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

DARELL L. MOORE; AND CHARLENE	)
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HUSBAND AND WIFE,	Electronically Filed
Appellants,	Jul 21 2021 05:16 p.m. Elizabeth A. Brown
vs.	Clerk of Supreme Cour
JASON LASRY, M.D. INDIVIDUAL;	)
AND TERRY BARTIMUS, RN, APRN,	) Supreme Court No. 81659
	)
Respondents.	_)

#### **APPEAL**

From the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County The Honorable Kathleen E. Delaney, District Judge District Court Case No.: A-17-766426-C

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## <u>PLAINTIFFS' REPLY TO DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS DARELL L.</u> <u>MOORE AND CHARLENE A. MOORE'S MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL</u>

COME NOW, Plaintiffs, DARELL L. MOORE and CHARLENE A. MOORE, individually and as husband and wife, by and through their attorneys of record, MATTHEW W. HOFFMANN, ESQ., of the law firm of ATKINSON WATKINS & HOFFMANN, LLP, AND E. BREEN ARNTZ, CHTD., and hereby submit their Reply to Defendants' Opposition to their Motion for New Trial.

#### I. ARGUMENT

# A. PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL'S OBJECTION TO MR. WEAVER'S CROSS EXAMINATION OF DR. MARMUREANU SUFFICIENTLY SUPPORTS THEIR MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL

During defense counsel Mr. Weaver's cross examination of Dr. Marmureanu, Plaintiffs' counsel objected as to foundation when Mr. Weaver introduced the 2017 article at issue. (Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings, P.M. Session, 1/31/20, 31:14-15, 20-21, attached hereto as Exhibit 1). Defendants claim that this was not a sufficient objection to preserve the issue. (Bartmus brief, p. 1). They argue that because of this alleged shortcoming, Plaintiffs' counsel must not have deemed such conduct "serious enough" to prejudice Plaintiffs' case. Id. This is incorrect. Plaintiffs' counsel timely and specifically objected. That he did not object "further" or request a jury admonishment or move for a mistrial is of no consequence with respect to issue preservation. (Bartmus brief, pp. 5-6). Mr. Arntz fulfilled his duty to appropriately object in order to preserve the issue. He was under no obligation to object in the manner now suggested by Defendants, who have taken this position simply to undermine Plaintiffs' choice.

Where a substantial right of party has been affected with respect to a ruling admitting evidence, NRS 47.040 states that "a timely objection or motion to strike appears of record, stating the specific ground of objection" is all that is required. NRS 47.040(1)(a). The rule also states that "[t]his section does not preclude taking notice of plain errors affecting substantial rights although they were not brought to the attention of the judge." NRS 47.040(2). Thus, even if Mr. Arntz' objection was insufficient – which it was not – the Court has the authority to rectify plain errors which affect substantial rights in the absence of a specific objection, or any objection at all. Clearly this was improper subject matter that the Court could have excluded *sua sponte* had Plaintiffs' counsel not objected.

The Nevada Supreme Court has agreed that courts may review unobjected-to attorney misconduct for plain error on appeal relating to a motion for new trial. See, *Lioce v. Cohen*, 124 Nev. 1, 19, 174 P.3d 970, 981-82 (2008); *Bradley v. Romeo*, 102 Nev. 103,k 105, 716 P.2d 227, 228 (1986) ("The ability of this court to consider relevant issues *sua sponte* in order to prevent plain error is well established."). Thus, even if Plaintiffs' counsel had not objected at all, the Court would be within its authority to review the evidentiary ruling regarding the article for plain error.

The rule's specificity requirement pertains to not only to the grounds for an objection, but also to the identification of the particular part of the evidence at issue. *Quiana M.D. v. State Department of Family Services (In re Parental Rights D.N.)*, 128 Nev. Adv. Op. 44, 283 P.3d 842, 846 (2012), citing 1 George E. Dix et al., *McCormick on Evidence* § 52 (Kenneth S. Broun ed., 6<sup>th</sup> ed. 2006) (finding objection to an entire file without identifying what portions or documents of the file were allegedly inadmissible was insufficient to preserve the issue). Here, the objected-to evidence – the 2017 article and the report upon which it was based - was clearly identified and a specific objection was made.

Defendants wrongfully argue that Mr. Arntz's objection was invalid because he did not specifically refer to Rule 16.1 or NRS 50.085, claiming that "silence gives consent" and that Plaintiffs' had "waived any argument that questioning Dr. Marmureanu was improper under either the Nevada rules of civil procedure or rules of evidence". (Bartmus brief, p. 8). This is incorrect on its face. The record reflects an appropriate, specific objection during the cross examination, not silence or waiver.

Moreover, the record also reflects that the Court understood that the objection rested upon violations of NRCP 16.1 and NRS 50.085. In the unrecorded bench discussion, Plaintiffs' counsel restated his objection, reminding the Court that Defendants had not disclosed the article during discovery, had not provided a copy of the article to Plaintiffs' counsel or the witness at trial, either before or during the doctor's cross examination and that the article was inadmissible character evidence. (see declaration of counsel attached hereto as Exhibit 2) In its recap of the bench discussion on the record, the Court stated that "[T]he argument was that Mr. Weaver was not actually confronting the witness with these reports, that he would be required to do so, and that it would not be appropriate; it was not an appropriate line of questioning." (Ex. 1, 65:9-14). This shows that the Court understood that a Rule 16.1 objection was made and that the that topic was inappropriate for cross examination. The issue regarding disclosure was central to Plaintiffs' counsel's objection and appropriately preserved the

**objection for appellate review.** This Court's response that counsel does not have to disclose impeachment and that all counsel must do is act in good faith, not that he had to disclose it or even must disclose it before the witness is questioned about it, find no support in the law.

The Court also acknowledged that the issue of Rule 50.085 extrinsic evidence and credibility was encompassed by the objection: "The Court disagreed, respectfully, with that assessment, that when there was testimony obviously by the doctor regarding his qualifications and this information called into question that testimony, that the proper impeachment is to ask certain things...certainly Mr. Weaver was able to do so without actually requiring confrontation with documentation, to this Court's opinion, would be akin to impeachment with extrinsic evidence; and that is something that is not allowed, other than in certain circumstances, really more things that go towards credibility of testimony, that's not what this would have been." (*Ex.* 1, 65:15-66:5). Defendants' contention that Plaintiffs' counsel's objection was not sufficiently specific to preserve the issue for review is unsupported by the record.

Alternatively, the Court erred by failing to make an appropriate record of the unrecorded bench discussion by not identifying Plaintiffs' counsel's objections with respect to non-disclosure, witness confrontation and inadmissibility with sufficient specificity. A district court's failure to make a record of an unrecorded sidebar warrants reversal where an appellant shows that the record's missing portions are "so significant that their absence precludes [a reviewing court] from conducting a meaningful review of the alleged errors that the appellant identified and the prejudicial effect of any error. *Preciado v. State*, 130 Nev. Adv. Op. 6, 318 P.3d 176, 178 (2014), citing *Daniel v. State*, 119 Nev. 498, 508, 78 P.3d 890, 897 (2003) (discussing unrecorded conferences and appellate review in the context of capital murder cases).

Nevada courts have long recognized that a hyper-technical application of the rules pertaining to objections is not desirable. See, i.e. *Otterbeck v. Lamb*, 85 Nev. 456, 456 P.2d 855, 858-59 (1969) (finding that counsel's objection which was devoid of citation to rules or case law was specific enough to preserved the jury instruction issue for appellate consideration and satisfied the requirement of NRCP 51 which requires an objecting party to state "distinctly the matter to which he objects and the grounds of his objection") ("Counsel, in the heat of a trial, cannot be expected to respond with all the legal niceties and nuances of a brief writer."); *Cook v. Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center*, 124 Nev. 997, 194 P.3d 1214, 1217 (2008) (finding defendant's argument that plaintiff's objection to a jury instruction was not adequately preserved because they

were required to specifically state the exact language that should have been added unpersuasive; the objection needed only to focus the court's attention on the alleged error, which it did).

Defendants' reliance on *State v. Kallio*, 92 Nev. 665, 668, 557 P.2d 705, 707 (1976) to argue to the contrary is misplaced. Unlike in the present case, in *Kallio*, counsel made no specific objection to a line of questioning at trial, but merely stated, "Object for the record, your Honor". Clearly, this did not fulfill the mandate that specific grounds for an objection must be stated at the time the objection is made and the *Kallio* Court agreed. *Id.* In *Beccard v. Nevada National Bank*, 99 Nev. 63, 65-66, 657 P.2d 1154, 1156 (1983), Defendants' other cited case, counsel made no objection either at the time of argument or any time before a motion for a new trial was made fifteen days after the verdict was filed. The Court correctly found that: (1) the failure to object to the alleged misconduct at trial, and (2) raising the allegation for the first time in a motion for a new trial would not support the moving party's position. *Id.* Neither of these factors are present in the case at bar.

Contrary to Defendants' contention, Mr. Weaver did not lay appropriate foundation for using the 2017 article and the report upon which it was based prior to using them for Dr. Marmureanu's cross examination. Defendants provide no cite to the record to support this contention because there is none. (Bartmus brief, p. 3). They further claim that Mr. Weaver also laid foundation for the article and report during the cross examination itself. Again, this is inaccurate and unsupported by any cite to the record. *Id.*, at p. 4. The Court acknowledged during discussion with counsel that it had given Mr. Weaver "the benefit of the doubt" during the cross examination, which - based upon the rank misrepresentation of the article propounded by Mr. Weaver during questioning - was inappropriate and constitutes reversible error. (*Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings*, 2/3/20, 59:24-60:16) ("...I gave Mr. Weaver the benefit of the doubt at the time of the questioning, but counsel has an obligation not to pose a question for which he doesn't have a good faith basis to do so."). The Court should not have left the issue up to Mr. Weaver's definition of "good faith", but instead should have upheld Mr. Arntz's objection.

