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

SATICOY BAY, LLC SERIES 9720 Supreme Court No. 81446 HITCHING RAIL, A NEVADA LIMITED Electronically Filed LIABILITY COMPANY, Jul 23 2020 09:04 a.m. Elizabeth A. Brown Appellant, Clerk of Supreme Court v. PECCOLE RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION; AND NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC., DOCKETING STATEMENT CIVIL APPEALS Respondents.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

#### WARNING

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

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

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

1. Judicial District Eighth	Department 15	
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County Clark	Judge Joe Hardy	

District Ct. Case No. A-19-791797-C			
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Client(s) Saticoy Bay, LLC Series 9720 Hitching Rail ("Appellant")			
If this is a joint statement by multiple appellants, add the names and addresses of other counsel and the names of their clients on an additional sheet accompanied by a certification that they concur in the filing of this statement.			
3. Attorney(s) representing respondents(s):			
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Client(s) Peccole Ranch Community Association (the "HOA") and Nevada Association Services, Inc. (the "HOA Trustee")			
4. Nature of disposition below (check all that apply):    Judgment after bench trial   Judgment after jury verdict   Summary judgment   Default judgment   Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief   Grant/Denial of injunction   Grant/Denial of declaratory relief   Review of agency determination			
☐Other disposition (specify):			
☐ Lack of jurisdiction			
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	☐ Failure to prosecute
	□Other (specify):
	□Divorce Decree:
	□Original □ Modification
5. Do	es this appeal rise issues concerning any of the following?
	Child Custody
	Venue
	Termination of parental rights
appea	nding and prior proceedings in this court. List the case name and docket number of all als or original proceedings presently or previously pending before this court which are ad to this appeal:
None	

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

None

**8. Nature of the action.** Briefly describe the nature of the action and the result below:

The action relates to real property that was the subject of a homeowners' association lien foreclosure sale pursuant to NRS Chapter 116. Plaintiff's Complaint asserts four causes of action against the HOA and HOA Trustee: (1) intentional, or alternatively negligent misrepresentation; (2) breach of duty of good faith; (3) conspiracy; and (4) Violation of NRS 113, et seq. Pursuant to its complaint, Appellant seeks damages resulting from Respondents' failure to disclose the fact that a secured lender had "tendered" and satisfied the superpriority portion of the HOA's lien that was foreclosed upon.

The district court dismissed the complaint based solely on NRS 38.310. Appellant appeals from the district court's order granting Respondents' Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternative for Summary Judgment.

**9. Issues on appeal.** State concisely the principal issue(s) in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):

Whether NRS 38.310 required mandatory, pre-litigation mediation.

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

any sta	<b>constitutional issues.</b> If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, ate agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified erk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?
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If	not, explain:
12. Ot	ther issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?
	Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))
	An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions
	A substantial issue of first impression
	An issue of public policy
	An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's
	decisions
	A ballot question
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wheth Appea appell assign	ssignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court. Briefly set forth her the matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court or assigned to the court of als under NRAP 17, and cite the subparagraph(s) of the Rule under which the matter falls. If ant believes that the Supreme Court should retain the case despite its presumptive ment to the court of Appeals, identify the specific issue(s) or circumstances(s) that warrant ing the case, and include an explanation of their importance or significance:
The m	natter does not fall into any of the categories in NRCP 17(a) or (b).
14. Tr	rial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last? N/A
	Was it a bench or jury trial?
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No.

#### TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16. Date of entry of written judgment or order appealed from: March 19, 2020.

If no written judgment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for seeking appellate review:

Date written notice of entry of judgment or order was served: June 3, 2020.
Was service by:
Mail/electronic/fax
18. If the time for filing the notice of appeal was tolled by a post-judgment motion (NRCP
50(b), 52(b), or 59)
(a) Specify the type of motion, the date and method of service of the motion and the date of filing.
□ NRCP 50(b) Date of filing
□ NRCP 52(b) Date of filing
□ NRCP 59 Date of filing
NOTE: Motions made pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the time for filing a notice of appeal. <i>See AA Primo Builders v Washington</i> , 126 Nev, 245 P.3d 1190 (2010).
(b) Date of entry of written order resolving tolling motion
(c) Date written notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served
☐ Mail
19. Date notice of appeal filed: July 2, 2020.
If more than one party has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each notice of appeal was filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal:
20. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, e.g.,

