverly M. Brown's daughter Marilou Brown finally contacted UCDavis Dr. Laird and advised of the delay and Beverly's
- 2. deteriorating condition. Dr. Laird expedited UC Davis transfer acceptance thereafter.
- 2. 3d. UC Davis medical staff advised Beverly M. Brown's daughters that they would NOT be able to do any vascular treatment to further save Beverly M. Brown's infected foot/leg and would now require amputation
- 3. all because her vascular Dr. Have stated she could walk or her amputation when she should not have while it was recovering from infection; AND MOSTLY BECAUSE OF
- 4. St. Mary's actions noted above by the Wound Care Center poor treatment decisions, \* followed by St. Mary's decisions to Admit Beverly Brown to the Hospital for financial gain, poor medical treatment, thereafter delayed
- 5. transport to UCDavis, when this patinet's daughters could have expedited transport to UCDavis on their own.
- 3e. UCDavis Staff stated they had to do extensive treatment on Beverly M. Brown's Cardio condition (Afib, etc) aggravated by the lack of care at St Mary's hospital in Reno, NV and lengthy delay there for transport
   to UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA
- 8. Again, had St Mary's care staff simply let Beverly's daughters drive Beverly to UC Davis Medical Center ER Beverly M. Brown would have been treated more exigently. (As Noted above: Brown subsequently learned
- 9. from Specialist that St Mary's ER protocol was to admit as many patients as possible, unfortunately to the demise of Beverly M. Brown in this case;
- 10. 4. Beverly M. Brown's leg amputation led to accelerated extensive bone loss (20%) from Osteoporosis due to Beverly M. Brown's inactivity and severe impact on her already compromised cardiovascular condition (CHF) because she had very limited mobility from June 2016 Dec 2018/ March 2019

#### 12. A/2. Primary Background Related to ISSUE AT HAND - Patient Beverly M. Brown

- 13. 1a. In December 2018, Beverly M Brown was hospitalized at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada for her Cardiovascular Condition, low oxygen level. Patient had her lungs aspired and was released.
- 14. lb. However, upon review of medical documentation it was noted that the attending Hospitalist and Interventional Radiologist protocol was to conduct the aspiration without consult with Cardiovascular
- 15. and Pulmonary Specialists; which included removing the patient from life saving medications which caused more jeopardy to the patient than leaving this patient on same medications, Plavix and Eliquis;
- 16. Despite having the hospital assigned Cardiologist reading patient's test, residing in same St. Mary's Office as patient's primary Cardiologist.
- 17. 2a. From December 2018 February 28, 2019, St. Mary's Cardiology reduced Beverly M. Brown's Eliquis from 5 to 2.5mg/2X per day due to incidental bleeding, intermittent blood in her phlegm due to an in hospital
- 18. radiological procedure to remove fluid from her lungs.
- 19. 2b. \* Within the week Marilou Brown called St. Mary's Cardiology requesting to know if Beverly M. Brown should return to an Eliquis 5mg/2X per day dosage as recommended by her Cardiologist from Renown,
- 20. Dr. Ganchan since Beverly no longer spotted blood and if vascular arterial tests should be ordered since it had been a year or more since said tests on Beverly had last been done.
- 21. 2c. St. Mary's Issue: The cardio nurse who answered the telephone said Beverly M. Brown should stay at 2.5mg for her weight and size. Marilou Brown explained with Beverly's AFIB/CHF condition, it was
- 22. advised by her previous cardiologist that Beverly's condition required she be at a 5mg 2X per day. Marilou Brown again requested the nurse ask the St. Mary's Cardiologist (Dr. Desai) if she could
- 23. return to this 5mg, 2x/day Eliquis dosage since she was not spotting blood from the procedure anymore. Marilou again reiterated to the nurse her concern because of what Beverly M. Brown's
- 24. previous, now retired Cardiologist recommended for her condition; 5mg twice a day. Beverly M. Brown's family did not hear back to this Request despite other same issue messages left for
- 25. this cardio nurse on this matter. Beverly M. Brown had resumed taking Plavix.

#### 1. B. ISSUE AT HAND FOR MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE / MALPRACTICE - History and Details

- 2. 1. On/about February 20, 2019, During a primary care visit and a planned pulmonary visit at St. Mary's (which was set up by her aforementioned family members to get an electric wheelchair for her and oxygen
- 3. authorizations), Beverly M. Brown was again admitted by the attending Primary care physician to St. Mary's hospital due to low oxygen levels and for her now severe Cardiovascular condition.
- 4. 2a. On/about February 20, 2019, a female attending ER practitioner at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada began discussing Directives, Resuscitation, End of Life issues with patient Beverly M. Brown's daughters in
- 5. front of this patient The daughters requested this conversation stop in front of the patient as it was placing undue further stress on Beverly clearly leaving her with the impression of dying when she is wanting to live!
- 6. 2b. This hospitalization became an unnecessary lengthy stay from Feb 20 Feb 28th, 2019 as a result of a radiological pulmonary procedural error; further complicated by vital, life saving medications being withdrawn
- 7. completely from Beverly M. Brown during almost her entire hospital stay (contrary to what a nurse told this patient's family) when they specifically went over meds with her in the hospital including the fact this
- 8. patient needed to be on 5mg/2x per day Eliquis, and Plavix).
- 9. 2c. Beverly M. Brown's daughters specifically asked of the ER Physician, one of the nurses and the attending Hospitalist if Beverly was on 5 mg/2 X per day Eliquis, and Plavix, other meds for said entities responded
- 10. "YES" to each question they asked. Plaintiff Marilou Brown specifically stated Beverly M. Brown needed to be on 5 Eliquis/2 X per day and Plavix; and was led to believe she was on these medications and dosages.
- 11. 2d. However, upon reviewing more details of the discharge information the family learned these vital, life saving meds had <u>not</u> been given to Beverly M. Brown for her hospital stay (*Plavix*; *Eliquis almost the*
- 12. entire stay and then back to only 2.5 mg/X2 per day per Hospitalist consult with a pharmacist vs consulting with Beverly M. Brown's Primary Cardiologist who works for St. Mary's and would have
- 13. placed her back on 5 mg unless any bleeding occurred).
- 14. 2e. Again, Beverly M. Brown's Primary Cardiologist works for St. Mary's Medical Center yet was never consulted (with any assigned cardiologists to the Hospital apparently only reviewing patient tests and
- 15. notes); with the one Cardiology Specialist consulted at patient's family's urgence of the Hospitalist on / about Feb 25, 2019, having erroneous medication information in her purported consult dictation; and one
- 16. Pulmonary Specialist consulted at patient's family's insistence on/about Feb 25, 2019 because of a procedural error by the Interventional Radiologist doing a lung aspiration procedure on Beverly M.
- 17. Brown had resulted in pulmonary injury and no further aspiration procedure could conducted.
- 18. 3. The Hospitalist met the family days later, on /about Feb 25, 2019?, for the first time since this patient was admitted and only then were they informed of the dire situation she was in.. The Hospitalist informed the
- 19. Plaintiffs of this pulmonary aspiration error and inquired if this patient had an AFIB/CHF condition, five days since this patient's admittance. In fact, the Hospitalist admitted he had not contacted pulmonary or
- 20. cardio specialists per hospital protocol; until family (Plaintiffs) demanded and complained for Specialist intervention, especially since the patient's own specialists work for St. Mary's Medical Center.
- 21. 4. Despite specialist late intervention at the demand of family detrimental, life threatening cardio pulmonary damage was done to Beverly M. Brown; with more fluid build up during this St. Mary's hospital stay. In
- 22. addition, consequential pneumonia and pairing this patient in a room with a serious infectious patient exacerbated Beverly M. Brown's condition upon discharge after the Drs claimed she was healed and cleared
- 23. her for home for which the family asked for in home post hospital care. At no time did the Hospitalist advise of adverse results if this patient went to Home care and patient was not in a condition for Physical Therapy
- 24. falsely asserted by the Hospitalist in his Discharge Summary
- 25. 5. In Summary, the attending physician/Hospitalist Defendant did not read Beverly's hospital intake condition notes on the present and past visit and was not aware until midway through this patient's hospital
- 26. admittance that she had uncontrolled Arial Fibula ion (Afib). The physician did not address specialists at the hospital until the family adamantly requested this due to Beverly M. Brown's deteriorating
- 27. condition; or this patient's cardiology specialists outside the hospital whom worked for St. Mary's at all.

- 1. 6. Despite the family requesting this not be done, the physicians and Palliative care personnel would keep reiterating IN FRONT OF THE PATIENT AND HER HUSBAND that she "WAS OLD"
- 2. And RECOMMENDED DO NOT RESUCITATE (DNR) .... clearly covering up for the hospital Error and Beverly M. Brwn's deteriorating condition (deteriorating because they REMOVED all her VITAL LIFE
- 3. SAVING medication necessary for her heart and vascular condition) and negligent diagnosis/treatment. BEVERLY M. BROWN MADE IT CLEAR SHE WANTED TO LIVE.

#### 4. C. MAIN MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE SUMMARY INFORMATION:

- 5. 1. As per above, In February 2019, while visiting with Beverly M Brown who was hospitalized at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada for her Cardiovascular Condition, the attending Hospitalist, Dr. Tanzeel Islam(?),
- 6. came in to speak with Beverly Morris Brown's family (the Plaintiffs named above). Dr. Tanzeel Islam (?) asked/stated the following:
- 7. After 4-5 days in the hospital Dr. Tanzeel Islam (?) only then visited with the family and only then did he first inquire if Beverly M. Brown had Afib which he just surmised after doing days of repetitive unnecessary
- 8. tests....stating PROTOCOL.
- 9. He admitted he had not looked at the extensive medical information provided by the family and prior hospital records from her previous and current hospitalization/other medical attendances.
- 10. Only after 4-5 days did Dr Tanzeel Islam (?) visit and explain there had been an error in a <u>pulmonary procedure</u> by the Interventional Radiologist as they had been attempting to do to remove fluid from this patient's lungs
- 11. He stated he was working on Healing the pulmonary injury
- 12. He stated he had not consulted with any specialists (Pulmonary or Cardiology) because hospital protocol and further stated No Specialists were to be consulted unless absolutely necessary (family then demanded same)
- 13. Hospitalists don't contact Specialists unless there is a medicine change question, other significant reasons; And don't contact patient's primary Outside Hospital Treating Specialist
- 14. Upon Review of Discharge papers, the Attending Hospitalist simply consulted with a pharmacist for dose and return of patient on one medication (Eliquis) with no dosage given on Plavix, both extensively needed
- 15. for the health of this patient; and the Hospital assigned Cardiologists simple reviewing tests and/or noting information some inaccurate and what appears to be discharge of this patient with ongoing
- 16. life threatening conditions.
- 17. The Hospitalist, Dr Tanzeel Islam (?) recommended Beverly M. Brown not be resuscitated if she coded as she would have broken ribs and he emphasized SHE WAS OLD, clearly to cover up under his statement
- 18. of following PROTOCOL and the Pulmonary error caused by the interventional radiologist physician. He stated such in front of the patient and her husband.
- 19. 2. Plaintiffs expressed their concerns to the hospital Social Worker about the protocol and malpractice performance, statements made by the Hospitalist; as well as the palliative care employee clearly resulting
- 20. in a negative emotional and physical impact on the patient and family because the message related was death, not healing of patients.
- 21. This Social Worker stated she would reflect all the family's concerns to the hospital board and later confirmed to the family members she did so via email/other correspondence. This Social Worker also informed
- 22. them that St. Mary's recognition as "being one of the 200 best hospitals" simply had to do with a Survey for which the hospitals pay to participate in and exclude all hospitals who don't participate 19. making it a
- 23. very inaccurate statistic.
- 24. 3. Hospitalist, Dr. Tanzeel Islam (?) came in on a later date stated he consulted with a Pulmonary Specialist and was able to get proper advice on dealing with the pulmonary injury followed by infectious pneumonia etc.