Remarkably, Defendants criticize Plaintiffs' counsel for not moving to introduce the article into evidence, ignoring the fact that the article represented an entirely collateral matter inappropriate for the jury's consideration. (Bartmus brief, p. 15). Defendants admit that their request for judicial notice regarding the article and report was incorrect in its identification of the documents themselves and that the request was withdrawn, although they attempt to frame the withdrawal on a baseless and ridiculous assumption that "plaintiffs no longer contested the

appropriateness of Attorney Weavers' conduct". (Bartmus brief, p. 15, 15 n.4). There is simply no evidence for this baseless and self-serving conclusion.

Defendants also mistakenly claim that Mr. Weaver's line of questioning – despite not confronting Dr. Marmureanu with the article and report or providing notice or copies to Plaintiffs' counsel - was appropriate because there had already been testimony regarding the doctor's qualifications and that said article and report called into question such qualifications. (Bartmus brief, pp. 4-5). However, this belies the fact that the article was extrinsic evidence regarding a collateral matter. A witness may certainly be cross examined regarding his or her qualifications, but not through use of inadmissible evidence or questions. Defendants further incorrectly stated that Dr. Marmureanu's truthfulness was at issue because he testified that Defendant Bartmus' testimony that she detected a pulse when she examined Plaintiff Darell was "absolutely impossible" and not true. (Bartmus brief, pp. 11-12). On the contrary, such testimony called Defendant Bartmus' truthfulness into question, not that of Dr. Marmureanu.

Finally, Defendants' naked allegation that "Plaintiffs' counsel's other misconduct during the trial would have also supported a new trial for defendants" is unsupported by any citation to the record and is nothing more than a partisan and transparent attempt to downplay their own counsel's demonstrable misconduct which is the subject of this motion. (Bartmus brief, p. 15 n.3) (emphasis omitted).

### B. USE OF ARTICLE CONSTITUTED UNFAIR SURPRISE WARRANTING A NEW TRIAL

Defendants admit that the 2017 article was not produced to Plaintiffs' counsel until *after* they had used it to cross examine Dr. Marmureanu on the stand. (Bartmus brief, p. 15). This certainly qualifies as "unfair surprise" under the rules. The article itself was extrinsic evidence regarding a collateral matter and defense counsel mischaracterized its contents in order to carry out an improper attack on the credibility of Plaintiffs' only expert witness.

Defendants inappropriately characterize Dr. Marmureanu's testimony regarding his background as "bragging" and claim that this was what formed the basis for their decision to question the doctor about the article. (Bartmus brief, p. 9). However, Defendants' belief that the doctor was "bragging" does not justify their decision to withhold the article, either before Dr. Marmureanu was cross examined or during the cross examination itself.

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Defendants illogically argue that Plaintiffs' counsel could have discovered the article on the Internet and as such, there was no unfair surprise. (Bartmus brief, p. 16). It should go without saying that it was not Plaintiffs' duty to search for and discover any and all information on the Internet which Defendants may have seen fit to introduce in support of their case. It was Defendants' duty to disclose such documents that it intended to use. They did not do so. They then attempt to blame Dr. Marmureanu's "theatrics and self-aggrandizement" for their failure, allege that Plaintiffs' counsel "permitted" the so-called theatrics, and use the combination of these factors to excuse its dereliction of duty with respect to discovery disclosures. *Id.* This must not be allowed.

## C. TRIAL COURT'S EXCLUSION OF DR. WIENCEK FROM TESTIFYING AT TRIAL CONSTITUTED REVERSIBLE ERROR

Dr. Wiencek, Plaintiff Darell's treating physician, whose testimony was erroneously excluded by the Court, was no stranger to the litigation. He was named in every one of Plaintiffs' discovery disclosure, along with a full description of his testimony. In the first supplement to 16.1, Plaintiffs disclosed Dr. Wiencek as a witness and described his testimony as follows:

22. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most
Knowledgeable Robert Wiencek, M.D., St. Rose Sienna, 7190 S.
Cimarron Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113.
. . . The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses. (EXHIBIT 3).

He was named on pre-trial disclosures as a witness in every supplement from that point forward. The Court itself acknowledged Dr. Wiencek's importance as a witness. (*Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings, 2/10/20, 20:24-21:9*) ("At the end of the day, it was absolutely obvious to this Court from the get go that Dr. Wiencek could, potentially should, have been a witness in this case."). Although the full description of his testimony was not repeated in the pre-trial disclosures, no prejudice resulted because he had been previously named, identified and even discussed in the introduction to the jury as a witness who might testify by Defendant Lasry's counsel, Robert McBride. Defendants cannot genuinely claim that they were unprepared for Dr. Wiencek's testimony.

It was clearly unfounded and prejudicial for the Court to exclude Dr. Wiencek on what amounts to a technicality. Dr. Wiencek had the most information about Plaintiff Darell's pulses and whether they were palpable, a key issue in this medical malpractice case. Tellingly, the jury

would have benefitted from hearing Dr. Wiencek, and, with all the discussion regarding his records during the trial and dispute over what those records actually contained in regards to palpable pulses, there was no prejudice to defendants and it was a clear abuse of discretion by this court to exclude him as a witness.

Defendants simply cannot claim unfair surprise that Plaintiff Darell's primary treating physician who was the subject of "ample testimony from both sides" as acknowledged by the Court, would be called as a witness in this case. (Bartmus brief, Ex. E, 23:3-19). Dr. Wiencek was not called by Plaintiffs' counsel as a witness earlier in the proceedings because the doctor was suffering from physical limitations, which cast his availability into doubt. Once Mr. Arntz was able to ascertain that Dr. Wiencek would, in fact, be available, he immediately notified defense counsel.

Clearly, Plaintiffs were prejudice by this Court's ruling because the jury ultimately needed to hear from Dr. Wiencek and the Defendants demonstrated no prejudice if he had been able to testify. See, i.e. *United States v. Wixom*, 529 F.2d 217, 220 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1976) (defendant claimed unfair surprise at trial where government did not disclose to defense counsel its intention to call a particular witness until after the start of trial; conviction affirmed when "the government did advise defense counsel in this regard shortly after government counsel became aware that the witness could testify."). Even where witness disclosures are genuinely untimely, the Court may allow testimony in the absence of unfair surprise. *Wynn Las Vegas, LLC v. O'Connell,* (district court did not abuse its discretion by admitting testimony of treating physicians despite late discovery disclosures where opposing party's rights were not materially affected).

Defendants cite to *Figuerado v. Crawford*, 2016 Nev. Dist. Lexis 1464, \*2 as support for their position, as the district court in that case held that the disclosure of three physicians as non-retained experts was insufficient under NRCP 16.3(a)(2)(B) because the Plaintiffs did not disclose a summary of their opinions or facts relied upon. However, this decision was reversed and remanded by the Nevada Court of Appeals, which found that the appellant's disclosure of his treating physicians and his statement that the treating physicians would rely on their review of the appellant's medical records and testify regarding causation, along with the disclosure of their medical records, was sufficient under NRCP 16.1.

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One of the purposes of NRCP 16.1 is to ensure basic fairness by preventing trial by ambush or unfair surprise. *FCH1*, *LLC v. Rodriguez*, 130 Nev. Adv. Op. 46, 335 P.3d1 83, 190 (2014). By comparison to counsel's inappropriate cross examination of Dr. Marmureanu which was never disclosed prior to or during the cross examination, the identity and substance of testimony by Dr. Wiencek was never concealed from the parties by Plaintiffs. There is no evidence that Plaintiffs' counsel intentionally withheld information or documents from Defendants that were pertinent to Dr. Wiencek's testimony or that Plaintiffs' counsel sought to gain an unfair advantage through the timing of calling Dr. Wiencek as a witness. Plaintiffs' counsel provided the appropriate information to Defendants through the discovery process and defense counsel suffered no unfair surprise. Dr. Wiencek should have been allowed to testify.

#### **II. CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that a new trial be ordered due to the aforementioned violations of NRCP 16.1 and NRS 50.085 and due to the Court's prejudice against Plaintiffs' counsel. The requirements of NRCP 59 have been met.

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# EXHIBIT 1

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4	DARELL L. MOORE and CHARLENE A.) MOORE, individually and as ) husband and wife, )		
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6	Plaintiffs, ) )		
7	vs. ) CASE NO. )		
8	JASON LASRY, M.D., ) A-17-766426-C individually; FREMONT EMERGENCY)		
9	SERVICES (MANDAVIA), LTD.; ) DEPT. NO. 25 TERRY BARTMUS, RN, APRN; and )		
10	DOES I through X, inclusive; ) and ROE CORPORATIONS I )		
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11	Defendants.		
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	P.M. SESSION TESTIMONY OF ALEXANDER MARMUREANU, M.D.		
15	BEFORE THE HONORABLE KATHLEEN E. DELANEY		
16	FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020		
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1 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020 1:57 P.M. 2 \* \* \* \* \* 3 4 Thereupon --5 ALEXANDER MARMUREANU, M.D., having been previously sworn to testify to the 6 truth, was examined and testified as follows: 8 9 CROSS-EXAMINATION 10 BY MR. WEAVER: 11 Good afternoon, Doctor. Q. 12 Good afternoon, Mr. Weaver. Α. 13 Welcome to Las Vegas. Q. 14 Thank you, sir. Much appreciated. Α. I want to start off with a little bit of 15 Q. 16 apology in response to counsel earlier this morning. 17 You had mentioned that you were coming out of the 18 bathroom, I was going in. We shook hands. But I 19 didn't stop and chitchat. I did not mean it as any 20 slight. It's not my style, when I'm in trial, to 21 talk with the other side's expert. Fair enough? 22 Apology accepted. Α. 23 Thank you. Also, just to clarify something, Q. 24 I'm sure would have got clarified later, but I can 25 just do it quick and easily.

when we were leaving off, before the lunch break, I think you misspoke on the record, and I just wanted to potentially clear it up so that the jury might not get the wrong impression.