**NRAP 4(a) or other:** NRAP **4(a)**(1).

#### SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY

21. Specify the statute or judgment or order appearance.	other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review the aled from:
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□ NRAP 3A(b)(2)	□ NRS 233B.150
$\square$ NRAP 3A(b)(3)	□ NRS 703.376
☐ Other (specify)	
(b) Explain how each aut	hority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order.
Appellant is appealing fro or in the Alternative for S	om the district court's order granting Respondents' Motion to Dismiss ummary Judgment.
<b>22. List all parties involv</b> (a) Parties:	ved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court:
Defendant/Respondent: P	by Bay, LLC Series 9720 Hitching Rail eccole Ranch Community Association evada Association Services, Inc.
. /	istrict court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why olved in the appeal, e.g. formally dismissed, not served, or other:
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_	ion (3 or 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, arty claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.
conspiracy; and (4) breach	rively negligent misrepresentation; (2) breach of duty of good faith; (3) in of NRS 113 et seq. Each of these claims were dismissed on March 19 is order granting Respondents' Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternative
• •	order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and of ALL the parties to the action or consolidated actions below?
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□ No	
25. If you answered "No	" to question 24, complete the following:

(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:	
(b) Specify the parties remaining below:	
(c) Did the district court certify the judgment or or pursuant to NRCP 54(b)?	der appealed from as a final judgment
□ Yes	
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26. If you answered "No" to any part of question review (e.g., order is independently appealable to	
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<ul> <li>27. Attach file-stamped copies of the following defended in the latest-filed complaint, counterclaims, counterclaims,</li></ul>	ross-claims, and third-party claims g tolling motion(s)
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Saticoy Bay, LLC Series 9720 Hitching Rail	Chet A. Glover
Name of appellant	Name of counsel of record
July 23, 2020 Date	/s/Chet A. Glover Signature of counsel of record
Clark County, Nevada State and county where signed	

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on July 23, 2020, I served a copy of this completed docketing statement			
upon all counsel of record:			
☐ By personally serving it upon him/her; or			
By mailing it by first class mail with sufficient postage prepaid to the following address(es): (NOTE: If all names and addresses cannot fit below, please list names below and attach a separate sheet with the addresses.)			
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Persi J. Mishel 10161 Park Run Dr., Suite 150 Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 Supreme Court Settlement Judge			
Dated this 23rd day of July, 2020.  /s/ Joe Koehle  An employee of Roger P. Croteau & Associates			

### **EXHIBIT 1**

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CASE NO: A-19-791797-C Department 15

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 9720 Hitching Rail ("Saticoy") by and through its attorneys, ROGER P. CROTEAU & ASSOCIATES, LTD., and hereby complains and alleges against Defendants as follows:

#### **PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

 Plaintiff, Saticoy Bay, LLC, Series 9720 Hitching Rail ("Saticoy Bay"), is a Nevada series limited liability company, authorized to do business and doing business in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.

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- 2. Saticoy is the current owner of real property located at 9720 Hitching Rail, Las Vegas Nevada 89117 (APN 163-06-110-095) (the "Property").
- 3. Saticoy acquired title to the Property by Foreclosure Deed dated February 14, 2014, by and through a homeowners association lien foreclosure sale conducted on February 14, 2014 ("HOA Foreclosure Sale"), by Nevada Association Services, Inc., a Nevada corporation, authorized to do business and doing business in Clark County, State of Nevada ("HOA Trustee"), on behalf of Peccole Ranch Community Association, a Nevada domestic non-profit corporation ("HOA"). The HOA Foreclosure Deed was recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office on February 18, 2014 ("HOA Foreclosure Deed").
- 4. Upon information and belief, HOA is a Nevada common interest community association or unit owners' association as defined in NRS 116.011, is organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada, and transacts business in the State of Nevada.
- 5. Upon information and belief, HOA Trustee is a debt collection agency doing business in the State of Nevada, and is organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada.
- 6. Venue is proper in Clark County, Nevada pursuant to NRS 13.040.
- 7. The exercise of jurisdiction by this Court over the parties in this civil action is proper pursuant to NRS 14.065.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 8. Under Nevada law, homeowner's associations have the right to charge property owners residing within the community assessments to cover the homeowner's associations' expenses for maintaining or improving the community, among other things.
- When the assessments are not paid, the homeowner's association may impose a lien 9. against real property which it governs and thereafter foreclose on such lien.
- 10. NRS 116.3116 makes a homeowner's association's lien for assessments junior to a first deed of trust beneficiary's secured interest in the property, with one limited exception; a homeowner's association's lien is senior to a deed of trust beneficiary's secured interest "to the extent of any charges incurred by the association on a unit pursuant to NRS 116.310312 and to the extent of the assessments for common expenses based on the