- 1. There was no indication he spoke to any Cardiologist or at minimum did not seek the extensive consult needed for Beverly M. Brown's chronic cardiovascular condition.
- 2. 4a On/about February 26, 27-28, 2019, St, Mary's staff placed Beverly M. Brown, who was in a very weakened state, in a room with an infected patient; with another infectious patient who kept entering the hallway. The
- 3. staff then moved Beverly M. Brown across the hallway during the night after they affirmed the other patent
- 4. was infected and quarantined.
- 5. As a result of being with this infected patient; Beverly' M. Brown's weakened condition from being taken off her cardio-vascular life saving medications; the lung aspiration Error, Beverly M. Brown got weaker.
- In ADDITION, her husband OF SIXTY (60) YEARS, Charles F. Brown, had been in that same room visiting Beverly M. Brown all day in the <u>infected and later quarantined</u> patient's room AND became very sick. He
   was treated at Renown Urgent Care after Beverly M. Brown died on March 5, 2019.
- 8. Because of his Sickness, he was not able to physically be with his wife of SIXTY (60) years, Beverly M. Brown, when she died on March 5, 2019 at Renown Hospital due to the Negligent, Malpractice errors 9. caused by Defendants.
- 10. 4b. On/about February 27, 2019 Beverly M. Brown was moved to a different floor level and put in a room with an infectious patient, who was later quarantined (REITERATED FROM ABOVE, AGAIN BELOW)
- 11. That same day, an attending male nurse aid had informed Beverly M. Brown's daughters Marilee Brown and Marilou Brown as they walked down the hallway to stay away from a mentally ill patient in a wheelchair
- 12. that was at the entrance of his room and often in the hallway because he had infection that could be spread.
- 13. 4c. On February 27, 2019 The night before Beverly M. Brown's discharge, the family received a call from a St. Mary's hospital employee that Beverly M. Brown had been moved across the hallway from her prior room.
- 14. 4d. The following day, February 28, 2019 the aforementioned family members noticed a DO NOT ENTER sign INFECTIOUS PATIENT/QUARANTINE at the entry way of where Beverly M. Brown had been
- 15. in the day before and only masked and gowned medical professionals were allowed into that room with this patient.
- 16. 5. Beverly M. Brown was discharged late in the day on February 28, 2019 with oxygen her aforementioned family members had been seeking for her. She was in such a very weak state that Marilee and Marilou
- 17. Brown asked the Nurse Aids to give her a sponge bath before leaving the hospital because she would be too weak to have a shower at home.
- 18. 6. Beverly M. brown was discharged with full medical clearance TO GO HOME with Oxygen over the weekend yet she had significant, ongoing life threatening medical conditions; Yet within two days of discharge patient
- 19. had a cranial blockage causing a stroke because the Drs at St Mary's had reduced then removed the critical life saving medication she needed to prevent arterial blockages. The removal of these critical life saving
- 20. medications altogether during her Second hospital stay due the lung procedural error ultimately led to Beverly M. Brown's blockages, stroke, heart stress/CHF/UNCONTROLLABLE AFIB, returned infectious Pneumonia
- 21. and Death at Renown hospital.
- 22. 7a. Upon review of Beverly M. Brown's discharge papers, it appeared Attending Hospitalist, Tanzeel Islam (?) simply consulted with a pharmacist for dosage and return of patient on one medication (Eliquis) with no
- 23. dosage given on Plavix both extensively needed for the healthy of this patient; and the Hospital assigned Cardiologists simple reviewing tests and/or noting information some inaccurate and what appears to
- 24. discharge of patient with ongoing life threatening conditions.
- 25. 7b. Upon review of Beverly M. Brown's discharge papers, the aforementioned family members noticed that she had <u>NOT</u> been given any; delinquently given and/or been given reduced amount of necessary medication

- 1. upon consult only with a pharmacist; the critical life saving Cardiovascular medications (Eliquis and Plavix) vital to Beverly M. Brown's cardiovascular condition and her life.
- 2. Upon discharge Beverly M. Brown resumed taking full dosage LIFE Saving medicines: Plavix for clots and Eliquis (yet still at the improper dosage of 2.5mg/2X per day too late and still to little with the damage already
- 3. done directly contributing to the death of this patient, after Hospitalists improper consult with pharmacist vs. Patient's primary St. Mary's cardiology physician who would have specified 5mg/2X per day).
- 4. 7c. In addition, this patient's discharge papers showed she was discharged with life threatening conditions; and had been placed with an infected patient a day prior to final discharge all directly contributing to the death of
- 5. this patient.
- 6. 8. On Sunday March 3, 2019, only three (3) days after being fully cleared for HOME care by St. Mary's hospital the aforementioned family members noticed Beverly M. Brown appeared to be having a stroke. Marilou Brown
- 7. called for Paramedics, who took Beverly M. Brown to the requested RENOWN hospital. Marilou Brown rode in the ambulance with her mother to Renown Hospital while Marilee Brown and Charles Brown (patient's husband
- 8. of 60 years) followed in their private vehicle.
- 9. There was a blood clot that had formed in Beverly M. Brown's brain but while the lifesaving procedure was attempted it appeared to be resolving so Beverly M. Brown was placed in Intensive Care.
- 10. 9. On Monday March 4, 2019. Marilee and Marilou Brown went to Renown hospital and were there until 10pm. Their brother, Peter Brown, was present intermittently to visit with Beverly M. Brown, his mother. Peter
- 11. Brown works as a Courier for Renown Hospital.
- 12. Beverly Brown appeared to be having difficulty breathing, with raspy respiratory sounds. Amanda, the Renown ICU nurse stated Beverly M. Brown's chest X-ray did not look good. Marilou and Marilee Brown also noticed
- 13. blood clots in the urinary tube and Beverly M. Brown expressed she was having difficulty urinating.
- 14. Beverly M. Brown expressed she was having severe pain in her amputated leg for which the attending night physician gave her pain medication along with Gabapentin (nerve paid medication). Beverly M. Brown
- 15. fell asleep and Marilee and Marilou Brown went home 10 pm. Their father, Charles F. Brown was sick at home because of his presence in the infected patient's room all day in patient's room.
- 16. 10. On Tuesday March 5, 2019 in the very early morning, Charles F, Brown answered a call from the Renown physician who requested to know if they could intubate Beverly M. Brown as she was having difficulty
- 17. breathing. Charles F. Brown said to do everything they could for Beverly M. Brown. Marilou, who was also on the phone, asked the attending physician was causing her condition. The attending ICU Pulmonary physician
- 18. stated he had an idea what was causing Beverly M. Brown's pulmonary condition, (which he affirmed later to be infectious pneumonia after he finally received the documents he had been requesting for three (3) days from
- 19. St. Mary's hospital; 3 days too late on the day of her death March 5, 2019). The physician recommended the family come to the hospital.
- 20. Again, Charles F. Brown was very ill (he had been in the same room at St. Mary's with the infectious woman Beverly M. Brown had been a roommate with as noted above) so he could not go to the hospital to see his
- 21. wife of sixty (60) years during this critical stages of illness (He later had to go to urgent care and was given antibiotic treatment), thus could not be there with her when she took her last breath.
- 22. 11. As they prepared to leave for the hospital, Marilou Brown received a call from Peter Brown, who stated they needed to get there fast because Beverly M. Brown had just "coded" and had been revived. When Marilee
- 23. Brown and Marilou Brown arrived at Renown hospital. Beverly M. Brown was intubated and awake. She tried to get comfortable in her bed.
- 24. 12. After St. Mary's <u>finally</u> faxed over their documents to Renown, the attending pulmonary physician spoke with Marilou Brown, Peter Brown about tests he wanted to do. Marilou Brown asked the attending physician
- 25. what his suspicions were that he mentioned to Charles Brown and Marilou Brownthat morning that were

- 1. causing Beverly's deteriorating condition. The attending physician stated infectious pneumonia and planned to order a CT scan.
- 2. (Note: The attending ICU Pulmonary physician stated he had an idea what was causing Beverly M. Brown's pulmonary condition affirmed later upon his receipt of St. Mary's hospital documents finally 3 days later,
- 3. three (3) days too late on the day of her death March 5, 2019).
- 4. At that time, Beverly M. Brown began coding again, with Marilee Brown by her side along with a Renown Nurse who commenced CPR. Marilou Brown instructed the nurse and the attending Renown
- 5. Physician to stop CPR measures and to let her go. Plaintiffs would rather patient go quickly from a heart attack and thankful she had been intubated instead of dying from a more painful death such as drowning
- 7. in her own fluids. Beverly M. Brown's family said goodbye at her bedside and on the phone.
- 8. Beverly M. Brown passed away on March 5, 2019 at approximately 12:22pm.