You mentioned that, at your deposition, which was taken in my firm's downtown Los Angeles office; correct?

- A. I believe so. Yes, you're correct.
- Q. And there was an attorney from Mr. McBride's office there, Chelsea Hueth. Do you remember that?
  - A. That's correct.

Q. And do you remember what Ms. Hueth actually said, which was not --

MR. ARNTZ: Well, hold on. Before you start to ask this question, we need to approach the bench.

THE COURT: Okay.

(Bench conference.)

THE COURT: You didn't get too comfortable, did you, folks? In all seriousness, once a bench conference goes a little bit longer and we're really trying to flesh some things out, it's just much easier to do it without you all present. So if you'll indulge us. You know your admonishment. We'll note it on the record. I'm not going to read

it again. If you could just step outside for a few 1 minutes, we'll have you right back in. Okay? 2 THE MARSHAL: All rise for the jury. 3 (Jury exits the courtroom.) 4 5 THE COURT: Doctor, can I ask you to please step back to --6 THE WITNESS: Of course. Go outside? THE COURT: Into the alcove. There's a 8 9 little waiting room. 10 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 11 THE COURT: Okay. As is my practice, just 12 indulge me. I would like to, you know, summarize the bench conference. 13 14 So what Mr. Arntz' concern expressed, when 15 he asked to approach, was that he believed that 16 Mr. Weaver was going to get into details, but also 17 just identification of potentially that what had 18 come out in the deposition was that Dr. Marmureanu 19 had been represented by Mr. McBride's law firm, not 20 that Mr. McBride's law firm had used him as an 21 expert, and that Mr. Weaver indicated that that 22 clarity was necessary because Dr. Marmureanu had 23 testified that it had come out in the deposition that he had been used as an expert by Mr. McBride's 24 25 law firm.

I distinctly, from my personal recollection, recall Dr. Marmureanu testifying and going out of his way, in all candor, to testify to your firm and "you've used me" and clearly leaving this jury with the impression that Mr. McBride's law firm had used him as an expert at least once, if not more, in the past.

So my indication at the bench initially, as we were talking but before the conversation got more detailed and concerns expressed about the level in which Mr. Weaver might inquire on this subject, that's when I excused the jury so we could have a better discussion. But Mr. Weaver's response was, you know, the clarity is necessary and that he was not going to inquire into details of the representation, but that he should be able to clarify that there was representation.

Obviously, that's a very fine line to walk if these jurors are connecting to, and I don't know why they wouldn't be, that these attorneys represent doctors in medical malpractice cases and then cast aspersions indirectly that way on this witness.

So we are going to have to figure out how we're going to address this, but my inclination is still, at this moment, to indicate that there must

be some clarity because the doctor did volunteer that information. I don't think it was responsive to an inquiry of Mr. McBride, and he did appear to leave the jury with the impression that his firm had hired him as an expert, and if that's not the case, we need to figure out how to get some clarification. But, Mr. Arntz, let me let you flesh out your argument, and then I'll hear from Mr. Weaver.

MR. ARNTZ: Look, I wasn't -- in fact, at lunch, I cautioned him not to get cute volunteering statements like that. But his statement was not in the context of what was discussed in the deposition. His statement was just a gratuitous, "Oh, and by the way, you guys have hired me too." And this was being discussed when he was talking about how much things cost and so forth.

I don't have any recollection of it being in the context of that being discussed in the deposition. I agree that the only thing that was discussed in the deposition was a disclosure by Ms. Hueth that her firm had represented him before. And she wanted to make sure it wasn't going to be a conflict. But that statement that he made was just a gratuitous statement of "Oh, and by the way, your firm has hired me too."

1 THE COURT: Right. Gratuitous. Problematic in that way. 2 MR. ARNTZ: 3 I don't disagree that some clarity brought on by saying "But you represent 4 plaintiffs and/or you testified for plaintiffs, and 5 you've testified for defendants and so forth." 6 don't see it opening the door to something that 8 happened at deposition where a disclosure was made 9 just so he would be comfortable having one of his attorneys there. 10 THE COURT: Let's role play here a second. 11 12 So if I were to limit Mr. Weaver's followup to 13 something along the lines of, you know, "Doctor, you testified earlier that you believed or remembered 14 15 that Mr. McBride's law firm had hired you as an 16 expert, if I were to indicate to you that there does 17 not appear to be any record of that being the case, would" --18 19 MR. ARNTZ: I don't know if that's true. Ι 20 don't think that's true. 21 THE COURT: Have you hired him as an 22 expert? 23 Our firm? MR. MCBRIDE: 24 THE COURT: I know you said you hadn't met him. 25 Has your firm? I mean, I know your firm is

1 pretty big. MR. McBRIDE: I honestly don't know because 2 we have our firm --3 4 THE COURT: But it never came out in the 5 depo, so. MR. McBRIDE: It never came out in the 6 depo, yeah. 8 MR. ARNTZ: The only thing that came out in 9 the depo was a disclosure. 10 THE COURT: Mr. Arntz, okay, but I wasn't But, okay, fair enough. I'm trying to 11 finished. 12 figure out a way, because this clarity will occur, 13 how we do it. So I was trying to throw out an 14 option so you can shoot it down, if you want, but then what's your alternative? 15 16 well, if I had asked MR. ARNTZ: 17 Dr. Marmureanu, "Have you ever worked for any of the 18 defense firms" and he said yes, would that require 19 clarity? Because all he did was volunteer a 20 statement that wasn't responsive to a question that 21 still is true. 22 THE COURT: In Dr. Marmureanu's 23 testimony, I think it's more problematic because it 24 was gratuitous, volunteered, and it appeared to be 25 designed for exactly the effect that counsel is now

concerned about and wants clarity on.

Had you asked, would they be able to clarify? You know, again, I mean, as we sit here today, we can't be certain that he hasn't been used by them as an expert. But, again, it never came up. I would think that we would have that information, if he had, but I guess we can't rule it out. But at this point, you know, what he was talking about appeared to be in the context -- because he said it himself, "In the deposition, it came out."

thinks is in there, that he thinks is being kept from the jury. I tried to admonish him, but he's still doing it. And he made it clear that, in the deposition, this is what it says. So maybe that's how we clarify that, you know, "If I were to tell you that there's no statement in the deposition that this firm hired you as an expert, would you have reason to question that at this time?"

MR. ARNTZ: How about striking that from the record and just telling the jury --

THE COURT: They heard it. You can't unring the bell. There needs to be clarity.

MR. ARNTZ: But my point is let's assume for a minute that it's true that he's been hired by

1 Mr. McBride's firm to act as an expert. How does the fact that, during the deposition, a disclosure 2 was made by Ms. Hueth that her firm had represented 3 him in the past clarify that? It doesn't clarify 4 that. If it's true that he has been retained by 5 them, talking about the fact that he's been 6 represented by that firm doesn't clarify that point. 8 THE COURT: I don't perceive that to be the I perceive the issue to be that there's no 9 10 evidence, from what they're telling me, from his deposition which, by all accounts, was lengthy and 11 12 his C.V. and anything else to indicate that they had 13 hired him as an expert; although, again, we can't 14 completely rule it out, all that came up in the depo was this other issue. He's referring to the depo. 15 16 So in the end of the day, you know, he's 17 talking about something that was in the depo that 18 wasn't there. Why is that clarity not appropriate? 19 MR. ARNTZ: Okay. I don't remember it that 20 way. 21 THE COURT: You remember which part? 22 MR. ARNTZ: I don't remember his gratuitous 23 comment being made in the context of this coming up in the depo. 24

THE COURT: I heard it.

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MR. ARNTZ: Okay. I don't remember it that way, but I still don't see how --

THE COURT: Respectfully, I remember it. You don't. We agree to disagree.

MR. ARNTZ: Yeah, no, that's fine. That's not really relevant to the other point, which is I don't see how him asking questions about having been represented by that firm, just because that's what came up in the depo sheds clarity on the statement he made. If he asks that question and then I follow-up by saying, "Well, Dr. Marmureanu, have you been retained by Mr. McBride's firm?" Because then that would clarify even further.

THE COURT: Maybe the better way to do it, go about this, Mr. Arntz, and we need to get to this, but I'm assuming your angst over this is because you don't want it coming out these attorneys who represent doctors in medical malpractices might have represented him.

MR. ARNTZ: Right. So I'm giving you an alternative where I'm limiting Mr. Weaver to just asking the witness -- at least for now, we'll see what his answer is -- but just asking the witness, "You testified earlier that you believed it came out in the deposition that Mr. McBride's firm had hired

you as an expert. If I were to tell you that we reviewed this over the break and there doesn't appear to be any indication in the deposition that that is the case or that the dialogue in the deposition was related to not that, you know, would you have any reason to doubt that? Do you have any better recollection of that at this time?"

Something so that it doesn't come up that he was represented, but it comes up that there's nothing in evidence that he was retained by them as an expert. Because he clearly gave testimony to the jury that sounded like he had been retained by them as an expert.

MR. ARNTZ: Right. So I guess maybe the reason I focus on what I have is because that seems to be the focal point, has he been retained by this firm, not whether it came up in the depo. But your solution is fine with me, so long as they don't get into representations.

THE COURT: I think there's a way.