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- periodic budget adopted by the association pursuant to NRS 116.3115 which would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the 9 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the lien." NRS 116.3116(2)(c).
- 11. In Nevada, when a homeowners association properly forecloses upon a lien containing a super-priority lien component, such foreclosure extinguishes a first deed of trust.
- 12. On or about April 25, 2003, Edna Scott, an unmarried woman ("the Former Owner") refinanced the Property. Former Owner obtained a loan secured by the Property from Republic Mortgage, LLC ("Lender"), that is evidenced by a deed of trust between the Former Owner and Lender, recorded against the Property on April 30, 2003, for the loan amount of \$163,567.00 ("Deed of Trust"). The Deed of Trust provides that Mortgage Electronic Registration Services ("MERS") is beneficiary, as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns. The Deed of Trust was in the amount of \$163,567.00, and the Deed of Trust was recorded in the Clark County Recorder's office on April 30, 2003
- 13. The Former Owner executed a Planned Unit Development Rider along with the Deed of Trust on April 25, 2003.
- 14. On November 8, 2011, Republic Mortgage, LLC, assigned its beneficial interest by Assignment of Deed of Trust to Bank of America, N.A. ("BANA") and recorded the document in Clark County Recorder's Office on November 14, 2011.

#### The HOA Lien and Foreclosure

- 15. Upon information and belief, the Former Owner of the Property failed to pay to HOA all amounts due to pursuant to HOA's governing documents.
- 16. Accordingly, on October 3, 2011, HOA Trustee, on behalf of HOA, recorded a Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien ("HOA Lien"). The HOA Lien stated that the amount due to the HOA was \$1,434.04, as of September 28, 2011, plus continuing assessments, interest, late charges, costs, and attorney's fees.
- On December 29, 2011, HOA Trustee, on behalf of the HOA, recorded a Notice of 17. Default and Election to Sell Under Homeowners Association Lien ("NOD") against the

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- Property. The NOD stated the amount due to the HOA was \$2,660.78 as of December 27, 2011, plus continuing assessments, late fees, collection fees, interest and attorney's fees and costs.
- 18. On or about December 4, 2013, after the NOD was recorded, BANA, through counsel Miles, Bauer, Bergstrom & Winters, LLP ("Miles Bauer") contacted the HOA Trustee and HOA via U.S. Mail and requested adequate proof of the super priority amount of assessments by providing a breakdown of up to nine (9) months of common HOA assessments in order for BANA to calculate the Super Priority Lien Amount in an ostensible attempt to determine the amount the HOA Lien entitled to super-priority ("Super-Priority Lien Amount").
- 19. Upon information and belief, Miles Bauer requested the HOA arrears in an attempt to pay the Super-Priority Lien Amount of the HOA Lien.
- 20. Miles Bauer used a Statement of Account from HOA Trustee, for a different property in the same HOA to determine an estimated payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount good faith payoff.
- 21. On January 10, 2014, BANA, through Miles Bauer, provided a payment of \$585.00 to the HOA Trustee, which included payment of up to nine months of delinquent assessments (the "Attempted Payment").
- 22. HOA Trustee, on behalf of the HOA, rejected BANA's Attempted Payment of \$585.00.
- 23. On January 23, 2014, HOA Trustee, on behalf of the HOA, recorded a Notice of Sale against the Property ("NOS"). The NOS provided that the total amount due the HOA was \$6,614.20 and set a sale date for the Property of February 14, 2014, at 10:00 A.M., to be held at Nevada Association Services.
- 24. On February 14, 2014, HOA Trustee then proceeded to non-judicial foreclosure sale on the Property and recorded the HOA Foreclosure Deed on February 18, 2014, which stated that the HOA Trustee sold the HOA's interest in the Property to the Plaintiff at the HOA Foreclosure Sale for the highest bid amount of \$51,500.00.
- 25. The Foreclosure Sale created excess proceeds.