#### 8. D. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

#### 9. <u>MAIN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INFORMATION (REITERATED):</u>

- 10. 1. Of Note: Renown could not aspirate Beverly M. Brown's lungs to remove fluid causing respiratory distress
- 11. which ultimately resulted in her heart failure because her heart was too weak from having been removed from
- 12. her critical life saving cardio-vascular heart medications Eliquis and Plavix that St. Mary's completely removed
- 13. by their own discharge admittance which resulted in her blood clots Sunday through Tuesday March
- 14. 2019, stress on her heart, heart failure and ultimate death.
- 15. 2. The removal of critical life saving medication by St. Mary's physicians from Beverly M. Brown after the
- 16. Interventionist Radiologist's aspiration error should NOT have BEEN DONE despite any possible bleeding
- 17. because such removal led to her higher risk of stroke and ultimate death which ultimately DID OCCUR
- 18. days after discharge because of the aforementioned action.
- 19. The pulmonary aspiration error led to further significant cardio and pulmonary health issues which limited
- 20. further critical medical intervention; in addition to Beverly M. Brown ultimately full clearance and discharge for
- 21. home in a much more deteriorated, weakened and damaged state of health all as a result of the initial
- 22. pulmonary aspiration Error and complicated by additional medical negligence /errors; ultimately leading to
- 23. Beverly M. Brown's Sufferomg and Death, as well as her family's anguish; And
- 24. St Mary's personnel placed Beverly M. Brown in a room for discharge with an infected patient at upon -
- 25. which also caused her husband Charles Brown to be sickened, resulting in the fact he could not physically
- 26. be with his wife when she passed away at Renown hospital because of his illness (he admittedly stated he
- 27. had never been that sick before in his life).
- 28. 3a. St Mary's & Renown's medical documentation supports she died because of infections pneumonia (from

- 1. St. Mary's pulmonary Error procedure & from being placed in a room with the infected patient), blood
- 2. clots ultimately leading to stroke, organ failure, furthered, Uncontrollable heart AFIB a and Congestive heart
- 3. failure (CHF) etc all because St. Mary's removal of Beverly M. Brown's critical life Saving medication, Plavix
- 4. and Eliquis during her entire St. Mary's treatment and hospital stay because of the pulmonary injury caused
- 5. at St. Mary's hospital by the Interventional Radiologist; and;
- 6. 3b. St. Mary's Hospitialist discharged patient with ongoing life threatening conditions.
- 7. 3c. Beverly was discharged with full medical clearance TO GO HOME with Oxygen over the weekend yet
- 8. she had significant, ongoing life threatening medical conditions;
- 9. Yet within two days of discharge patient had a cranial blockage cusing a stroke because the Defendants
- 10. at St Mary's reduced, then removed the critical life saving medication she needed to prevent arterial
- 11. blockages.
- 12. The removal of these critical life saving medications altogether during her Second hospital stay due the
- 13. pulmonary procedural Error ultimately led to Beverly M. Brown's blockages, stroke, heart stress/CHF
- 14. / UNCONTROLLABLE AFIB, returned infectious Pneumonia and Death at Renown hospital.
- 15. 4a. Upon review of Beverly M. Brown's discharge papers, it appeared the Attending Hospitalist simply
- 16. consulted with a pharmacist for dosage and return of patient on one medication (Eliquis) with no dosage
- 17. given on Plavix both extensively needed for the healthy of this patient; and the Hospital assigned
- 18. Cardiologists simple reviewing tests and/or noting information some inaccurate and what appears to
- 19. be discharge of patient with ongoing life threatening conditions.
- 20. 4b. Upon review of Beverly M. Brown's discharge papers, the aforementioned family members noticed that
- 21. she had NOT been given any; delinquently given and/or been given reduced amount of necessary medicine
- 22. upon consult only with a pharmacist; the critical life saving Cardiovascular medications (Eliquis and Plavix)
- 23. vital to Beverly M. Brown's cardiovascular condition and her life.
- 24. 5. Upon discharge Beverly M. Brown resumed taking full dosage LIFE Saving medicines: Plavix for clots
- 25. and Eliquis (yet still at the improper dosage of 2.5mg/2X per day recommended by a pharmacist; too late
- 26. and still to little with the damage already done Directly Contributing to the Sufferig, Death of this patient).
- 27. 6a. In addition, The patient's discharge papers showed she was discharged with life threatening
- 28. conditions; and

- 1. **6b.** Had been placed with an infected patient a day/two prior to final discharge;
- 2. All Directly Contributing to the Suffering and Death of this patient, who had severe Chronic Medical
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- 4. unnecessary Terminal Medical Condition of this patient; All to the Anguish of her family.
- 5. 7. From April 2019 to date, after securance and review of medical records from St. Mary's Medical Center,
- 6. the patient's family attempted to address the aforementioned issues with St. Mary's Regional Medical
- 7.. Center without response, except upon contact with Prime Health Care said Organization referred patient's family to St. Mary Regional Medical Center Risk Management Department. Upon consult with same, Kathy
- 8. Millard of St. Mary's Risk Management Department advised their Department would investigate the matter and respond in writing within 45 days.
- 9. 8a. Throughout February 2020, Upon consult with local counsel, it was advised to patient's family that any
- 10. medical malpractice case had to be filed in Court within a one year Statute of Limitations.
- 11. 8b. During this time, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center Risk Management and Legal Department
- 12. refused to return patients family's calls for informal meeting in this matter, Alternative Dispute Resolution,
- 13. Mediation or Arbitration proceedings to resolve their concerns . Nor would same discuss matters when
- 14. Patient's family physically went to this Department to inquire of voluntary participation.
- 15. 9. Upon consult with Nevada District Court staff in Reno, NV, it was stated by the Clerks that no
- 16. such programs could be accessed through the Court unless a formal Civil Complaint was filed,
- 17. predicating this Action by the patient's family.
- 18. 10. For the aforementioned reason, Plaintiff and her family had no choice but to file this Civil Action in order
- 19. to engage in Court/other sponsored programs to facilitate resolution of this matter and the issues within since
- 20. St. Mary's Regional Center Risk and Legal Department would not return Plaintiff's and her family's
- 21. aforementioned requests to engage in said programs. .

#### 22. AS AND FOR THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 23. 1. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and therefore allege, that this Court has subject jurisdiction over this
- 24. action pursuant to Nevada State Law NRS 11.310 (with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives of Beverly
- 25. M. Brown): NES 41.085, 41.130

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- 26. in that Defendants did commit Medical Negligent actions to include Medicinal, Treatment, Judgment, protocol,
- 27. Etc Errors, against the Plaintiffs which led to the Wrongful Suffering and Death of their mother, patient Beverly

- 1. Morris (M.) Brown; to include but not limited to the fact that Defendants did commit Medical Negligent Actions, Errors that lead to the Detrimental Health, Suffering and Wrongful Death of their mother, patient 3. Beverly Morris (M.) Brown; And to include Breach of Duty, Medical Negligence/Malpractice, Causation of 4. Human, Financial, Other loss in these proceedings; Significant Emotional, Financial Distress; Et Al, to the 5. Plaintiffs and their family, Subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. 6. 2. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 10, 11(A-D) 7. of this Complaint as though fully set forth at length herein; to include but not limited to the facts that the Adval Operation Mal practice.

  8. Defendants did commit Medical Negligent Actions, Errors that lead to the Detrimental Health, Suffering 9. and Death of Beverly M. Brown; Emotional, Financial, Other Anguish Distress to her family; Breach of 10. Duty, Medical Negligence/Malpractice Action, Causation of Financial loss and Emotional, Financial 11. <u>Distress</u>, Et Al, to the Plaintiffs and her family, Etc – All Subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. 12. 3. Plaintiffs advise that this Complaint may be Amended at a later date as authorized by the Court to 13. include additional laws, clarifications, corrections, etc. to this Complaint. 14. **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF** 15. 1. WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs refer to and by such reference incorporate herein each, every and all 16. averments contained in paragraphs 1 – 10, 11(A – D) herein, above and below as fully set forth in this 17. Complaint. The Defendants are liable to the Plaintiffs for the afore and below mentioned damages under 18. Nevada State Law NRS 11.310 (with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives of Beverly Brown); 20. /other, as afforded by the aforementioned and yet unknown other Statutes; by Defendants causing such harm @Heil 21. to Plaintiffs (with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives of Beverly Brown); as noted above and below. 22. 2. WHEREFORE, as a result of the Medical Negligence and Malpractice Actions by Defendants as asserted 23. under the Jurisdiction and Causation Sections of this Complaint; And Affirmed in the Facts set forth herein; 24. The Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Honorable Court grant Judgment to the Plaintiffs against the 25. Defendant containing the following Prayer For Relief, all of which exceeds \$10,000.00 in damages; All of and ov 26. Which will be proven at Trial; Ar btration 27. With All the Aforementioned Directly Contributing to the <u>Suffering and Wrongful Death</u> of this patient
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28. who had Chronic Medical conditions, but the medical Negligence of Defendants caused the Unnecessary

- 1. Suffering and Terminal Medical Condition of this patient Leading to Patient Beverly M. Brown's
- 2. preliminary Death on March 5, 2019; And emotional Anguish to her family.

#### 3. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

- 4. Wherefore Plaintiffs Pray for the Following Relief:
- 5. 1. An Award of actual, future, and any other financial damages, legal costs, medical, costs representing
- 6. attorney or elf-acquired Fees, legal expenses, disbursement fees and equivalent effort income lost etc, all in
- 7. sums may be exceeding \$10,000.00 in amount; representing Defendants' violations of and other any other
- 8. applicable law under this jurisdiction not yet known to the Plaintiffs, et seq/other, as afforded by the
- 9. aforementioned/other Statutes; Noting Defendant financially gains from this/other patients' illnesses;
- 10. 2. An Award of compensatory and any other financial damages, etc., all in sums exceeding \$10,000.00 in
- 11. amount; representing Defendants' violations of Nevada State Law NRS 11.310 (with Legal Power of Attorney
- 11. amount, ...; and other

  12. as representatives of Beverly Brown); ; and other

  NRS 41. 085, 41. 130 in ; and other any other applicable laws under this jurisdiction
- 13. not yet known to the Plaintiffs, et seq/other, as afforded by the aforementioned/other Statutes;
- 14. 3. An Award of emotional and any other financial damages, etc all in sums exceeding \$10,000.00 in amount;
- 15. representing Defendants' violations Nevada State Law NRS 11.310 (with Legal Power of Attorney as
- 16. representatives of Beverly Brown):

  NRS 41, 414

  and other any other applicable law under this jurisdiction not
  NRS 41.085, NRS 41, 130
- 17. yet known to the Plaintiffs, et seq/other, as afforded by the aforementioned/other Statutes;
- deterristing medical condition
- 18. 4. An Award of Damages representing Plaintiffs and her family's loss of their Mother by Wrongful Suffering Actual @ Parimate
- 19. and Death caused by Defendants' Negligent Medical Malpractice Actions, Et seq/Other, as afforded by the
- 20. aforementioned/other Statutes,
- With All the Aforementioned Directly Contributing to the Wrongful Suffering and Death of this patient
- 22. who had Chronic Medical conditions but the Negligence of Defendants caused the Unnecessary Suffering
- 23. and Terminal Medical Condition of this patient, Leading to Patient Beverly M. Brown's deteriorating
- 24. medical condition, suffering and pereliminary Death on March 5, 2019; And Anguish to her family.
- 25. 5. An Award to facilitate Hospital and Health Care Providers accountability and education for improving
- 26, the quality of care and reduction of medical mistakes by their accredited bodies; To improve the
- 27. communication between providers and patients/patients' families so as to ensure the improvement of
- 28. quality care, healthcare Improvement and less Medical Medicinal, Judgment mistakes/error that lead to the

1. deteriorating medical condition, suffering and preventable death of patients as what happened in this case; etc 2. 6. Any other equitable and further relief as afforded by this Court as Deem and Proper. 3. Of Note: Plaintiffs have Filed an Application For Electronic Filing and Service Exemption in this Matter 4. Date: March 3, 2020 5. Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family), Pro Se c/o 45 Nives Court 6. Sparks, NV 89441 Telephone: (775) 425-4216

AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

8. The undersigned do hereby affirm that the preceding document, CIVIL COMPLAINT and Summons

9. filed in this matter does not contain the Social Security Number of any person.