Mr. Weaver, can you tell us, do you think there's a way that you can inquire without --

MR. WEAVER: I think, well, two things. I think that there is a way I can inquire as long as it's clear that it's not just whether he has been

retained as an expert by Mr. McBride's firm, that he has not, but the context of what he said in the deposition is he had it wrong, No. 1.

But, No. 2, the Motion in Limine with regard to lawsuits only applies to defendants. So if I ask him, I'm not intending to ask him questions about Mr. McBride's representation any more than Mr. McBride was obviously, at the end, going to get into his firm's representation. I could get into questions about lawsuits that he's had, and there have been plenty. But I certainly was not intending to get into questions about Mr. McBride's firm representation.

The only thing that I can't live with is he gratuitously offered, implying that it was brought up that he is an expert of Mr. McBride's firm when the only thing that was brought up was not that, but representation.

THE COURT: All right. So, you know, my thought is that we do need to clarify his testimony. The same, whether or not the Motion in Limine was brought by a particular party on behalf of particular parties, it's still the same concept which is, you know, is it relevant and does it, is it substantially outweighed by prejudice -- I

suppose, to some degree -- analysis, and I don't think it should be revealed here that he was represented by Mr. McBride's firm.

But the issue, I think by the way I'm suggesting it be done, I think is resolved because if you say and very clear, you know, "We reviewed this over the break, and we see no indication of that testimony being had or no indication of any, you know, evidence in the deposition of them having, you know, retained you as an expert. So, you know, what you were testifying about does not appear to be accurate in that regard, you know, would you agree with that, or would you have some reason to doubt that?"

Now, the issue is if he says something like "Well, it may have been something different" or "I may have been mistaken" or whatever, we can move on. If he doubles down on it, then where do we go?

MR. ARNTZ: I'll tell him to just take his medicine and we move on.

MR. McBRIDE: And, Your Honor, just for clarification too, you asked the question if I knew if our firm has retained him, again, I don't know specifically. At least from the deposition list that he provided and trial testimony, I went through

that just now, that he attached from 2009 up to 2019, I don't see any reference to our firm as being, representing him in those depositions or him acting on behalf of our firm or any of the trials or mediations that he's worked on. So just for that --

THE COURT: Right. I mean, it doesn't drive the train.

MR. McBRIDE: Right.

THE COURT: The whole thing boils down to me, and I understand Mr. Arntz and I remember this differently, and maybe the other counsel do as well -- you know, various people in the setting can hear things differently -- is the whole conversation was what was in the depo and what came out in the depo. And I think if we limit it to what's in the depo, we can solve this problem.

I think actually makes it worse, Mr. Arntz, if it's not the case that it was him talking about what's in the depo because then it's a little bit more broad-based about how we can inquire. But I think it can be corrected.

I think it can be corrected by "There's nothing in the depo that would support your recollection of you having a discussion about being retained by Mr. McBride's firm." So, you know, "or

you being retained as an expert by Mr. McBride's firm. So if we indicate that to you, you know, would you stand corrected on that point, or could you have possibly misremembered?" or something along those lines. And, again, if he agrees, yes. If he says "I don't remember" or "maybe I misremembered," then we can move on. But like I said if he doubles down and says "No, I'm quite certain I testified that they represent," then we might have to allow some clarification.

MR. ARNTZ: Like I said, I don't think that the prejudice that Mr. Weaver is talking about is that it came up in the depo. He's talking about whether or not he's been hired by a defense firm, and so I don't know -- I don't know how I see the relevance of the depo. But I'm perfectly happy with your solution, and I will tell him to --

THE COURT: No.

MR. ARNTZ: Because I don't think it's in the depo either. So I'm happy --

THE COURT: We're not going to have that issue again where we've had a dialogue about his testimony. We're, you know, just going to have to live with the answer and go from there.

But, Mr. Weaver, do you think you can make

that line of inquiry? 1 MR. WEAVER: Sure. I think that's the 2 perfect solution. 3 I hope. We'll see. Let's get 4 THE COURT: Dr. Marmureanu up in, Dr. "Marmureanu" here first. 5 I don't want to do an outside-the-presence voir dire 6 with him because it's just going to make it worse. 8 MR. P. HYMANSON: Your Honor, before we go, 9 if I could, Phil Hymanson. Very quickly, Your 10 So the representation from Mr. McBride's firm is he can't say specifically whether they have 11 12 or have not, they're just -- at this point, they don't know? Is that the understanding? 13 14 I mean, I think that's true. THE COURT: 15 MR. McBRIDE: Yeah, I think that's true, 16 and I'm just going off also the top of that, what he 17 had listed. 18 MR. P. HYMANSON: When asking questions, 19 we'll hopefully move through it and move on, but if 20 we don't, then there's Step 2. 21 THE COURT: I mean, I think we've said that 22 a couple of times, but I appreciate you clarifying, 23 Mr. Hymanson, that we can't be certain, as we sit here today, that he hasn't been retained by his firm 24 25 as an expert. We know he hasn't been retained by

Mr. McBride as an expert. But by his firm, no. 1 But what we can also be certain of is that 2 it does not appear to be what was discussed in the 3 depo; and when he testified, from his recollection, 4 that what was in the depo was that fact, that's what 5 we need to clarify. 6 MR. P. HYMANSON: Thank you. MR. WEAVER: I'll limit it to that. 8 9 Thank you. THE COURT: Ask to approach if it goes 10 11 south. 12 (Jury enters the courtroom.) 13 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, ladies 14 and gentlemen. Have a seat. I'll invite everybody else to have a seat as well. We have resolved the 15 16 bench conference issue, and everybody in the jury 17 appears to be ready to proceed. 18 Dr. Marmureanu, could you please also, 19 again, acknowledge you understand you're still under 20 oath. 21 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do. 22 THE COURT: Thank you. And, Mr. Weaver, 23 whenever you're ready to resume. 24 MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor. 25 / / /

## BY MR. WEAVER:

Q. Dr. Marmureanu, I think I just want to cut through the chase on something. Over the break, I reviewed the deposition that you and I attended and have refreshed my recollection that I don't believe there's anything in your deposition that indicated Mr. McBride's office has retained you as an expert, which I think you said just before we went on the lunch break.

Would it be fair to say that you just misspoke when you said that and that it didn't come up in the deposition, that that was the case?

- A. It is unfair, sir. May I explain?
- Q. So let me just stop you there for a minute.

So your recollection of the deposition is there was a discussion about Mr. McBride's firm retaining you as an expert? That's your recollection of the deposition?

- A. I don't have much of a recollection of the issue that you brought up. That's not what I referred to when I --
- Q. Well, I'm just asking you because the testimony that you volunteered to Mr. McBride was that, in the deposition, it came up that there was something that related to comments on the record

about you being retained by Mr. McBride's firm as an 1 expert. Is it your recollection that that 2 conversation took place or not in the deposition? 3 I don't remember about talking about this 4 Α. during the deposition. May I explain what I was 5 referring to? 6 May we approach. MR. WEAVER: No. 8 THE COURT: Yes. (Bench conference.) 9 10 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, Mr. Weaver. You can move on to another line of 11 12 questioning. 13 MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor. THE COURT: I think we have that clear. 14 15 BY MR. WEAVER: 16 Dr. Marmureanu, I forget whether you said 0. 17 you reviewed the deposition of your co-expert in this 18 case, Dr. Jacobs. Have you or not? 19 Α. I did review it, sir. Yes. 20 Do you recall seeing in his deposition where Q. 21 he said the exact opposite of you this morning when you said: "The standard of care doesn't require the 22 23 Five Ps; nobody does that anymore, that the standard 24 of care requires a CT angiogram," and he said the 25 exact opposite?

Do you recall him saying nobody would have done a CT angiogram in this case?

- A. I do not recall that, sir. No absolutely not.
  - Q. Would it shock you?

- A. Wouldn't shock me. I just said I don't remember.
- Q. Why wouldn't -- if that is his testimony, why wouldn't it shock you that your co-expert in this case says the exact opposite that you do, given that in response to Mr. Arntz' questioning, you said there's one standard of care when it comes to the emergency medicine in this case?
- A. Because I truly believe you take it out of context, and I would like you to show us exactly what we're talking about before we make those statements.
  - Q. Well, it's a statement that you made.

You testified this morning that you're qualified to offer opinions in emergency medicine, even though you haven't been trained in emergency medicine, because there's one standard of care.

So if there's one standard of care for you, if there's one standard of care for Dr. Jacobs, if there's one standard of care for Nurse Practitioner

Bartmus, if there's one standard of care for 1 Dr. Lasry, everybody should be on the same page, or 2 at least you and Dr. Jacobs should be on the same 3 4 page: correct? MR. ARNTZ: Your Honor, I have an objection 5 as to this line of questioning regarding Dr. Jacobs' 6 deposition. It's hearsay, and we've had a motion on this before trial started. 9 THE COURT: Mr. Weaver, do you want to 10 respond? 11 MR. WEAVER: Yes. What I respond to that 12 is he said he's reviewed that experts are able to 13 rely on anything of a serious matter, and I think 14 that given that the testimony that there's already 15 been, I think it's fair game. 16 MR. ARNTZ: Okay. He hasn't testified 17 here, and his deposition hasn't been read into the 18 record here. 19 THE COURT: Maybe you all get to have your 20 exercise. So come on up to the bench. 21 (Bench conference.) 22 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. We got 23 right up on that moment of having to start fresh. Mr. Weaver, I think we have 24 But go ahead. 25 an understanding of how to proceed with this line of questioning.

MR. WEAVER: Thank you, Your Honor.