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- 26. After the Notice of Default was recorded, BANA, the purported holder of the Deed of Trust recorded against the Property, through its counsel, Miles Bauer, contacted HOA Trustee and HOA and requested all amounts due the HOA by the Former Owners, upon information and belief, Miles Bauer requested the sums due to the HOA by the Former Owners so it could calculate the breakdown of up to nine (9) months of common HOA assessments in order for BANA to calculate the Super Priority Lien Amount in an ostensible attempt to determine the amount of the HOA Lien entitled to super-priority over the Deed of Trust.
- 27. In none of the recorded documents, nor in any other notice recorded with the Clark County Recorder's Office, did HOA and/or HOA Trustee specify or disclose that any individual or entity, including but not limited to BANA, had attempted to pay any portion of the HOA Lien in advance of the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 28. Plaintiff appeared at the HOA Foreclosure Sale and presented the prevailing bid in the amount of \$51,500.00, thereby purchasing the Property for said amount.
- 29. Neither HOA nor HOA Trustee informed or advised the bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale, either orally or in writing, that any individual or entity had attempted to pay the Super-Priority Lien Amount.
- 30. Upon information and belief, the debt owed to Lender by the Former Owners of the Property pursuant to the loan secured by the Deed of Trust significantly exceeded the fair market value of the Property at the time of the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 31. Upon information and belief, Lender alleges that its Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount served to satisfy and discharge the Super-Priority Lien Amount, thereby changing the priority of the HOA Lien vis a vis the Deed of Trust.
- 32. Upon information and belief, Lender alleges that as a result of its Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount, the purchaser of the Property at the HOA Foreclosure Sale acquired title to the Property subject to the Deed of Trust.
- 33. Upon information and belief, if the bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale were aware that an individual or entity had attempted to pay the Super-Priority Lien

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Amount and/or by means of the Attempted Payment prior to the HOA Foreclosure Sale and that the Property was therefore ostensibly being sold subject to the Deed of Trust, the bidders and potential bidders would not have bid on the Property.

- 34. Had the Property not been sold at the HOA Foreclosure Sale, HOA and HOA Trustee would not have received payment, interest, fees, collection costs and assessments related to the Property and these sums would have remained unpaid.
- 35. HOA Trustee acted as an agent of HOA.
- 36. HOA is responsible for the actions and inactions of HOA Trustee pursuant to the doctrine of respondeat superior.
- 37. HOA and HOA Trustee conspired together to hide material information related to the Property: the HOA Lien; the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount; the rejection of such payment or Attempted Payment; and the priority of the HOA Lien vis a vis the Deed of Trust, from the bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 38. The information related to any Attempted Payment or payments made by Lender, BANA, the homeowner or others to the Super Priority Lien Amount was not recorded and would only be known by BANA, Lender, the HOA and HOA Trustees.
- 39. Upon information and belief, HOA and HOA Trustee conspired to withhold and hide the aforementioned information for their own economic gain and to the detriment of the bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 40. BANA first disclosed the Attempted Payment by BANA/Lender to the HOA Trustee in BANA's Complaint, filed on March 25, 2016, and served on the Plaintiff after March 25, 2016 ("Discovery") in the United States District Court Case No. 2:16-cv-00660 (the "Case").