10. Date: March 3. 2020 11. Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family), Pro Se

. c/o 45 Nives Court

12. Sparks, NV 89441

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Telephone: (775) 425-4216

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

14. The undersigned do hereby affirm that the preceding document, CIVIL COMPLAINT and Summons will be served in person by a Non Party over 18 years of age within the timeframe of 120 days of Filing this

15. Complaint specified pursuant to NRCP 4(a)(c)(d)(i); and will provide an Affidavit of Service to the Court upon Service of Same Complaint and Summons pursuant to NRCP (4(g)(2)

16. Parties To be Served:

17. 1. St. Mary's Regional Medical Center - Tami Evans Director of Medical Services and Risk Mgmt,

2. Prem Reddy, MD - (Prime HealthCare @ 3480 E. Guasti Road, Ontario, CA 91761; 909-235-4400)

18. 3. Mark McAllister, MD (St Mary's Interventional Radiologist)

4. Tanzeel Islam, MD (St. Mary's Hospitalist)

19. 5. Sridevi Challapalli, MD (St. Mary's Cardiologist

6. DOES I through X inclusive; 7. ROES Businesses I through X inclusive (yet to be determined)

At/About:

21. St. Mary's Regional Medical Center (Hospital/Medical Offices) Risk Management and Legal Department; St Mary's Medical Offices

22. Via 235 West 6th Street, Reno, NV 89503 (Tele: 775-770-3228/3210; 775-770-3745) And FYI to:

23. Prem Reddy, MD - (Prime HealthCare @ 3480 E. Guasti Road, Ontario, CA 91761(909-235-4400)

24. Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown, Pro Se Plaintiffs

45 Nives Court

25. Sparks, NV 89441

26. 775-425-4216

Date: March 2020

## EXHIBIT 3

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**ORIGINAL** 1. CODE: 3897 2 NAME: Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family) 3. BAR NUMBER: N/A (Pro Se litigants) **ADDRESS: 45 Nives Court** 4. Sparks, NV 89441 TELEPHONE: (775) 425-4216 5. IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE 6. Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (for Beverly M. Brown's family) 7. Plaintiffs, in Proper Person 8. Case No: CV20-00422 Dept No: 1 VS 9. 10. St. Mary's Regional Medical Center: Tiffany Coury CEO/Prem Reddy, MD (Prime HealthCare) Mark McAllister, MD (St. Mary's Interventional Radiologist) 11. Tanzeel Islam, MD (St. Mary's Hospitalist) Sridevi Challapalli, MD (St. Mary's Cardiologist). 12. DOES I through X inclusive; ROES Businesses I through X inclusive

#### 13. AMENDMENT TO CIVIL COMPLAINT / RETURN SERVICE OF SUMMONS

14. 1. During the Service Process, Plaintiffs were notified that <u>Defendant Tammy (Tami) Evans no longer</u>

Defendants,

- 15. works with St. Mary's Regional Medical Center and CEO Tiffany Coury replaced this Defendant.
- 16. Plaintiffs Request this change, Addition of Gregory J. Brown as a Plaintiff (Informa Pauperis) Be
- 17. Reflected in this Civil Action with the Courts (See Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Dism Motion);
- 18, 2. Per the Affidavit of Service (Attachment 1), the following Defendants were served through an
- 19. authorized agent for same by a person who is not a party to this action, Mr. Gary R. Orr, at the
- 20. locations addressed in Mr. R. Orr's Affidavit as reflected below. The undersigned do hereby affirm that
- 21. Plaintiffs' Civil Complaint and Summons (Attachment 1), with a Settlement Notice that went ignored
- 22. by Defendants, were served on each Defendant via their authorized agents by Mr. Gary R. Orr on
- 23. March 17, 2020; cc excerpt to Prem Reddy, MD (Prime HealthCare) via regular mail to (Prime HealthCare
- 24. @ 3480 E. Guasti Road, Ontario, CA 91761; 909-235-4400)
- 25. a. Mary's Regional Medical Center CEO Tiffany Coury/cc excerpt to Prem Reddy, MD via regular mail; &
- 26. b. Tanzeel Islam, MD (St. Mary's Hospitalist) at Mary's Regional Medical Center through CEO Tiffany Coury's assistant "Cheryl" (LNU) at the emergency entrance of St. Mary's hospital at 235 West 6th Street,
- 27. Reno, NV 89503(Coronavirus Quarantine)



- 1. c. Mark McAllister, MD (St. Mary's Interventional Radiologist) through his assistant "Marci" (LNU) via front desk Radiology "Jessica" (LNU) at St Mary's Regional Medical Center Group, 645 N. Arlington Ave, #250,
- 2. Reno, NV 89503 (Coronavirus Quarantine)
- 3. d. Sridevi Challapalli, MD (St. Mary's Cardiologist) through Cardiology via front desk "Pamola(sp?)" (LNU) at St Mary's Regional Medical Center Group, 645 N. Arlington Ave, #555, Reno, NV 89503 (Coronavirus
- 4. Quarantine)

5. 2. Of Note: Plaintiffs are Exempt from Electronic Filing and Service in this Matter thus send/receive filings		
6. often delayed. Plaintiffs mailed these Filings due to the Court's Filing Office closure from the		
7. Coronavirus Quarantine.		
<ol> <li>Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family), Pro Se</li> <li>Nives Court</li> <li>Sparks, NV 89441</li> <li>Telephone: (775) 425-4216</li> <li>Date: April 7, 2020</li> </ol>		
12. AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030		
13. The undersigned do hereby affirm that the preceding document, <u>AMENDMENT TO CIVIL COMPLAINT</u>		
14. / RETURN SERVICE OF SUMMONS filed in this matter does not contain the Social Security Number of		
15. any person.		
16. Date: April 7, 2020  17. Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown (and for Beverly M. Brown's family), Pro Se c/o 45 Nives Court  18. Sparks, NV 89441 Telephone: (775) 425-4216		
19. <u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>		
20. The undersigned do hereby affirm that the Plaintiffs' AMENDMENT TO CIVIL COMPLAINT / RETURN SERVICE OF SUMMONS was served by Plaintiffs via regular mail/in person to Defendants' counsel of 21. record on April , 2020  24. Marilee Brown, Marilou Brown, Pro Se Plaintiffs		
45 Nives Court 25. Sparks, NV 89441		

- 26. 775-425-4216

Date: April 72020

#### **Attachments**

27. Exhibit 1. Return Service - Affidavit by Plaintiffs and server Mr. Gary R. Orr, with Summons, served on all Defendants on March 17, 2020 (2 pgs)

## EXHIBIT 6

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changes, et al corresponding to their Title and Civil Action Complaint - to include additional/corrected laws, clarifications, etc (Complaint Pgs 2, 3, 14, 15, 16, etc) addressed in further detail under Legal Argument / Statement of Facts.

- 3. Plaintiffs served all Defendants through an authorized agent for same by a person who is <u>not</u> a party to this action, Mr. Gary R. Orr, on March 17, 2020, with Plaintiffs' <u>Civil Complaint & Summons, along with a Settlement Notice (Representing Plaintiffs' willingness to Settle this matter outside Court as well as within the Court Jurisdiction) (See Exhibit 1), which Defendants <u>ignored.</u></u>
- 4. Of Note: Plaintiffs are Exempt from Electronic Filing and Service in this Matter; thus Plaintiffs do not submit /receive electronic and must rely on in person/mailings (thus delays). Plaintiffs mailed these respective Filings to the Court as the Court's Filing Office is closed due to the Coronavirus Quarantine, with mailing or in person service to Defendants as noted in their Certificate of Service.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS and LEGAL ARGUMENT / OPPOSITION REFUTES General and Direct Refutes of Defendants' Motions to Dismiss

1a/1A. Defendants use one technicality, procedural argument with misconstrued assertions in an attempt to dismiss Plaintiffs' meritous claims. Defendants are splitting hairs by falsely asserting ALL of Plaintiffs claims, medical or not, must be dismissed since the requisite for medical malpractice requires a medical expert Affidavit under NRS 41A.071 — A statute that is NOT the Only one used in Plaintiffs' Complaint and Amended herein as afforded by their Complaint Requests.

1a/1B. It is also noted under NRS 41A.097 (2) an action can be tolled because Defendant St Mary's Regional Medical Center did clearly attempt to conceal, omit, etc almost all of the detailed factual allegations stated to same Defendant in January 2020 after a year of same Defendant refusing to communicate with Plaintiffs on said issues until this date (per the details noted in their Complaint), after which Defendant on 3/5/2020 sent Plaintiffs their 3/3/2020 Response concealing, omitting, etc the majority of Plaintiffs' factual allegations (Exhibits 2, 3 — Letters from St Mary Regional Medical Center Kathy Millard; and Nurses Curtis Roth/Lisa Pistone, respectively) - Address of: Defendants' Administrative NON Medical Protocol / Lack of communication (Plaintiffs' Complaint Claims) of No Contact from 12/18 - 3/5/19 by individual Defendants with the Patient's Primary Cardiovascular Specialist Dr Devang Desai WHO WORKS WITH Defendant (Complaint Pg 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 and throughout), and would NOT have

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allowed for continued reduced dosage of Beverly M. Brown's medication or any procedure that would have impacted the jeopardized her health as he as guarded against in the past.