BY MR. WEAVER:

- Q. Dr. Marmureanu, you said that you reviewed Dr. Jacobs' deposition. When did you last review it?
  - A. Probably last week.
- Q. All right. And you reviewed it obviously in preparation for being here today; correct?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. And you reviewed it because it was material sent to you by plaintiffs' counsel's office for you to prepare for your deposition -- I'm sorry -- for you to prepare for your trial testimony today; correct?
- A. No. Not correct. That was sent to me way before the trial. So I review it because I felt I need to review it.
- Q. Why did you feel it would be helpful to review it in preparation for your testimony today?
- A. That's who I am. I need to review every piece of document that I can in order to formulate what I believe is the right opinion.
- Q. Okay. So you wanted to review all the materials that were provided to you in order to support the opinions for which you're prepared to

1 testify to today, and that included Dr. Fish's (sic)
2 deposition; correct?

3 MR. ARNTZ: Not Dr. Fish. Dr. Jacobs.

BY MR. WEAVER:

- Q. I'm sorry. Dr. Jacobs' deposition?
- A. No, not really. I didn't review it in order to help me support my opinions. I review it in order to basically understand what was his thought on the whole process. So then I decide where it goes from there, but I don't review documents -- I don't know ahead of time what's going to happen with that review. Make sense?
- Q. Do you agree with me that Dr. Jacobs' opinions with regard to the violations of the standard of care in this case are different from yours?
  - A. No. I disagree with you.
- Q. Okay. Is it your opinion, based on your review of Dr. Jacobs' deposition, that your opinions fit those of Dr. Jacobs?
  - A. By and large, yes, that's my opinion.
- Q. In what ways don't they, other than that he testified that there did not need to be a CT angiogram? What additional ways don't they match, or would we need to go through them all?

A. We will probably need to go through. If I may explain, I do not believe that he said that there is no need for a CT angiogram. I think you're taking it out of context. What I believe he said, he would follow-up with an arterial duplex immediately after venous duplex, and he will decide from there other ways of discovering if this graft is open or not. In other words, by no means, when we talk about Five Ps, that's historical medicine. That address to physical exam, which is part of the standard of care, but by itself, doesn't represent the standard of care.

Standard of care, it's part of the compilation. It's the physical exam, which you could put the Five Ps in there. There are the studies, and there is the management.

- Q. Right. But Dr. Jacobs testified that no reasonable practitioner in the emergency department on December 25th, 2016, would have done a CT angiogram. That's the exact opposite of what you're saying; correct?
- A. I do not believe you're truthful, sir. I would like to see that.
- Q. Okay. So you don't just think I'm wrong.

  You think I'm not telling the truth --

A. Either way.

- Q. -- about Dr. Jacobs?
  - A. Yeah, I would like to see that.
  - Q. So but you don't really need to see it because you're sure I'm just not telling the truth about what he testified to; right?
  - A. Well, to the best of my recollection, I remember you and him talking about it. I truly believe that he said that perhaps, to the best of my recollection, as an initial step, he wouldn't have ordered it. He would have perhaps ordered it after. It's not about CT angiogram. It's any sort of angiogram. I would like to see that, if possible.
  - Q. Right. But that's my point. Dr. Jacobs said that in the emergency department, nobody had a duty to order a CT angiogram. This morning, what you testified to to the jury is that: The standard of care isn't to do Five Ps; nobody does that anymore; the standard of care was to do a CT angiogram.
  - A. Correct. I'm saying the same thing.

    That's, standard of care, it's Five Ps, forward slash, physical exam and angiograms. MR angiograms, CT angiograms, or real angiogram. And I think, if I recall correct, that's what the E.R. doctor said. I would like --

Was that "real" angiogram? 1 THE REPORTER: THE WITNESS: Or "regular" angiogram. 2 3 BY MR. WEAVER: Dr. Marmureanu, do you have an opinion of 4 Q. how many cardiovascular surgeons there are in 5 California, roughly? 6 Α. No. sir. 8 Q. A few hundred? 9 Α. Probably. Could be. 10 Your understanding? Q. Okay. And you testified this morning that 11 12 anytime you're doing heart surgery, it includes 13 vascular. So if you're doing heart surgery, the cardiac part, it also includes vascular. 14 it's cardiovascular; correct? 15 16 That's right. It's -- yes, sir. Α. 17 And, Dr. Marmureanu, have you heard the term Q. 18 "Pot calling the kettle black"? 19 Α. I'm sorry. What did you say? 20 Do you know what the term "Pot calling the Q. kettle black" means? 21 22 No, sir. Α. 23 How about the term "People who live in glass Q. 24 houses shouldn't throw stones"? Ever heard of that? 25 No. sir. Α.

- Q. In 2017, the State of California declared that you are one of the seven worst cardiovascular surgeons in the entire state out of hundreds; correct?
  - A. Incorrect, sir. I would like to see that.
  - Q. So is it your testimony, Dr. Marmureanu, that the office of -- the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development didn't issue a report that listed you in the top 3 percent of the worst cardiovascular surgeons in California?
  - A. You're untruthful and incorrect, again, sir.
  - Q. Okay. So what would you need to be convinced that that report exists?
  - A. Show it.

- 16 Q. Okay. We'll come back to that.
- 17 A. Go ahead.
  - Q. Let me do what's called "lay a little foundation." So do you know what the "California Society of Thoracic Surgeons" is?
  - A. Very well.
    - Q. Okay. And you don't believe that the president of the California Society of Thoracic Surgeons supported a report that identified you as one of the top seven worst cardiovascular surgeons in

California; correct?

- A. Not only do I don't believe, I'm saying you're wrong.
- Q. And I would also be wrong if you told a reporter for Kaiser News that, in effect, hospital patients don't care if they're, in your case, nine times more likely to die under your care?
- A. That's not what I said. You're not telling the truth again.
- Q. Did you say something to that effect, that hospital patients don't care about that report; the only people who care about the data are the journalists?
  - A. That could be.
- Q. But it's in the context of the report that, out of 271 cardiovascular surgeon in California, found you one of the worst seven?
- A. It's absolutely not true. And, I mean, I don't want to judge upset, but I think it's despicable what you're saying.
- Q. And would it also be despicable if Hollywood Presbyterian Hospitals got one of the worst rankings as a hospital because of your ranking by the State of California's Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development?

1 That's not true again, sir. You will have Α. to show me. 2 Okav. We'll come back to that. 3 Q. 4 Sir, you're saying no such report exists; right? 5 Well, not what you said. What you said 6 Α. doesn't exist. You are wrong about the year; you 8 are wrong about the report; you are wrong what the 9 report says, and I'm not sure if you're doing it on 10 purpose or just you don't know enough about it. well, I read the report. What does it say? 11 Ο. 12 Well, you're familiar --13 Α. Allow me to explain. I can explain. 14 MR. ARNTZ: Your Honor, he's not laying the 15 proper foundation. 16 Hold on. There's an objection THE COURT: 17 posed, and I'm going to have counsel back at the 18 bench so we can try to resolve it more quickly. 19 (Bench conference.) 20 THE COURT: The objection is overruled. 21 You may proceed, Mr. Weaver. 22 BY MR. WEAVER: 23 Dr. Marmureanu, you were quoted, weren't Q. you, after the report came out, by a reporter from 24

Kaiser Health News where you were identified in a

news report based on the California Office of
Statewide Health Planning and Development where you
were asked questions about your ranking in that
report; correct?

A. Can you repeat the question.

Q. Sure. Tell me what your understanding is of the report that came out in 2017, from the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, that identified you in the "worst" category.

There were 265 cardiovascular surgeons in one category, and you and six others were in a category that was labeled "worst." A California state document. Are you denying that?

- A. Can you, when you say "worst," what are you referring to?
- Q. The state put you in a category that they labeled you as "worst." Do you admit that or deny that?
- A. I'm asking you when you say "worst,"
  "worst" in which? What kind of "worst"? What
  category of "worst"?
- Q. "Worst" in the context of you having nine times the state average of deaths following CABGs.

  Tell the jury what a "CABG" is.
- A. All right. May I explain, sir?

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Sure. Tell the jury what a "CABG" is.
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     even know what you're saying. We have to look at
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     the report. But here is what he's trying to say.
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     "CABG" means "coronary artery bypass grafting."
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     clotted artery. They get rushed to the hospital.
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                      (Reporter request.)
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              THE WITNESS: It's called a "stemi,"
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     hospital, they're being brought by the ambulance to
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     the hospital; and at that point, we talked about the
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     committees that address the fact that this is an
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     do some sort of percutaneous intervention on them
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usually get is called "coronary artery bypass

grafting." Sounds "CABG." It's not a fancy, but that side the way it is.

I've actually had zero mortalities the last seven years. That's a zero. In that year, in 2013, because I cover nine hospital, and most of the busy doctors and the best doctors in town tend to address and to operate on the sickest patients. We don't pick and choose, but we are the first and the last line of defense. We are the one operating on people with chest pain, with the heart being almost dead, with the vessels be blocked with the balloon pumps in them.

The family is there. The cardiologist said "It's nothing that you can do." The easiest thing to do is to deny the case and go and play golf, or you do the case, you spend 18 hours there, and you try to save his life. So in 2013, they decide to look at 30 days mortality. 30 days mortality is, by California, S-T-S, means any patient that died within 30 days for any cause.

I've had a patient that was hit by a bus.

I had a patient that had a stroke post update 25

because of anticoagulation. I had a few patients

that died before dissection. The whole heart

exploded. The whole aorta exploded, torn apart. So during that procedure, because every I have to reconstruct, I actually put a graft from the aorta to the heart, and suddenly went into this category of CABG. So my mortality that year was in 30 days. No patient ever died on the O.R. table. They were always in 15 days to 30 days.

We had an issue with California Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery, it's plain stupid to blame a surgeon -- and nobody blamed the surgeon. The data is not blaming surgeon. It's that surgeon, in that year, had a higher mortality that his colleagues with they not taking call the way I do in three very busy hospitals. And there was all those sick patients.