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#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Intentional, or Alternatively Negligent, Misrepresentation Against the HOA and HOA Trustee)

- 41. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 40 hereof as if set forth fully herein.
- 42. At no point in time did HOA or HOA Trustee disclose to the bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale the fact that any individual or entity had attempted to pay the Super-Priority Lien Amount or provided the Attempted Payment.
- 43. By rejecting the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount from Lender and/or Miles Bauer, HOA Trustee provided itself with the opportunity to perform and profit from many additional services on behalf of HOA related to the Property and proceedings related to the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 44. By rejecting the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount from Lender and/or Miles Bauer, HOA received funds in satisfaction of the entire HOA Lien, rather than only the Super-Priority Lien Amount.
- 45. Consequently, HOA and HOA Trustee received substantial benefit as a result of their rejection of the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount from Lender and intentionally failing to disclose that information to the Plaintiff or the other bidders.
- 46. Neither HOA nor HOA Trustee recorded any notice nor provided any written or oral disclosure to the bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale regarding any Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount by Lender or any individual or entity.
- 47. HOA and HOA Trustee desired that the bidders and potential bidders at the HOA

  Foreclosure Sale believe that the HOA Lien included amounts entitled to super-priority

  over the Deed of Trust and that the Deed of Trust would thus be extinguished as a result

  of the HOA Foreclosure Sale for their own economic gain.
- 48. As a result of their desire that the bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure

  Sale believe that the HOA Lien included amounts entitled to super-priority over the Deed

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- of Trust and that the Deed of Trust would thus be extinguished as a result of the HOA Foreclosure Sale, HOA and HOA Trustee intentionally failed to disclose material information related to the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount by Lender and did so for their own economic gain.
- 49. Alternatively, HOA and HOA Trustee were grossly negligent by failing to disclose material information related to the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount.
- 50. Upon information and belief, if HOA Trustee and/or HOA had disclosed the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount to the bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale, such bidders and potential bidders would not have bid upon the Property at the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 51. Given the facts of this case now known to Plaintiff, Plaintiff would not have bid on the Property.
- 52. Upon information and belief, if the Property had not been sold at the HOA Foreclosure Sale, HOA would not have received funds in satisfaction of the HOA Lien.
- 53. Upon information and belief, if the Property had not been sold at the HOA Foreclosure Sale, HOA Trustee would not have received payment for the work that it performed on behalf of HOA in association with the HOA Foreclosure Sale and related proceedings.
- 54. Plaintiff attended the sale as a ready, willing and able buyer without knowledge of the Attempted Payment.
- 55. Plaintiff would not have purchased the Property if it had been informed that any individual or entity had paid or attempted to pay the Super-Priority Lien Amount or any amount in advance of the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 56. As a direct result of HOA and HOA Trustee's rejection of the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount and their subsequent intentional or grossly negligent failure to advise the bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale of the facts related thereto, Plaintiff presented the prevailing bid at the HOA Foreclosure Sale and thereby purchased the Property.

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- 57. HOA and HOA Trustee each profited from their intentional and/or negligent misrepresentations and material omissions at the time of the HOA Foreclosure Sale by failing and refusing to disclose the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount.
- 58. HOA and HOA Trustee materially misrepresented the facts by hiding and failing to advise bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale of information known solely to the HOA and/or HOA Trustee that was not publicly available which ostensibly changed the priority of Deed of Trust vis a vis the HOA Lien.
- 59. HOA and HOA Trustee solely possessed information related to the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount prior to and at the time of the HOA Foreclosure Sale, and intentionally withheld such information for their own economic gain.
- 60. Alternatively, HOA and HOA Trustee were gross negligently when it withheld information from the bidders and purchaser at the HOA Foreclosure Sale related to the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount.
- 61. Plaintiff reasonably relied upon HOA and HOA Trustee's intentional or grossly negligent failure to disclose the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount.
- 62. HOA and HOA Trustee intended that the bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale would rely on the lack of notice of the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount at the time of the HOA Sale and that their failure to disclose such information promoted the sale of the Property.
- 63. HOA and HOA Trustee further intended that their failure of refusal to inform bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale of the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount would lead such bidders and potential bidders to believe that the Deed of Trust was subordinate to the HOA Lien and not being sold subject to the Deed of Trust.
- 64. The HOA and the HOA Trustee had a duty to disclose the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount.