- Plaintiffs request this tolling be a mitigating factor as Plaintiffs' timely filed their Complaint in that Plaintiffs' simply request maintaining All the issues (including medical) of this Civil Action with time for Plaintiffs to obtain a medical expert Affidavit soley to meeting the NRS 41A.071 annotation — which the Court in its discretion can decide not to require pursuant to his/her review of the Plaintiffs' Refuting facts presented herein, below.

la/C. Defendants Counsels for Defendant St Mary's Regional Medical Center in **BAD FAITH** and **Malice**falsely stated the Court must dismiss all of Plaintiffs claims because under NRS 41A.071 stated shall dismiss

Plaintiffs' claims (only medical claims per NV Supreme Court). **REFUTE:** The fact is the Court has judicial discretion on its interpretation of how he/she interprets shall – affirming the Court in its own discretion is

NOT required to dismiss Plaintiffs action even only this law was used, which it was not:

#### RE "Shall":

- the only word of obligation is must NOT shall, will or may. All others, including shall are legally debatable;

  Must is a term to impose requirements while shall is ambiguous; shall often is interpreted as conveying offers,

  suggestions, requests, direction; interpreted as should non obligatory (Deborah Hopkins, Federal law/

  Other references/others as per below).
- the term shall is so confusing that the Federal Codes/Rules of Civil Procedure don't use shall;
- the term shall is often interpreted to mean should or may (which Nevada Revised Statute NRS 41A.071 used to use may)
- The U.S. Supreme Court interprets shall as may;
- The term shall Actions against government are construed as may
- Attorneys MISUSE shall (as Defendant did) to only means obligation, which has no meaning; shall breeds litigation and

no one uses it (Joe Kimble, Thomas Cooley law school)

- It is a Gross inaccuracy to state shall is mandatory; it often means may (Bryan Garner, legal writing)
- <u>Judicial Discretion of shall</u> may be construed as imperative <u>but also construed as permissive or</u>

  <u>directory</u> such as the <u>term may to carry out legislative intentions (which Nevada Revised Statute</u>

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NRS 41A.071used to use - may) (The law dictionary) la/D. It is also Noted that the Courts State: "NRCP Rule 41(b)...a dismissal under this subdivision and any dismissal not provided for in this rule operates as an adjudication upon the merits (of the Complaint/case)"; "the Nevada Supreme Court held that the basic underlying policy governing the exercise of discretion is to have cases decided upon the merits, rather than dismissed on procedural grounds (caselaw)" the Court must construe the complaint in the light most favorable to Plaintiff and accept as true the" factual llegations of the complaint(caselaw)" - INCLUDING PLAINTIFFS' Joint AFFIDAVIT WITHIN THIS OPPOSITION IN SUPPORT OF THIS CASE<u>, A CASE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE TREATMENT</u> FOR OTHER CHRONICALLY ILL PATIENTS AS WELL AS THIS ONE Pleadings of a pro per litigant (Plaintiff - non lawyer) are held to a less stringent standard than! formal pleading drafted by lawyers(Defendant)(caselaw)" And 1a/2. On the Contrary, Plaintiffs' Factual Allegations noted throughout their Complaint State, Infer and Imply medical and Non medical Issues of Breach of Duty, Simple, Ordinary and Gross Negligence, ETC governed by Statutes, laws, etc Other than that requiring medical expert Affidavit (noted as Et AL) by Defendant St. Mary's Regional Medical Center (and staff), specifically related to Non medical issues - with simple nexus to the term "medical" because that is the Defendants' professional business and action. 1a/3. Plaintiffs simply annotated one of their NRS Statutes in their Complaint was "41A" regarding Professional Negligence simple because Defendant St. Mary Regional Medical Center is a professional businesses establishment. Plaintiffs annotated other relevant Statutes as well in addressing their Claims For Relief, with Request to Amend same to clarify, add others as addressed further below. Plaintiffs Refer to the Arguments Above/Below in Specific Refute of this medical Affidavit issue 1a/4. Again, Plaintiffs' in Good Faith Clarify their verbiage in their Complaint in that most of the issues in their Totale relate to Non medical functions by Defendant despite nexus to this medical business Defendant and /

Totale relate to Non medical functions by Defendant despite nexus to this medical business Defendant and / or issues; Etc this in their Opposition Brief, and in Good Faith Request of the Court Time to obtain a medical expert Affidavit in furtherance of the medical issues of their Complaint - that Can be given at the Court's Discretion.

1b/1. Because of Defendant's sole reason of medical expert Affidavit for medical claims, Defendant is wrongfully demanding the Court dismiss all of Plaintiffs' Complaint claims – including the non medical claims reiterated/clarified throughout Plaintiffs' Complaint as clarified in this Opposition; and Contrary to what Defendants

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admit the Nevada Supreme Court stated in the reversal of the District Court's decision in said reference case" 1b/2. However, Plaintiffs seek additional time from the Court to obtain any medical expert Affidavit should such be required in support of any technical, procedural requisite; Such is clearly authorized as Defendants state Plaintiffs' Complaint could be dismissed WITHOUT PREJUDICE - which means same Complaint could be filed another time detailing other Relevant Statutes for Claims of Relief. Given the fact that the Statute of Limitations would have expired for any Medical issue Filing, such a dismissal would be prejudicial to Plaintiffs' Complaint as they may not be able to Re-File any medical issues of their case due to the true limitation expiration unless tolled. 1b/3. What Plaintiffs have supported in this Instant case are applicable Law and Statute addressing the Breach of Duty, Simple, Ordinary, Gross Negligence, ETC related to Defendants' (especially St Mary's Regional Medical Center (and staff) acts of Non-medical issues: (1) Protocol, (2) Lack of communication, (3) Age/Other Discrimination/jeopardy to elderly, (4) Negligence jeopardizing patients/others safety related to infectious persons, (5) failure to expedite medical documentation that jeopardized this patient's, case, Etc, along with medical issues; Some laws which are already addressed in Plaintiffs' and Others to be Amended, Clarified, Corrected, Added, Etc as so stated in Plaintiffs' Complaint ("to include additional/corrected laws, corrections, clarifications, etc (Complaint Pgs 2, 3, 14, 15, 16, etc"). 1c/1. Plaintiffs clearly Stated in their Complaint that they Request to be able to Amend their Complaint with other applicable laws, statutes, etc to include additional/corrected laws, corrections, clarifications, etc (Complaint Pgs 2, 3, 14, 15, 16, etc) WITHOUT HAVING ALL THEIR NON MEDICAL MERITOUS CLAIMS DISMISSED AS SUCH WOULD CAUSE SIGNGICANT FINANCIAL AND OTHER HARDSHIP = thus their request of the Court time to obtain any medical expert Affidavit in support of the medical issues

addressed (see tolling note).

1d. Plaintiffs Complaint issues are Valid in that they relate to Non-medical issues nexused to the medical aspect of this situation.

le. In addition, as further noted below, Plaintiffs are versed enough with this specific case's medical and evidentiary knowledge, experience, education and medical expert consults that they indeed could explain the meritous, Non-medical issues of their Complaint even with nexus to the medical aspect of their claims for any Jury to understand - while requesting of the Court an time to locate and obtain a medical expert Affidavit

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1f. It is also Noted that the Courts State:

"the Court must construe the complaint in the light most favorable to Plaintiff and accept as true the factual allegations of the complaint(caselaw)" — INCLUDING PLAINTIFFS' Joint AFFIDAVIT WITHIN THIS OPPOSITION IN SUPPORT OF THIS CASE, A CASE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE TREATMENT FOR OTHER CHRONICALLY ILL PATIENTS AS WELL AS THIS ONE

"Pleadings of a pro per litigant (Plaintiff - non lawyer) are held to a less stringent standard than formal pleading drafted by lawyers(Defendant)(caselaw)" And

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lg. Again, what <u>Plaintiffs do provide IN THE MEANTIME</u> — WHILE REQUESTING OF THE COURT TIME

TO SECURE A MEDICAL EXPERT AFFIDAVIT IF NECESSITATED - are their own Joint "Affidavits" below illustrating their own education, experience, detailed caretaking of the patients in this matter for years - personal observation and involvement in caring for the chronically ill, contact with experts, , etc related to the Factual Allegations of their Complaint, Medical and Non-medical, To Include:

Twenty (20) years of caretaking to Beverly M. Brown incorporating Plaintiff Marilou Brown's lay person expertise in dealing with detailed medical appointments, expert contacts, medicines, treatment and surgical nexused care, review and acquisition of medical documentation Et Al for both Beverly M. Brown and Charles F. Brown regarding any and all of their chronic illnesses since 2000 – making her a lay care taker expert in the medical field; While Plaintiff Marilou Brown has had over four and ½ (4½) years of Federal law enforcement experience and Plaintiff Marilee Brown has had over twenty one (21) years of Federal law enforcement experience and thirty (30) years of varied law experience related to evidentiary assimilation / acquisition and analysis of same writing legal briefs for varied Court processes – Federal, State, Administrative in varied fields of law for the presentation to counsel and judges alike, including this medically nexused case; All nexused to their Direct witnessing of the events that transpired as addressed in their Civil Action Complaint; experience in detailed care of their parents for the last twenty (20) years); and assimilating, researching, analyzing the documentation, medical or not, nexused to the Failed Communication / Protocol requisite by Defendant that led to the demise of patient Beverly M. Brown

because of the Non-medical (Protocol, Lack of communication, Age/Other Discrimination, Gross / Ordinary / Simple Negligent Non medical decisions, Etc by Defendants – including placing same patient Beverly M.

Brown in the same room with a known infected, later quarantined patient; and another infected patient exposed to all patients and visitors in the hallways on the same floor) and medical nexused issues caused by Defendants as detailed in Plaintiffs' Civil Action Complaint.

1h, The Courts should look at each case as a case by case basis. As detailed above, the Plaintiffs herein have the

following lay person experience, education, expert legal and medical contact information, as well as being direct caretakers for Beverly M. Brown that makes them well versed in bringing for their factual allegations in this meritous case. They also obtained medical documentation and reviewed same in detail, for which they ascertained the issues giving rise to the factual allegations of their Compliant — with the direct issue being Defendant Protocol and Lack of Communication by medical personnel with Beverly M. Brown's Primary Cardiovascular Specialist, Dr. Devang Desai, WHO WORKS FOR Defendant St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. Said Gross, Simple, Ordinary NON MEDICAL Negligence in the Protocol and Lack of communication by Defendants with this patient's Primary Cardiovascular Specialist WHO WORKS FOR Defendant, even with Plaintiffs' urgency of said contact, resulted in the health deterioration of Beverly M. Brown's condition from December 2018 through her death on March 5, 2019.