So that happens. I gave them an interview. Some of the best cardiac surgeons in Los Angeles, the busiest guy are part of this group, and we're happy because we don't turn patient down. We know they will die if we don't do them. If we do them, they had a chance. Nobody died on the O.R. table, died weeks after. And currently there is a big issue with covering this kind of data because the public has to be informed.

This is not a blame on the surgeons,

otherwise nobody would operate, because misinformed people will take those tables that they don't know what "worst" is about. So it's about, in 2013, I had a few more mortalities, 20 to 30 days postop.
Those are patients that are home. One of them got hit by a bus in Vegas, and those death within

7 30 days. So no, I don't think I'm a bad surgeon,

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## 9 BY MR. WEAVER:

- Q. Dr. Marmureanu, the study was not in 2013.
- 11 A. 2013.
- Q. No, it wasn't. The surgeries were in 2014 and 2015, and the report was in 2017.
  - A. May I see it?
  - Q. I don't have it with me. I have the reports. You know why I don't have it with me because it's all online, and it's all online for the world to see, and it's never had to be corrected because this is the first time you've ever claimed that one of your patients is included in that mortality rate by being hit by a bus.

That's not true, is it?

- A. It's -- no, it's been -- I actually claimed this before, even during the interview.
  - Q. You claimed somebody got hit buy a car. Now

you're claiming they got hit by a bus in Las Vegas?

- A. It's the same thing. It's car or a bus, yes.
- Q. Okay. So the people who compile -- the state employees whose job it is, at the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, you agree, don't you, that they didn't just calculate all the deaths from patients by surgeons like you who do the coronary artery bypass surgery. You know that they risk stratified them so that it's apples for apples; correct.
- A. More or less, but you can't really re-stratify a death. A death is a death.
- Q. Right. But my point is when you're trying to tell the jury that you're actually one of the best cardiovascular surgeons in Los Angeles, but the reason you got tagged as being one of the worst seven in the entire state out of hundreds is because you take harder cases.

The report risk-stratified the cases so that it took into account these extra sick patients that you're talking about you're getting labeled as being in the worst category for.

- A. Absolutely incorrect, sir.
- Q. Okay. What's incorrect about the report

- risk-stratifying and risk-adjusting so it's apples to 1 apples and not just your claim you had more mortalities because of people who got hit by a bus or who were sicker to start?
  - well, it was restratified, but you cannot Α. restratify mortality. Those are not my mortalities. Those are hospital patients that came in very sick that I've operated on them and within two, three, four weeks, they died from -- not from surgical They have nothing to do with me. issues.
    - Q. Okay.

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- Nothing. And that's what the report says. Α. Unfortunately, you interpret the wrong way.
- wait. The report does not say it has Q. nothing to do with you. It says the opposite. Ιt says it's all about you.
- No, you're incorrect again. Absolutely Α. not. The report deals with 30 days mortality after surgery, and it turns that some -- I had more patients than the average. I do 3 to 500 cases per year, sir. So I do more complicated cases than the average surgeon.

So that's three weeks mortality, somebody dies from a stroke or falls down in the bathroom. This is not attributed to the surgeon. It deals

with the mortality after surgery, and some of those are my patients. But it doesn't say I'm the worst surgeon than the guy who did only three cases and nobody died.

Q. It does.

- A. No, it doesn't.
- Q. Because it takes the -- it says, out of 100 patients who get surgery, 100 patients who get surgery, you have nine times the rate of patients who die.
- A. I will need to see that. But, again, those are not my patients. Sir, those are hospital patients, yes, that I operate on; and then they go back to other facilities, and for whatever reason, they aspirate, they get pulmonary embolus; they get a stroke, or they get hit by a car. I said car or a bus. I think it was a bus actually. So I did say before that. So this has nothing to do with the surgical skill.

MR. WEAVER: Okay. I don't have any additional questions. Thank you, sir.

THE COURT: Thank you. Mr. Arntz.

MR. ARNTZ: Thank you, Your Honor.

what exhibit is that? Is that 104? I don't think it's in. I'd like to move for the

1	admission of Exhibit 104.
2	THE COURT: Joint Exhibit 104 is being
3	moved for admission. Any objection?
4	MR. WEAVER: One moment, Your Honor,
5	please.
6	THE COURT: That's fine. Can you identify
7	generally what it is, Mr. Arntz.
8	MR. ARNTZ: I'm only going to use one
9	letter from it.
10	THE COURT: Whose records they are, what it
11	is so that they can get
12	MR. WEAVER: It's Dr. Irwin.
13	MR. ARNTZ: Dr. Irwin.
14	THE COURT: Thank you. Any objection?
15	MR. McBRIDE: No objection.
16	MR. WEAVER: No objection, Your Honor.
17	THE COURT: Exhibit, Joint Exhibit 104 is
18	admitted. You may inquire.
19	(Whereupon Joint Exhibit No. 104 was
20	admitted into evidence.)
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22	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
23	BY MR. ARNTZ:
24	Q. Dr. Marmureanu, I'm going to put up a letter
25	here. Have you seen this letter?

Yes, sir. I think it's from Dr. Wiencek, 1 Α. yeah.

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Okay. And I'll refresh your memory that in Q. December of 2014, Mr. Moore was hospitalized for a blood clot, and so this is probably three or four weeks after that hospitalization, maybe a month. And I'd like to draw your attention specifically to -- it seems as though I was wrong about the DVT, the emphasis I put on that.

But let me ask you something: First of all, what is the importance of the fact that the DVT was the primary differential diagnosis?

well, like I said, DVT should have been Α. part of differential diagnosis, but it should have never been the first thing. A DVT, or a deep vein thrombosis, below the knee, more likely than not will not kill a patient or make him lose a leg. Arterial insufficiency, ischemia, it will do that.

In other words, there is a differential diagnosis. There are things that you have in your mind when you work out a patient. The standard of care in this patient, because of his prior arterial insufficiency history, should have been, the No. 1 should have been leg ischemia. Not only wasn't No. 1, not only wasn't No. 2, wasn't 3, wasn't on

the list.

So even though I don't believe there was a problem ruling out -- actually, I think it's good to rule out the deep vein thrombosis, my issue is that there was nothing done.

- Q. And once the ultrasound came back with a blocked arterial graft, what does the standard of care indicate that they should have done at that point?
- A. At that point, they need to continue the workup. It's not the Five Ps. It's not the physical exam only. It's something needs to be done. All his symptoms, all his complaints lead toward an arterial problem, not the venous problem. And at that point, you know that basically, again, it's impossible to have normal pulses.

He never had pulses before the bypass. And the bypass is done, according to that ultrasound, he definitely didn't have pulses by Doppler, definitely not palpable. So at that point, you will need to do some sort of an imaging study. You can't -- would be fair to say, you have a venous duplex for the veins. You want to get an arterial duplex for the arteries, which will show it's blocked.

And at that point, you need to get an

angiogram, which will basically be as a roadmap, clearly will show you where the blockage is, what's blocked, how deep, et cetera. And then obviously you have to treat it, start medical management, medication, Heparin. That stops the more clot from being formed versus TPA, which is a clot buster. Call intervention radiology to start those. Call vascular to hopefully try the percutaneous open or do any sort of procedures.

Q. You saw other letters from Dr. Wiencek where he talks about good pulses.

What was significant by what you read in those records about those pulses?

A. It's very interesting because his own surgeon who knows him the best -- he evaluated him, he done the bypasses -- never used the word "palpable." Never. Because the pulses were never palpable. He used "very good pulses," which we're happy to have them, by Doppler. You put it. You find it where you do it, and then you hear (witness makes sound). They're palpable -- well, they're Dopplerable pulses.

So his surgeon is saying that, before the bypass, there were no pulses, Doppler or palpable.

After the bypass, we've looked at the report, there

was Dopplerable in one area. And I think in this letter, if I recall correct, he's saying that they're good pulses by Doppler while the graft is open. While the graft is closed -- it's right here -- he had excellent pulses in the foot, current by Doppler. In other words, they're not palpable. Nobody uses the machine if you can feel them.

or actually it's impossible to say that even after the bypass, there were only pulses by Doppler, and before the bypass, there were no pulses at all.

Once a bypass is down, and we know from the venous duplex that the bypass is closed, there are no pulses. They can't be.

The blood -- there's no way that you can get blood in that area to have pulses, even by Doppler. So go a step further to have palpable pulses, this patient never had palpable pulses. Obviously it's wrong. It's impossible.

- Q. All right. Anything discussed during your cross-examination change any of your opinions?
- A. Other than his statements are wrong in regards to study. The study doesn't say that my mortalities is nine times more. That's incorrect. It's not truthful, and everything else, I disagree

with all his statement. I don't have anything else.

- Q. In regards to your opinions, have your opinions changed in any way?
  - A. Absolutely not.

MR. ARNTZ: Okay. That's all I have.

MR. McBRIDE: No questions.

MR. WEAVER: No questions.

THE COURT: May I see, by a show of hands, if there are any jurors who have questions for this witness. I believe that there was a reference made on the lunch break that there might be a question for this witness. Then we'd ask the marshal to make sure that you write it down and have it ready.

If there are questions, please prepare them. I'm just going to remind you to make sure your name and badge number, for the current seat you are in, is on the question and that you use the entire piece of paper.

Can I just see a show of hands right now how many questions we have. Two. Looks like two people have questions. Okay. Finish them up, and whenever you're ready to hand them in, you'll give them to the marshal. She'll bring them forward.

I don't know if you notice, our marshal shrunk a little bit.