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- 65. The HOA and the HOA Trustee breached that duty to disclose the Attempted Payment to Plaintiff.
- 66. As a result of the HOA and HOA Trustee's breach of its duty of care, duty of good faith and its duty of candor to bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale for its own economic gain, Plaintiff has been economically damaged in many aspects.
- 67. If the Property is subject to the Deed of Trust, the funds paid by Plaintiff to purchase, maintain, operate, litigate various cases and generally manage the Property would be lost along with the lost opportunity of purchasing other available property offered for sale where a super priority payment had not been attempted, thereby allowing Plaintiff the opportunity to purchase a property free and clear of the deed of trust and all other liens.
- 68. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants, it has become necessary for Plaintiff to retain the services of an attorney to protect its rights and prosecute this Claim.
- 69. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as further facts become known.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Breach of the Duty of Good Faith Against the HOA and HOA Trustee)

- 70. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 69 as if set forth fully herein.
- 71. NRS 116.1113 provides that every contract or duty governed by NRS 116, et seq., Nevada's version of the Common-Interest Ownership Uniform Act, must be performed in good faith in its performance or enforcement.
- 72. A duty of good faith includes within that term a duty of candor in its dealings.
- 73. Prior to the HOA Foreclosure Sale of the Property, Lender purports to have obtained evidence detailing the Super-Priority Lien Amount.
- 74. Thereafter, Lender, by and through Miles Bauer attempted to pay the Super-Priority Lien Amount to HOA or HOA Trustee by the Attempted Payment.

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- 75. Upon information and belief, HOA Trustee, acting on behalf of HOA, rejected the Attempted Payment.
- 76. HOA and HOA Trustee's rejection of the Attempted Payment and subsequent failure and refusal to inform the bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale served to breach their duty of good faith, fair dealings and candor pursuant to NRS 116, et seq. to Plaintiff.
- 77. HOA and the HOA Trustee owed a duty of good faith, fair dealings, and candor to Plaintiff.
- 78. By virtue of its actions and inactions, HOA and HOA Trustee were substantially benefitted economically to the detriment of the Plaintiff.
- 79. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants, it has become necessary for Plaintiff to retain the services of an attorney to protect its rights and prosecute this Claim.
- 80. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as further facts become known.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Conspiracy)

- 81. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 80 as if set forth fully herein.
- 82. HOA and HOA Trustee knew or should have known of BANA's Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount.
- 83. Upon information and belief, acting together, Defendants reached an implicit or express agreement amongst themselves whereby they agreed to withhold the information concerning the Attempted Payment of the Super-Priority Lien Amount from bidders and potential bidders at the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 84. Defendants knew or should have known that their actions and omissions would economically harm the successful bidder and purchaser of the Property and benefit HOA and HOA Trustee. To further their conspiracy, upon information and belief, Defendants

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rejected the Attempted Payment for the purpose of obtaining more remuneration than	they
would have otherwise obtained at a sale of the subpriority portion of the HOA Lien.	

- 85. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants, it has become necessary for Plaintiff to retain the services of an attorney to protect its rights and prosecute this Claim.
- 86. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as further facts become known.

#### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Violation of NRS 113, et seq.)

- 87. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 86 as if set forth fully herein.
- 88. Pursuant to NRS 113, et seq., the HOA and the HOA Trustee must disclose the Attempted Payment and/or any payments made or attempted to be made by BANA, the Former Owner, or any agents of any other party to the bidders and Plaintiff at the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 89. The HOA and HOA Trustee are required to and must provide a Seller's Real Property Disclosure Form ("SRPDF") to the "Purchaser" as defined in NRS 116, et seq., at the time of the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 90. NRS 116 et seg. foreclosure sales are not exempt from the mandates of NRS 113 et seg.
- 91. The HOA and HOA Trustee must complete and answer the questions posed in the SRPDF in its entirety, but specifically, Section 9, Common Interest Communities, disclosures (a) - (f), and Section 11, that provide as follows:
  - 9. Common Interest Communities: Any "common areas" (facilities like pools, tennis courts, walkways or other areas coowned with others) or a homeowner association which has any authority over the property?
    - Common Interest Community Declaration and Bylaws (a) available?
    - Any periodic or recurring association fees? (b)
    - Any unpaid assessments, fines or liens, and any warnings or (c) notices that may give rise to an assessment, fine or lien?