1i. The factual allegations of Plaintiffs Complaint does not merit any medical expert Affidavit to support the clear reach of Duty, Simple, Ordinary and Gross Non-Medical negligence that led to the demise within two and one half (2 and ½) months of being in the hands of medical experts, when te Plaintiffs through their own education, experience and medical contacts were directly involved in the medical case and thorough maintenance/contacts with medical personnel for the last twenty (20) years that resulted in Beverly M.

Brown successfully enduring her progressive chronic cardiovascular disease.

- lj. Of note, legal malpractice and veterinary malpractice disparately do not require expert Affidavits to support said cases. Again, it is clear the lobbyist for medical field has resulted in Disparate favoritism for denying righteous medical malpractice issues on the guise of eliminating frivolous tort claims which this case clearly is not as specified by the Plaintiffs' Factual Allegations therein.
- 1k. Plaintiffs have clearly supported in their Factual Allegations of their Complaint via Directly Stated,

  Inferred, Implied, Etc of the medical and Non-medical Breach of Duty, Ordinary, Simple and Gross

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Negligence by Defendants derived from their Non-medical (1) Protocol, (2) Lack of Communication, (3)

Age/Other Discrimination against chronically ill elderly patients; and (4) Breach of Duty, Gross, Simple,

Ordinary Negligence in subjecting not only Beverly M. Brown and Charles F. Brown to a quarantined infected patient, but all others on the same floor with another infected person sitting in the hallway of a crowded floor, And (5) Failed to Timely FAX vital medical documentation to Renown from March 3 - 5, 2019 (Complaint Pgs 5,11,12 and throughout) — ALL jeopardizing the Safety and Well Being of Patients and - inconsistent with how the nation, Presidential directives and the world are contending with saving human lives, especially the chronically ill and elderly with regards to the current corona virus Pandemic; clearly addressed throughout Plaintiffs' Civil Action Complaint — All addressed throughout Plaintiffs' Complaint with Pgs specified in this Brief.

2a/1. As noted in their Civil Action Complaint: Plaintiffs in Good Faith attempted to Address Defendants for a year regarding their factual allegations, yet all attempts went unheeded by Defendants. Upon consult with attorneys, the Court and physicians, it was recommended that Plaintiffs pursue this legal Course of action although it was clear medical experts affirmed it is difficult to obtain any written or testimonial support from medical experts despite their acknowledgement of medical malpractice issues being apparent because said professional feared reprisal, damage to their reputation with their peers and denial of hospital rights in speaking out.; Such feeling is similar to attorneys not wanting to represent clients in legal malpractice cases against other attorneys, leaving Plaintiffs to have to File/Defend themselves as involuntary Pro Se litigants.

2a/2. It is noted that Medical Malpractice claims under NRS 41A only allotted one (1) year statute of limitations and limited compensation; yet said actions in other states, actions brought against attorneys and veterinarians are given a 2 - 4 years Statute of limitations, etc; for the purpose of getting Nevada Physicians & under the guise of asserting reducing frivolous tort claims, Without any Regard to the quality of Human life over animal lives—inconsistent with how the nation, Presidential directives and the world are contending with saving human lives, especially the chronically ill and elderly with regards to the current corona virus Pandemic.

2b. It is noted also that the Nevada Legislature Courts Amended NRS.41A in an attempt to attract physicians to the State of Nevada. However, it is also noted these same entities Affirmed protecting victims of malpractice cases. Yet the NRS 41A revisions unjustifiably impact these victims: 1 year limit to File in such cases;

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- 3. It is Affirmed that Plaintiffs' Civil Complaint focuses on medical but primary the NON-Medical Issues

  (including that noted as Et AL) regardless of medical nexus that are Stated, Implied and Inferred
  throughout Plaintiffs' Complaint:
- (1) Non Medical Judgment Decisions, Administrative Protocol (Complaint Pg 3, 4, 7, 8, 9,10, 11, 14 and hroughout), that Defendants' staff must follow per Defendant St. Mary Regional Medical Center Defendants (CEO Tiffany Coury & Risk Mgmt Staff; Prem Reddy, Etc);

To wit: Ex 1 - As per Plaintiffs' Complaint, Defendant Non-Medical Administrative Decision / Protocol Physicians to admit as many patients as possible (Complaint Pg 7) which caused jeopardy to Beverly M. Brown's life / well being and lack of proper cardiovascular treatment when she should have been transported directly to UCDavis and resulted in her leg amputation from infection (Complaint Pg 6-7); Ex 2 - to include Defendant Administrative NON Medical Protocol / Lack of communication of No Contact from 12/18 - 3/5/19 by individual Defendants with the Patient's Primary Cardiovascular Specialist Dr Devang Desai WHO WORKS WITH Defendant (Complaint Pg 3, 4, 8, 9,10, 11 and throughout), and would not have allowed for continued reduced dosage of Beverly M. Brown's medication or any procedure that would have impacted her jeopardized her health as he as guarded against in the past.

(2) Lack of Communication, Non Medical Judgment Decisions/Administrative Protocol per Defendants;

(a) Note: On 3/3/2020, St Mary's Nurse Risk Mgmt Response was sent on 3/5/2020 - after deadline

for Plaintiffs' Filing of any Complaint had passed and before Service upon Defendants (Exhibits 2, 3

Letters from St Mary Regional Medical Center Kathy Millard; and Nurses Curtis Roth/Lisa Pistone,

respectively). \*There was No investigation, just summary cover-up that excluded any mention of

patient placed among infectious diseased patients; or other issues addressed in Plaintiffs' Complaint;

(b) to include No Contact by individual Defendants from 12/18 – 3/5/19 with the Patient's Primary

Care Cardiovascular Specialist WHO WORK FOR Defendant St Mary's Regional Medical Center

(Complaint Pg 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14 and throughout), and would not have allowed for continued

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- (3) Age/Other Discrimination, Jeopardy, Negligence to elderly patients -Non Medical Judgment Decisions such as that exhibited by Defendant Hospitalist, Palliative Care personnel, Et Al (Complaint Pgs 4,8, 9, and throughout); and
- (4) Non Medical Judgment Decisions, such as placement of Patients including Beverly M. Brown with or nexused /exposed to other infected, later quarantined patients (Complaint pgs 5,10,11,12, 13, 14 and throughout) (which Defendants attempted to cover up (See Plaintiffs' Complaint; Attachments 2/3 in this Brief); And
- (5) Failed to Timely FAX vital medical documentation to Renown from March 3-5, 2019 (Complaint Pgs 5,11,12 and throughout)
- ALL jeopardizing the Safety and Well Being of Patients and inconsistent with how the nation, Presidential directives and the world are contending with saving human lives, especially the chronically ill and elderly with regards to the current corona virus Pandemic; clearly addressed throughout Plaintiffs' Complaint.

  4a/1. As addressed above, Defendants use one technicality, procedural argument with misconstrued assertions in an attempt to dismiss Plaintiffs' Non-medical meritous claims clarified herein. Defendants are "splitting hairs" by asserting all of Plaintiffs claims are about medical malpractice requiring a medical expert Affidavit when the majority of the issues ARE NOT (inaccurate language used by Plaintiffs, clarified herein) See Non Medical issues (1 5) clarified throughout this Opposition that are Stated, Inferred and Implied throughout Plaintiffs' Complaint as examples; and not so much related to Professional Negligence under NRS 41A, but are related to Gross, Simple and Ordinary Negligence noted under other Statutes in Plaintiffs' Complaint; with additional laws, etc clarified, added, etc herein as Plaintiffs requested in their Complaint (with further leave for additions, clarifications on a later date if needbe).

4a/2. Again, It is noted that the Courts State:

"the Court must construe the complaint in the light most favorable to the Plaintiff and accept as true the factual allegations of the complaint(caselaw)" – INCLUDING PLAINTIFFS' Joint AFFIDAVIT WITHIN THIS OPPOSITION IN SUPPORT OF THIS CASE, A CASE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE TREATMENT FOR OTHER CHRONICALLY ILL PATIENTS AS WELL AS THIS ONE

Pleadings of a pro per litigant (Plaintiff - non lawyer) are held to a less stringent standard than! formal pleading drafted by lawyers(Defendant)(caselaw)" And "the Nevada Supreme Court held that the basic underlying policy governing the exercise of discretion is to have cases <u>decided upon the merits, rather than dismissed on procedural grounds (</u>caselaw)" "NRCP Rule 41(b)...a dismissal under this subdivision and any dismissal not provided for in this rule operates as an adjudication upon the merits (of the Complaint/case)"; "the Nevada Supreme Court 4. held that the basic underlying policy governing the exercise of discretion is to have cases decided upon the merits, rather than dismissed on procedural grounds (caselaw)" 4a/3. Plaintiffs' factual allegations of their Complaint Clearly State "the Negligence of St. Mary's Regional Medical Center...pg 5", "Negligence of Defendants...pg 16", and "Negligence of St. Mary's.... - Exhibit 1 Settlement Notice to Defendants, Etc." – All Infer, Imply, State Simple, Ordinary and Gross Negligence (vs. Medical Malpractice) by St. Mary Regional Medical Center (and staff), with simple nexus to the term "medicaP' because that is the Defendants' business and action (As asserted throughout this Opposition). Again, simply because Defendant St. Mary's Medical Group is a professional business, Plaintiffs annotated as one of their laws, 41A - and for no other reason. 4a/4. Defendants affirm in their dismissal Motion that the Nevada Supreme Court implications, inference and direct statements of Breach of Duty, Simple, Ordinary and Gross Negligent claims by Plaintiffs in their Civil 10 Action Complaints without the necessity of medical expert affidavits Survive any dismissal motion by Defendants, as Plaintiffs do in their Civil Action: 12. "Reversing the district court in part, the Nevada Supreme Court held that the gravamen of each claim, rather than its form, must be examined...the Court held the following: "a claim is not for medical 13. malpractice if it is not related to medical diagnosis, judgment, treatment" -It is duly noted that a Court or Jury can properly evaluate Plaintiffs' claims despite any inaccurate titling 15 depiction of same, and derive said claims as involving Ordinary, Simple and Gross Negligence by Defendants 16 ....allegations that are based on non medical functions in which same acts were discerned as a set of duties and facts based on Gross, Simple, Ordinary Negligence; Breach of Duty, etc" - Such as illustrated in Plaintiffs' factual allegations throughout their Complaint (and Clarifying Arguments within this Opposition). 4a/5. Again, "It is also affirmed that Plaintiffs' Civil Action Complaint mainly focuses on the NON-Medical issues, such as (1 - 5 / Other) examples noted in this Opposition Brief: (1) Protocol that Defendants' staff must follow per Defendant St. Mary Regional Medical Center Defendants