She's probably just as strong 1 MR. MCBRIDE: though. 2 3 THE COURT: Oh, my money is on her. Did you get the one that --4 THE MARSHAL: Yeah, she's still writing. 5 THE COURT: She's still writing. 6 You getting close there, Juror No. 8? 8 Thank you. All right. May I have counsel at the 9 bench to read the questions. 10 (Bench conference.) 11 THE COURT: All right. Doctor, we do have 12 some questions from the jurors. There are multiple 13 questions on the sheet, and I think that they're sort of standalone. So here's how this process is 14 going to work, if you're not familiar: 15 16 I'm going to read the question exactly as 17 written. I'm not at liberty, nor are the jurors, to 18 respond and have a dialogue like the counsel would 19 have. What you do is you answer the question, to 20 the best of your ability, and then the counsel will 21 have an opportunity to follow-up and flesh out those 22 answers, if need be. 23 Okay. First question: "Are there 24 instances when an occlusion in a graft dissolves or 25 otherwise goes away without medicine or surgery?"

1 THE WITNESS: Never. THE COURT: "Will or can blood flow from 2 3 collaterals demonstrate a pulse in the foot"? Not in this case, no. 4 THE WITNESS: No. THE COURT: "In your opinion, does the 5 standard of care mandate the administration of 6 medicine, like Heparin, if a graft appears occluded 8 or possibly has an occlusion?" 9 THE WITNESS: 100 percent, yes. Very good question. Immediately. There is no downside. 10 better safe than sorry. 11 12 THE COURT: "Can you clarify what you meant 13 when you stated that it is impossible for PT pulses to have been detected on 12/25/16, due to the 2012 14 15 fem-pop." 16 THE WITNESS: Repeat the question. 17 THE COURT: Yes. "Can you clarify what you 18 meant when you stated that it is impossible for 19 PT pulses to have been detected on 12/25/16, due to 20 the 2012 fem-pop." THE WITNESS: I'm sorry I'm having 21 repeating it. 12? Which one was the last date? 22 12/25? 12/28? 23 12/26? 24 THE COURT: I'll read it again, as it's written, and I'll state the date in not number 25

Okay? "Can you clarify what you meant when 1 terms. you stated that it is impossible for PT pulses to 2 have been detected on December 25th, 2016, due to 3 the 2012 fem-pop." 4 5 THE WITNESS: Yes. May I show? 6 THE COURT: You may. THE WITNESS: Very good question. Let's look at the facts. 8 9 (Reporter request.) 10 THE WITNESS: Okay. Very good question. Let's look at the facts. 11 12 THE COURT: So let me first interrupt, Doctor. You can't illustrate this answer from the 13 14 sheet that you already have. 15 I cannot do new ones? THE WITNESS: 16 THE COURT: Okay. I would like you to 17 return to your seat. I would like you to answer the 18 question, to the best of your ability, if you may; 19 and then, as I mentioned, counsel will have an 20 opportunity to follow-up, and they can determine how they wish to proceed in that regard. 21 22 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 23 The medical documents show that, before the 24 bypass in 2012, there are no pulses. That's what 25 the surgeon said. We looked at it. After the

bypass, he documented he was happy that, by Doppler, he was able to obtain a PT pulse, and he also document in that note that that pulse wasn't present before the bypass. So the bypass that he clearly said he had very good flow brought, allowed him to detect a Doppler, a PT pulse, a foot pulse, with the Doppler, not palpable.

The reason I said it's impossible to have the same PT pulse, on 12/25, is that the bypass is gone. There is no more bypass. It's simple. Before the bypass, he said there was no PT pulse. He did a bypass, and he got a PT pulse.

That bypass in December 25 is gone. And the reason we know it's gone, No. 1, the study show that it's occluded, and we also know he lost his leg three days after. So if the bypass is gone, it's very simple that there was no pulse because only the bypass allows him to bring the flow in there to create the same PT.

So no PT pulse or no foot pulse before the bypass in 2012. If, after the bypass, there is a foot pulse, if you take the bypass away, there is --you're not going to get that pulse in there, and that's the way it is. 100 percent, you're not going to have a palpable pulse. Impossible because he

1 never had a palpable pulse. Nowhere in any medical record it says that there is a palpable pulse. 2 3 I will actually guarantee you, which we can look in the records, the surgeon says before the 4 bypass, he had no pulses at all. But even in 2012, 5 he had no pulses, mean no palpable pulses, no pulses 6 by Doppler. After a bypass, only by Doppler, for 8 some time. And when the graft goes bad, that 9 Doppler pulse is gone because only the --10 If I can show -- can I show the old 11 picture? 12 THE COURT: That's fine. Just remember the 13 reporter needs to hear you. THE WITNESS: I'm sorry? I didn't hear you. 14 15 THE COURT: Just remember the reporter 16 needs to hear you. 17 THE WITNESS: This bypass is what brings 18 the blood down to the foot pulses where the PT is. 19 Surgeon says, before he did this, there was nothing 20 here. After he did this, he said he had a PT pulse 21 by Doppler. All what you need to do, if you take 22 this away, this is gone, (indicating). There is no 23 pulse in here by Doppler, and that's what I mean. 24 That's why it was impossible. 25 THE COURT: Okay. One additional question:

"On February 8, 2016, Dr. Wiencek state the showed 1 good pulses on both lower extremities. Was this 2 only by Doppler?" 3 If that's what you were just talking about, 4 or can you clarify? 5 THE WITNESS: Very good question, and I 6 actually looked in the records. 7 8 THE COURT: There's a reference, by the 9 way, to Exhibit 109, page 36. 10 THE WITNESS: I've looked at this. Can we put back the letter? 11 12 Surgeons are happy to say "Very good 13 pulses. By Doppler, we can see there are still good 14 pulses, better than no pulses. In his notes --15 actually, the two notes that he's talking, he just 16 said "very good pulses." He didn't say "palpable," 17 but he didn't say "by Doppler" either. 18 In the letter -- first of all, in the O.R., 19 he's describing Doppler. In the letter, he's 20 describing "very good pulses by Doppler." Nowhere 21 he's saying "palpable pulses." The word "palpable" is not being used. 22 23 So now what I look at, more likely than not, when the bypass, I know that he never said 24 25 "palpable." Usually, it's not enough load to create

1 bounding pulses the way you take your pulse here. That's palpable. He's talking about --2 That was good before. Bring it back. 3 MR. ARNTZ: Oh, you want that letter? 4 THE WITNESS: Yeah. 5 MR. ARNTZ: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you 6 wanted the February letter. 7 8 THE WITNESS: No. "He has excellent pulses in the foot 9 currently by Doppler." In the note, he said, "very 10 good pulses." He didn't say "Doppler"; he didn't 11 12 say "palpable." So, to me, seems that more likely 13 than not, more often than not, he's talking about 14 pulses, and he adds the word "Doppler." 15 I can tell you that there were no palpable 16 pulses based on the fact that there was no blood 17 coming on the 25th. This was gone. This is gone. 18 There is no, nothing here. Three days after, he 19 losses his leg. People who has palpable pulses don't lose leg three days. It just doesn't happen. 20 21 They don't go home and lose their legs. 22 THE COURT: I'll start with Mr. Arntz. 23 Do you have any followup questions to the jurors' questions? 24 25 / / /

#### FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. ARNTZ:

- Q. Why do you keep grabbing a pen whenever you're talking about a Doppler?
- A. That's how a Doppler probe looks, just like this. There's a transducer in here, and it's got a wire, and it goes to a speaker. And when you do an arterial duplex study, you actually have a screen. You see the flow. It's red and blue, coming towards you and going away from you, and you look.

when the basic one, it just says (witness makes sound). So you actually going to move it around until you find where the flow is, if there is a flow. And when you hear only (witness makes different sound), those are not good pulses by Doppler. Systole and diastole, that's a good pulse by Doppler.

- Q. In a person who has a blocked graft, like Mr. Moore, but has collateral source of blood, will that person have a detectable pulse, by any means, Doppler or otherwise?
- A. Definitely impossible to have a palpable pulse. The collateral will not give you that.

  Highly unlikely, because the collaterals are very low here. The collaterals can be here (indicating).

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Highly unlikely that you will have a Doppler pulse
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     opening, he made an analogy --
              MR. McBRIDE: Well, again, this goes beyond
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     the question, Your Honor.
              MR. ARNTZ: No, it doesn't.
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              MR. McBRIDE: It does. We're talking
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     about --
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              THE COURT: Can you make a proffer what
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     Mr. Arntz, before you ask the --
              MR. ARNTZ: The discussion about
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              MR. McBRIDE: That wasn't the question that
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              THE COURT: There was a question with
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regard to collaterals. I'll allow it.

BY MR. ARNTZ:

- Q. He made an analogy to being on a freeway and the freeway coming to a stop and having to get off the freeway and you go around to get to where you're going. Is that a good analogy for collaterals, that it's just merely bypassing and finding another route to the foot? Tell the jury how collaterals work.
- A. When you have blockages and stenosis, so total blockage and stenosis, just like traffic, the cars tend to go different areas to get down. A lot of time, you're unsuccessful. Like you drive, and there is a cul-de-sac or there are blockages or you can't get that street or it's a one way. That's exactly what happened here.

THE COURT: And, Doctor, I don't mean to interrupt you, but I do want to make sure you put this follow-up question in the context of the question you were asked. The question you were asked was: "Will or can blood flow from collaterals demonstrate a pulse in the foot?"

I believe your answer was no.

THE WITNESS: No. Not in Mr. Moore case.

THE COURT: So can you answer this question in relation to that question. I know the question

from counsel was very broad. But I don't know that we need that broad of a response.

#### BY MR. ARNTZ:

Q. Yeah, let me narrow it a little bit.

Mainly, what I want to do is I want to take this opportunity, since the question has to do with collaterals, to educate the jury on exactly what it means to have a collateral source of blood flow so they can understand the context of that question.