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- (d) Any litigation, arbitration, or mediation related to property or common areas?
- (e) Any assessments associated with the property (excluding property tax)?
- Any construction, modification, alterations, or repairs made (f) without required approval from he appropriate Common Interest Community board or committee?
- 11. Any other conditions or aspects of the [P]roperty which materially affect its value or use in an adverse manner? (Emphasis added)

See SRPDF, Form 547, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

- 92. Section 11 of the SRPDF relates directly to information known to the HOA and the HOA Trustee that materially affects the value of the Property, and in this case, if the Super Priority Lien Amount is paid, or if the Attempted Payment is rejected, it would have a material adverse affect on the overall value of the Property, and therefore, must be disclosed in the SRPDF by the HOA and the HOA Trustee when the SRPDF is completed and disclosed to the purchaser/Trust.
- 93. The HOA's response to Section 9(c) - (e) of the SRPDF would provide notice to the Plaintiff of any payments made by BANA or others on the HOA Lien.
- 94. The HOA's response to Section 11 of the SRPDF generally deals with the disclosure of the condition of the title to the Property related to the status of the Deed of Trust and the Attempted Payment that would only be known by the HOA and the HOA Trustee.
- 95. Pursuant to Nevada Real Estate Division's ("NRED"), Residential Disclosure Guide (the "Guide"), the Guide provides at page 20 that the HOA and HOA Trustee shall provide, even

in an NRS 107, et seq. sale, the following to the purchaser/Plaintiff at the HOA Foreclosure Sale:

The content of the disclosure is based on what the seller is aware of at the time. If, after completion of the disclosure form, the seller discovers a new defect or notices that a previously disclosed condition has worsened, the seller must inform the purchaser, in writing, as soon as practicable after discovery of the condition, or before conveyance of the property.

The buyer may not waive, and the seller may not require a buyer to waive, any of the requirements of the disclosure as a condition of sale or for any other purpose.

In a sale or intended sale by foreclosure, the trustee and the beneficiary of the deed of trust shall provide, not later than the conveyance of the property to, or upon request from, the buyer:

written notice of any defects of which the trustee or beneficiary is aware

96. If the HOA and/or HOA Trustee fails to provide the SRPDF to the Plaintiff/purchaser at the time of the HOA Foreclosure Sale, the Guide explains that:

A Buyer may rescind the contract without penalty if he does not receive a fully and properly completed Seller's Real Property Disclosure form. If a Buyer closes a transaction without a completed form or if a known defect is not disclosed to a Buyer, the Buyer may be entitled to treble damages, unless the Buyer waives his rights under NRS 113.150(6).

- 97. Pursuant to NRS 113.130(4), the HOA and HOA Trustee are required to provide the information set forth in the SRPDF to the Plaintiff at the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 98. The HOA and the HOA Trustee did not provide an SRPDF to the Plaintiff at the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 99. As a result of the HOA and HOA Trustee's failure to provide the Plaintiff with the mandated SRPDF and disclosures required therein that were known to the HOA and HOA Trustee, The Plaintiff has been economically damaged.
- 100. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants, it has become necessary for Plaintiff to retain the services of an attorney to protect its rights and prosecute this Claim.
- 101. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as further facts become known.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

- 1. For damages to be proven at trial in excess of \$15,000;
- 2. For punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- 3. For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees as special damages, and otherwise under Nevada law;

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	4.	For pre-	judgment and	post-judgment	interest at the	statutory rate	of interest; and
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5. For such other and further relief that the Court deems just and proper.

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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/s/ Roger P. Croteau ROGER P. CROTEAU, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 4958 2810 W. Charleston, Ste. 75 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 (702) 254-7775 Attorney for Plaintiff