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(CEO Tiffany Coury & Risk Mgmt Staff; Prem Reddy, Etc); (2) Lack of Communication per Defendants; (3) Age/Other Discrimination/Neglect, abuse, etc against the elderly, such as that exhibited by Defendant Hospitalist, Palliative Care personnel, Et Al and (4) Non Medical Judgment Decisions, such as placement of Patients including Beverly M. Brown with or nexused/exposed to other infected patients (which Defendants attempted to cover up (See Plaintiffs' Complaint and Attachments 2/3); And (5) Failed to Timely FAX vital medical documentation to Renown from March 3-5, 2019 (Complaint Pgs 5,11,12 and throughout) - ALL Jeopardizing the Safety and Well being of Patients and - inconsistent with how the nation, Presidential directives and the world are contending with saving human lives, especially the chronically ill and elderly with regards to the current corona virus Pandemic; clearly addressed throughout Plaintiffs' Civil Action Complaint". 4a/6. Note: On 3/3/2020, St Mary's Nurse Risk Mgmt Response was sent on 3/5/2020 - after deadline for Plaintiffs' Filing of any Complaint had passed and before Service upon Defendants. \*There was No investigation, just summary cover-up that excluded any mention of patient placed among infectious diseased patients; or other issues addressed in Plaintiffs' Complaint – to include No Contact from 12/18 - 3/5/19 with the Patient's Primary Care Cardiovascular Specialist who also works with Defendant and would not have allowed for continued reduced dosage of Beverly M. Brown's medication or any procedure that would have impacted her jeopardized her health as he as guarded against in the past.

4a/7. Again, Plaintiffs' Factual Allegations addressed throughout their Complaint and in this Opposition

Affirm Plaintiffs focuses primarily on the NON-Medical issues - nexused to Medical issues:

- (1) Non Medical Administrative Protocol: Physicians followed Defendants' St. Mary's Regional Medical Center Administrative Protocol of not consulting with Plaintiffs' mother Primary Care Cardiovascular Specialist for her chronic illness (who also worked for this Defendant) before any treatment was rendered and in consult for same which would have resulted in her survival regarding procedures, medications, etc.
- (2) Lack of Communication: As per Plaintiffs' Complaint Defendant St Mary's Regional Medical Center refused to respond to Plaintiffs' year long request to address this matter as noted in their Civil Complaint; No response to Plaintiffs' formal settlement request in which Plaintiffs' address the (Gross, Simple, Ordinary Non medical Negligence by Defendants (Exh 1); Lack of Communication by Defendant as noted in a March

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2020 television news address by nurses at St Mary's asserting lack of communication within their establishment related to combating the Coronavirus issue, etc. Note: On 3/3/2020, St Mary's Nurse Risk Mgmt Response was sent on 3/5/2020 - after deadline for Plaintiffs' Filing of any Complaint had passed and before Service upon Defendants (Exhibits 2, 3 -Letters from St Mary Regional Medical Center Kathy Millard; and Nurses Curtis Roth/Lisa Pistone, respectively). \*There was No investigation, just summary cover-up that excluded any mention of patient placed among infectious diseased patients; or other issues addressed in Plaintiffs' Complaint, to include No Contact from 12/18 - 3/5/19 with the Patient's Primary Care Cardiovascular Specialist who works with Defendant and would not have allowed for continued reduced dosage of Beverly M. Brown's medication or any procedure that would have impacted her jeopardized her health as he as guarded against in the past. (3) Age/Other Discrimination: As per Plaintiffs' Complaint addresses - Defendant asserting "she's OLD" and pushing DNR (Amendment to include supporting laws - addressed in this Opposition); (4) Decisions jeopardizing the safety and well being of Patients such as placement with other infected patients that Defendants attempted to cover up (See Complaint, Attachments 2/3-omission of this issue) from Plaintiffs' submitted Complaints to them - inconsistent with how the nation, Presidential directives and the world are contending with saving human lives, especially the chronically ill and elderly with regards to the current corona virus Pandemic; and March 17, 2020 - while Plaintiffs waited to serve Defendant - it was noted and addressed that poor judgment by Defendants was used to screen persons coming to the hospital by mandating congregation of many persons in a small room that contributed to corona virus jeopardy to same, including Plaintiffs and their process server; And (5) Failed to Timely FAX vital medical documentation to Renown from March 3-5, 2019 (Complaint Pgs 5,11,12 and throughout) - ALL jeopardizing the Safety and Well Being of Patients and inconsistent with how the nation, Presidential directives and the world are contending with saving human lives, especially the chronically ill and elderly with regards to the current corona virus Pandemic; clearly addressed throughout Plaintiffs' Civil Action Complaint

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4b/1. As Per above, below, Defendant is completely erroneous in asserting Plaintiffs' Complaint must be dismissed for the simple omission of a medical expert Affidavit — when as clarified herein, Plaintiffs' Complaint clearly States, Implies and Infers other then Unknown laws and statutes; corrections and clarifications; etc can be amended to their Complaint in support of their Civil Action; including as they clearly stated Non Medical, Administrative factual allegations/claims addressed herein and therein along with medical inference claims.

4b/2. Plaintiffs requested in their Civil Complaint that same could be Amended to include the aforementioned/below mentioned changes, et al corresponding - to include NON Medical issue clarifications, etc (as redundantly addressed in this Opposition); Additional/corrected laws, clarifications, etc (Complaint Pgs 2,3,14,15,16.etc):

Statute, Law Clarification/Amendments in Support of Case Laws, ETC

(with Leave to Submit Other Statutes/laws Still Yet Unknown to Plaintiffs In

Support of Plaintiffs' Factual allegations):

A. NRS 11.310: Plaintiffs (and for Beverly M. Brown's family), with Legal Power of Attorney as representatives of Beverly Brown), And

B. NRS 41.085: (2) Plaintiffs as Heirs or Personal Representatives (for Beverly M. Brown's) may maintain action – when the death of any person is caused by the wrongful act or neglect (See 1-5 non medical acts described in this Opposition) of another, the heirs of the decedent and personal representatives of the decedent may each maintain an action for damages against any person who caused/contributed to the injury, death by wrongful act or neglect; if any other person is responsible for the wrongful act or neglect, or if wrongdoer is employed by another person who is responsible for wrongdoer's conduct, the action may be maintained against that other person (Defendant St Mary's Regional Medical Center – including Administrative Protocols set forth by this Defendant directing other Defendants' conduct) (See 1-5 Non medical acts described in this Opposition); Court or Jury may award pecuniary damages for person's grief, sorrow, loss of probable support, companionship, society, consortium; pain and suffering of the decedent; Penalties including but not limited to Exemplary. Punitive (NRS 41 Actions and Proceedings in Particular Cases Concerning Persons / ACTIONS FOR DEATH BY WRONGFUL J ACT OR NEGLECT), Etc;

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Leading to / In Support of Valid Law/Claims meeting Requisites for Case Continuation (Such damages include the medical and Non medical References Asserted in Plaintiffs' Complaint and (Redundantly) Clarified in this Opposition:

NRS 41 Actions and Proceedings in Particular Cases Concerning Persons -

## ACTIONS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES OR DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT, NEGLECT OR DEFAULT:

C. NRS 41.130: Liability for Personal Injury — Except under NRS 41.745, whenever a person suffers personal injury by a wrongful act, neglect, default of another, the person causing the injury is liable to the person injured for damages; And where the person causing the injury is employed by another person or corporation responsible for the conduct of the person causing the injury, that other person or corporation is liable to the person injured for damages (TO Wit: Defendant St Mary's Regional Medical Center, Individual Defendants employed with same, and Yet Unnamed/unknown/Unidentified Defendants contributing to the injury, death such as: Following Defendant Non medical Protocol instructions and Failing to communicate messages by Plaintiffs to Beverly M. Brown's Primary Care Cardiovascular Specialist WORKING FOR Defendant when same communication was VITAL; Yet unidentified Defendant placing Beverly M. Brown in proximity with infected persons, etc) (See 1-5 non medical acts described in this Opposition);

D. NRS 41,1395; Action for Damages for Injury or loss suffered by an OLDER (over 60 yrs), vulnerable persons from abuse, neglect (failure of a person or organization, To Wit: Defendants - that has assumed legal responsibility or contractual obligation for caring for an older person or who has voluntarily assumed responsibility for that person's care, to include services within the scope of the person's or o rganization's responsibility or obligation, which are necessary to maintain the physical or mental health of the older person - only to the extent that the person has expressly acknowledged the person's responsibility to provide such care) exploitation: double damages, attorney fees/costs:

- (-) if an older, vulnerable person suffers a personal injury or death that is caused by abuse or neglect, etc the person who caused the injury, death or loss is liable to the older, vulnerable person for 2 X the actual damages incurred by the older or vulnerable person,
- (-) a person who is liable for damages when acted with recklessness, etc, the court shall order that person to pay fees, costs, etc of persons who initiated lawsuit;
- E. Plaintiffs' Request to Amend their Complaint to include Age/Other Discrimination, as per addresses in

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said Complaint asserting stated Patient Beverly M Brown was "OLD", pushing DNR when she was NOT a hospice case (similar to another elderly witness for this case who asserted Defendant pushed hospice care when to date she is recovered from ailments and well) - AMENDMENT REQUESTED TO ADD AS A CAUSE OF ACTION / FOR RELIEF: DISCRIMINATION BASED ON DISABILITY (amputee), AGE (OVER 40)/Other, ETC - ALL PURSUANT TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, 42 USC 2000e, et seq; REHABILITION ACT OF 1973, 29 USC 794; AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1967, 29 USC 633a(b); Other as Yet To Be Determined, Et, Seq F. NRS 41A - Again, simply noted because Defendant St. Mary's Medical Group is a professional business, Plaintiffs annotated as one of their laws, 41A - and for no other reason as clarified in this Opposition. Plaintiff Requests of the Court that the TOLLING aspect of this Statute applies for Relief for Plaintiffs To Obtain a medical Affidavit if required by the Court (shall means Judicial discretion and Does NOT mean must contrary to Defendants' false assertions see No 1 addresses above) due to Defendants' Concealment (1-3/2020 - Exh 2, 3) G. Plaintiffs Reserve the Request to submit further arguments, evidence, laws, etc clarifying their dispute of professional/medical negligence that were simple annotated verbiage and laws; yet their Complaint, Clarified in this Opposition, addresses factual allegations that in this clarification are noted in Laws NOT specifically related to Professional, Medical Negligence, but Laws related to Gross, Ordinary, Simple Negligence / Laws on Gross, Ordinary, simple Negligence which the Court acknowledges/upheld as NOT being medical even with medical nexus such as: laws related to jeopardy negligence to safety and health, EX: placement of persons with/around known infected people; Law related to Negligent care of elderly - saying 'SHE's OLD" & pushing DNR - see Age Discrimination law/NRS Statute herein on elder abuse, neglect; Etc H. Defendants affirm in their dismissal Motion that the Nevada Supreme Court implications, inference and directstatements of Breach of Duty, Simple, Ordinary and Gross Negligent claims by Plaintiffs in their Civil Action Complaints without the necessity of medical expert affidavits Survive any dismissal motion by Defendants, as Plaintiffs do in their Civil Action: "Reversing the district court in part, the Nevada Supreme Court held that the gravamen of each claim,

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Again, "It is also affirmed that Plaintiffs' Civil Action Complaint mainly focuses on the NON-Medical issues, such as (1-5/other) examples noted in this Opposition Brief.

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4c/2. Support Plaintiffs' Non Medical Breach of Duty, Simple, Ordinary, Gross Negligent claims, Et al noted in their Civil Action; in addition to the medical claims which Plaintiffs can explain to stand against any \*absence of any medical expert Affidavit. However, Plaintiffs' again\_Seek Leave of the Court To Produce and thus Conform with any such Technicality without the undue financial/other hardship prejudicial to their meritous Complaint in any dismissal for this one aspect; when Plaintiffs have addressed in their Complaint Request to later Amend, clarify, correct, add laws, statutes, etc if needbe related to any further known laws, statutes and as of yet unknown Defendants; Etc (See No 4b/2 Above).

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4c/3. However, the Court's <u>have the discretion</u> to allow for Plaintiffs to provide for any medical expert Affidavit in support of asserted medical malpractice claims, contrary to Defendant's assertion otherwise.

\* See No 1 above and definitions of "shall"

4c/4. Plaintiffs in the meantime Refer to the aforementioned Arguments address in No. 1c-1f Above

regarding their own Affidavits related to their detailed personal education, experience, caretaking, expert contacts, etc; nexused to the issues stated in the factual allegations of their Complaint addressing

Defendants Breach of Duty, Gross and Simple Negligence from December 2018 through March 5, 2019:

(1) Non Medical Administrative Protocol: Physicians followed Defendants' St. Mary's Regional Medical Center Administrative Protocol of not consulting with Plaintiffs' mother primary care specialist for her chronic illness (who also worked for this Defendant) before any treatment was rendered and in consult for same — which would have resulted in her survival regarding procedures, medications, etc.

(2) Lack of Communication: As per Plaintiffs' Complaint:

- On 3/3/2020, St Mary's Nurse Risk Mgmt Written Response was sent on 3/5/2020 - after deadline for Plaintiffs' Filing of any Complaint had passed and before Service upon Defendants. \*There was No

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- Defendant St Mary's Regional Medical Center refused to respond to Plaintiffs' year long Requests to address this matter, as noted in their Civil Action Complaint;
- No response to Plaintiffs' formal settlement request which address Defendant's Gross, Simple Ordinary Negligence and Lack of Communication;
- Noted in a March 2020 television news address, nurses at St Mary's asserting lack of communication within their establishment regarding combating the Corona virus issues;
- Etc;
- (3) Age/Other Discrimination: As per Plaintiffs' Complaint addresses Defendant asserting "she's OLD" and pushing DNR (Amendment to include supporting laws addressed in this Opposition);
- (4) <u>Decisions jeopardizing the safety and well being of Patients</u> such as placement with other infected patients that Defendants attempted to cover up (See Complaint, Attachments 2/3-omission of this issue) from Plaintiffs' submitted Complaints to them inconsistent with how the nation, Presidential directives and the world are contending with saving human lives, especially the chronically ill and elderly with regards to the current

corona virus Pandemic; And

- March 17, 2020 while Plaintiffs' waited to serve Defendant it was noted and addressed that <u>poor judgment</u> was used by Defendants to screen persons coming to the hospital by mandating congregation of many persons in a small room that contributed to corona virus jeopardy to same, including Plaintiffs and their process server; And
- (5) Failed to Timely FAX vital medical documentation to Renown from March 3-5, 2019 (Complaint Pgs 5,11,12 and throughout) ALL jeopardizing the Safety and Well Being of Patients and inconsistent with how the nation, Presidential directives and the world are contending with saving human lives, especially the chronically ill and elderly with regards to the current corona virus Pandemic; clearly addressed throughout Plaintiffs' Civil Action Complaint\_
- With All Above leading to the health deterioration and death caused/contributed by Defendants, who ironically were supposed to be the medical experts caring for this patient and others.
- 5. Defendants' Motion To Dismiss Fail to Deny any of Plaintiffs' factual allegations, thus affirming these factual allegations have Merit and must stand. In Fact, Defendant is erroneous as per the aforementioned facts, in asserting the Court must dismiss Plaintiffs' entire Complaint containing Valid Claims without the necessity of said medical expert Affidavit pursuant to the Clear Refutes, Clarifications, etc herein.
- 6. Plaintiffs Request to Amend their Complaint to include the following:
- Addition of: Age/Other Discrimination law violations by Defendant against Plaintiffs (RE: Beverly M. Brown) as specified by Defendants' verbiage of Age/other and DNR noted in Plaintiffs' factual allegations of their Complaint;
- Addition of Gregory J. Brown as Plaintiff (documentation for same supplied separately, as noted)
- Court's Review of this Opposition as Clarification, Correction, Amendment, ETC in support of Plaintiffs' factual allegations addressed in their Complaint with request to further clarify/correct/amend laws, parties, other as necessary;
- Time to secure medical expert Affidavit if necessitated by the Court to allow medical components of their Complaint to proceed; with consideration of Plaintiffs' addresses in No 1-4/Other Above as well as their own Affidavits attached herein,

- ETC

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## **CONCLUSION:**

7a. When the Court Reviews Plaintiffs' Civil Action Complaint, along with the Meritous Refuting Arguments of this Opposition - containing Corrections, Additions, Clarifications, Amendments, Time to Seek medical expert Affidavit Request (Court has clear discretion on Expert Affidavit submission - see Rule 16 provisions for same; and Plaintiffs' qualify for tolling statute of Filing to uphold Plaintiffs Complaint issues See No 1 Refutes above). valid Refuting Arguments ETC - All in its Totale, it is clearly supported that Plaintiffs have meritous, Non-medical claims (simply nexused to Defendant medical establishment - such as protocol, lack of communication, Age/Other Discrimination/elderly neglect/abuses, Decisions jeopardizing patient/others' health and safety such as placed with infected patients, Failure to timely fax vital medical documents, Etc), along with clear medical nexus claims (with Time Request for Plaintiffs' to Seek medical expert Affidavit if needed (Court has clear discretion on Expert Affidavit submission - see Rule 16 provisions for same; and Plaintiffs' qualify for tolling statute of Filing to uphold Plaintiffs Complaint issues See No 1 Refutes above). that Validate their Civil Action to Continue (All of which are likewise subject to Medical Board Review, Media attention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Resource Reviews, ETC in addition to this Legal Nexus), On Behalf Of and For the Voice of other chronically ill, elderly patients who need Proper Care from Medical Establishments. 7b. Note: On 3/3/2020, St Mary's Nurse Risk Mgmt Written Response was sent on 3/5/2020 - after

Deadline for Plaintiffs' Filing of any Complaint had passed and before Service upon Defendants (Exhibits 2, 3 – Letters from St Mary Regional Medical Center Kathy Millard; and Nurses Curtis Roth/Lisa Pistone, respectively), \*There was No investigation, just summary cover-up that excluded any mention of Beverly M. Brown and Charles F. Brown / others placed among infectious diseased, quarantine (not enforced) patients; or other issues addressed in Plaintiffs' Complaint, To Include per Non Medical, Administrative Protocol of Defendants No Contact from 12/18 – 3/5/19 with Beverly M. Brown's Primary Care Cardiovascular Specialist Devang Desai, WHO WORKS FOR Defendant and would not have allowed for continued reduced dosage of Beverly M. Brown's medication or any procedure that would have impacted her jeopardized her health as he as guarded against in the past (Court has clear discretion on Expert Affidavit submission - see Rule 16 provisions for same; and Plaintiffs' qualify for tolling statute of Filing to uphold Plaintiffs Complaint issues See No 1 Refutes

above).

Other Evidentiary Documentation supporting Plaintiffs' factual allegations in their Civil Action to be submitted as evidence with any Hearing Brief: Exhibit 1. Plaintiffs' Settlement Notice ignored by Defendants that was served upon same with their Summons and Civil Complaint excerpt copy on March 17, 2020 (2 pgs)

7d. Again, Plaintiffs' in Good Faith Clarify their verbiage, in their Complaint in that most of the issues in their Totale relate to Non medical functions by Defendant despite nexus to this medical business Defendant and /or issues; Etc; Provide in this Brief other issue clarifications, defenses, law additions/clarifications, statute tolling, Etc which also support their Good Faith Request of the Court Time to obtain a medical expert Affidavit if needed in furtherance of the medical issues of their Complaint -that can be given at Court's discretion (See NO 1 above)

7e. Defendants affirm in their dismissal Motion that the Nevada Supreme Court implications, inference and

direct statements of Breach of Duty, Simple, Ordinary and Gross Negligent claims by Plaintiffs in their

Civil Action Complaints WITHOUT the necessity of medical expert affidavits Survive any dismissal

motion by Defendants, as Plaintiffs do in their Civil Action:

7c. Plaintiffs provide the following Attachment in Support of this Opposition, with the majority of

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Date: April 9, 2020

**AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030** 

Undersigned do hereby affirm that the preceding document **PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO** 

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS - TO INCLUDE AMENDMENT/CLARIFICATION OF THEIR** 

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**DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED SEPARATELY)**, filed in this matter does not contain the Social

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