EXHIBIT 1

#### SELLER'S REAL PROPERTY DISCLOSURE FORM

Date			Do you currently occupy	or have	Ž	<u>ES</u>	<u>№</u>
Property address			you ever occupied this p	roperty?			
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P	rope	rty conditions, improvements and additional information:	YES	<u>NO</u>	N/A
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		Previous or current moisture conditions and/or water damage?	m	0	
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	(c)	Any construction, modification, alterations, or repairs made without		ш	
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	(d)	Whether the property is or has been the subject of a claim governed by		_	
	NRS	40.600 to 40.695 (construction defect claims)?			
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۷.		d / Foundation:			
	(a)	Any of the improvements being located on unstable or expansive soil?	. 🗆		
	(0)	Any foundation sliding, settling, movement, upheaval, or earth stability problems	_		
	(c)	that have occurred on the property?	ü		
		Any drainage, flooding, water scepage, or high water table?	Ц		
	(c)	The property being located in a designated flood plain?	Н	8	
	(f)	Whether the property is located next to or near any known future development?	. L.		
		Any encroachments, easements, zoning violations or nonconforming uses?  Is the property adjacent to "open range" land?	ᇤ		
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		Any substances, materials, or products which may be an environmental hazard such as			
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	(1)	Any construction, modification, alterations, or repairs made without			
٠.		required approval from the appropriate Common Interest Community board or committee?			
10	. Any	problems with water quality or water supply?			
11	-Any	other conditions or aspects of the property which materially affect its value or use in an			
	adve	erse manner?			
12	. Lea	I-Based Paint: Was the property constructed on or before 12/31/77?			
		es, additional Federal EPA notification and disclosure documents are required)			
13	. Wat	er source: Municipal [ ] Community Well [ ] Domestic Well [ ] Other [ ]			
	11 C	mununity Well: State Engineer Well Permit # Revocable  Permanent  Cancelled			
	Use	of community and domestic wells may be subject to change. Contact the Nevada Division of Water Resource	S		
	lori	nore information regarding the future use of this well.		_	
		servation Easements such as the SNWA's Water Smart Landscape Program: Is the property a participant?			
15		ur panels: Are any installed on the property?	Ц		
		es, are the solar panels: Owned  Leased  or Financed			
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17	. This	property is subject to a Private Transfer Fee Obligation?	Ц		
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#### NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Order Granting Peccole Ranch Community Association and Nevada Association Services' Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternatively for Summary Judgment was filed with the court this 19th day of March, 2020, a copy of

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b) and Administrative Order 14-2, I certify that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020, I electronically transmitted the foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER to the Clerk's Office using the Odyssey eFileNV and Serve system for filing and transmittal to the following Odyssey eFileNV and Serve registrants:

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# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

SATICOY BAY, LLC SERIES 9720 HITCHING RAIL, a Nevada limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

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PECCOLE RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION; and NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES, INC., Defendants.

CASE NO.: A-19-791797-C

Department: 15

ORDER GRANTING PECCOLE
RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
AND NEVADA ASSOCIATION
SERVICES' MOTION TO DISMISS OR
IN THE ALTERNATIVE FOR
SUMMARY JUDGMENT

This Court, having considered the pleadings on file together with the oral arguments of counsel, orders the Motion to Dismiss or in the Alternative for Summary Judgment Granted in part and Denied in part. During the hearing, the Court held the following:

- (1) despite Plaintiff's arguments, it did appear that NRS 38.310 was implicated in the instant case;
- (2) the instant case was hereby DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE, as the language contained in NRS 38.310 required mandatory, pre-litigation mediation through the Nevada Real Estate Division (NRED) in a civil action related to the

enforcement of CC&Rs;

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- (3) under NRS 38.310(1)(a) and NRS 38.310(2), mandatory dismissal was required, if parties failed to participate in pre-litigation NRED mediation;
- (4) the instant case was not an action related to title of property; therefore, that exception under NRS 38.300(3), would not apply;
- (5) the instant case was an action for money damages or equitable relief; therefore, there was no threat of irreparable harm, as the case did not deal with title to real property;
- (6) under the McKnight case, the Supreme Court read NRS 38.310(a) fairly broadly:
- (7) if the parties did not successfully resolve their claims through the NRED mediation process, the case could be filed again; and
- (8) due to the Court's ruling, the Court did not get to any of the alternative arguments regarding substance or summary judgment.

DATE: March , 2020.

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	THEREFORE,	this	Court	ORDERS	Motion	GRANTED	IN	PART	WITHO	TUC
PREJUDICE and DENIED IN PART WITHOUT PREJUDICE.										

Dated this day of March, 2020.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Respectfully Submitted by:

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