A. If you have a good source of blood up here (indicating) and it goes here, from the groin, where the femoral artery goes to your foot, which is here, and you have a blockage right in here, the blood tends to avoid this area and then create what's called "collaterals." You see them on the angiogram. Goes around, and then it's called "reconstitutes," and go down here.

That's not the case. He never had a source of blood because the graft was gone, and nothing was coming from above. So you don't have enough collaterals to create enough blood flow and the pulse, definitely not a palpable pulse. The leg died. There was not enough blood in there because there is nothing to create what's called an "inflow." "Inflow and outflow."

There was no inflow in this patient. The graft is gone. Nothing is coming. The iddy-biddy tiny collaterals that I actually explained earlier with my pen here, they're not enough to carry the foot, and that's why this leg died on the 28th.

MR. ARNTZ: Nothing else.

THE COURT: Mr. McBride.

MR. McBRIDE: Sure. Thank you, Your Honor.

#### CROSS-EXAMINATION

#### BY MR. MCBRIDE:

- Q. Doctor, just a couple of follow-up questions. So you looked at that note that was just up on the screen, Dr. Simon's records, for the first time this afternoon while at the lunch break with counsel; right?
- A. I don't think so. I remembered it. I remember seeing it at some point.
- Q. Okay. And, again, I'm happy to go back through your list of documents that you reviewed that you told me about. You still have that in front of you; right?
- A. Well, I have -- the answer is I have a list of documents that I reviewed before the depo, and then I got further records after the depo, just the

way -- so it could have been one of those. I
remember the letter actually.

- Q. Okay. Doctor, you would agree with me, it's not listed there; right?
- A. It's not listed? Well, actually, I'm not sure.
  - Q. Go ahead and look for it, yeah.
  - A. I have like 50 things listed.
- Q. Sure. Just take a minute to look through it. See if you have Dr. Simon's records there.
- A. Well, I didn't write Dr. Simon's records.

  I mean, I have a lot of records here. I'm not sure

  if it's listed or not here.
  - Q. Exactly. I didn't see it, and I can represent to you that in the materials we've been provided from your office that you did review, it's not listed. And neither are the records from Nevada Pain Center. Remember I had asked you about those, where he went to, Mr. Moore went on 12/21/2016, four days before this hospitalization we're talking about? You hadn't seen those records either; right?
    - A. I think I did. I told you I don't remember. I received two links to medical records in the last few weeks, thousand and thousands of

pages.

- Q. You weren't familiar with -- when I asked you those question, Doctor, you weren't familiar with any of that information from that, is it true?
  - A. I said I don't remember.

MR. McBRIDE: Okay. And that's all the questions I have. Thank you.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

THE COURT: Mr. Weaver.

#### FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. WEAVER:

- Q. Dr. Marmureanu, I'm just going to ask you a question to see if you agree with this.
  - A. Sure.
- Q. Do you agree that this morning, in response to questions from Mr. Arntz, you said, no fewer than five times, that it is impossible that there were pulses in Mr. Moore's foot after 2012. And then after Mr. McBride showed you over and over and over and over and over in instances of the records, including Wiencek's, where pulses are documented, then after the lunch break, you came back and said, "Well, what I really meant is, okay, there are pulses, they're just not palpable."

1 Do you agree with that? we're both saying the same thing. 2 tell what I referred to, most of it, and the most 3 important part, there were no palpable pulses. 4 Impossible to have palpable pulses on 12/25. 5 other words, when the patient show up to the E.R., 6 it's absolutely impossible to have palpable pulses. 8 Q. What I'm talking about is you do agree, 9 don't you -- I'm not talking about 12/25/2016, which 10 is where you keep going to, you told this jury -over and over and over and over, at least my 11 12 notes say five times -- that after 2012, it was 13 impossible for Mr. Moore to have pulses in his foot. 14 You said that to this jury, didn't you? 15 I did say that, yes. Α. 16 MR. WEAVER: Thank you. 17 Anything further? Mr. Weaver? THE COURT: 18 That's it? 19 MR. WEAVER: Sorry, Your Honor. No more. 20 THE COURT: Okay. Dr. Marmureanu, you are 21 excused at this time. 22 Thank you very much. THE WITNESS: THE COURT: Take your paperwork, if you 23 24 would. 25 Thank you very much. THE WITNESS: Sure.

THE COURT: We're going to take a 15 minute -- we're going to take a 15 minute recess, return at 3:30, please.

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During this 15 minute recess, you're admonished not to talk or converse among yourselves or with anyone else on any subject connected with this trial or read, watch, or listen to any report of or commentary on the trial or any person connected with the trial by any medium of information including, without limitation, newspapers, television, radio, or Internet. Please don't not attempt to undertake any independent investigations. No independent research, no Internet searches of any kind. Please do not engage in any social media communications, and please do not form or express any opinion on any subject connected with the trial until the case is finally submitted to you. See you back at 3:30.

THE MARSHAL: All rise for the jury.

(Out of the presence of the jury.)

THE COURT: All right. I have a couple of records to make with regards to bench conferences, trying to do this quickly so we can get a little comfort break too.

Bench conference, first, it has not been

yet recorded. In this later part of the testimony was when Mr. Weaver began inquiring of Dr. Marmureanu about having reviewed the Deposition of Dr. Jacobs, Mr. Arntz objected, and then we had a bench conference that ensued that because the bench conference -- I'm sorry -- because the deposition was not in evidence, that there ultimately should not be able to be any inquiry about this, that it was a hearsay concern as well as, again, just that evidence not being in the record.

The response was that, of course, the flow of things with Dr. Jacobs was a later revelation closer to trial that he was not appearing, then a determination or request to perhaps use deposition, and then ultimately because of the stated objection, we already have much record of this in the case already based on the discussion about whether or not opening statements could include references to Dr. Jacobs' deposition.

This is sort of a continuance of that discussion that ultimately it was determined by the Court regarding opening statements, and it was determined again by the Court this time that, yes, the information by Dr. Jacobs or from Dr. Jacobs, to the extent that it was in fact relied on by

Dr. Marmureanu, that that could be inquired about by counsel without otherwise being in evidence.

At the bench conference, Mr. McBride mentioned in references a "Baxter vs. Eighth Judicial District Court" case, I sent a note out to my law clerk to find it, and it turns out actually it's not the "Baxter" case. It's the "Bhatia" case, B-H-A-T-I-A, that was in front of Judge Jones. It is unpublished decision, but it is within the time frame to be able to be cited and considered. And the reference that I believe you made there is what's cited in the case, which is there had been no experts who opined on certain information at the time of trial.

The quote was: "The courts repeatedly observe that once a party has given testimony through deposition or expert reports, those opinions do not belong to one party or another but rather are available for all parties to use at the time of trial." And that was the reference you were making.

The Court ultimately did rule that further inquiry regarding -- and that we asked Mr. Weaver to make sure he laid a foundation -- but that further inquiry of the doctor of his review of Dr. Jacobs' reports and whether he agreed or disagreed with

those opinions could be had, and there was. 1 Mr. Arntz, anything further you want to 2 state as far as this bench conference record? 3 4 MR. ARNTZ: No. Although I will state, for the record, that I am having to reconsider whether I 5 read Dr. Jacobs' deposition because it's been 6 referenced so much, I might as well get the context of it all in. 9 THE COURT: And that's still an option, and 10 the Court indicated earlier and certainly respects 11 your decision, one way or the other, whether or not 12 you wish to do that; and whether or not it's the 13 whole depo or whether or not you have experts, as 14 long as the parties communicate about that and 15 whether they can agree or not on what to read, if 16 there's some dispute, the Court has a reasonable 17 opportunity to resolve that dispute, that's still 18 your choice. 19 But anything further to that bench 20 conference, Mr. McBride? 21 MR. McBRIDE: No. Your Honor. 22 THE COURT: Mr. Weaver. 23 MR. WEAVER: No, Your Honor. 24 THE COURT: Okay. The second bench 25 conference arose when Mr. Weaver was inquiring of

Dr. Marmureanu about reports that would indicate or question his abilities as a surgeon or his rankings related to his practice. I'll sort of, for just purposes of discussion, give it the title of, you know, "bad press," so to speak.

And he was denying these things, and Mr. Weaver was referencing them. Then Mr. Arntz objected at some point during that inquiry, and when we came to the bench conference, the argument was that Mr. Weaver was not actually confronting the witness with these reports, that he would be required to do so, and that it would not be appropriate; it was not an appropriate line of questioning.

The Court disagreed, respectfully, with that assessment, that when there was testimony obviously by the doctor regarding his qualifications and this information called into question that testimony, that the proper impeachment is to ask certain things -- obviously, you have to have your ethical obligations fulfilled that you have a good faith belief to ask the question and that ultimately there was no reason to believe otherwise -- certainly Mr. Weaver was able to do so without actually requiring confrontation with documentation,

to this Court's opinion, would be akin to impeachment 1 with extrinsic evidence; and that is something that 2 is not allowed, other than in certain circumstances, 3 really more things that go towards credibility of 4 testimony, that's not what this would have been. 5 So the Court indicated that, although the 6 plaintiffs' counsel may wish to challenge if 8 Mr. Weaver was misrepresenting any such reports and 9 could potentially do so on redirect, that it was not 10 required of Mr. Weaver to confront the witness with actual reports. Although, I do think it was fair 11 12 for Mr. Arntz to ask to be given a reference to or 13 copy of or citation to what reports he was referring 14 to: and I believe Mr. Weaver agreed, when he left 15 the bench, to do so. He indicated it was all online 16 and there was a website that could be given. 17 again, that inquiry continued. 18 Mr. Arntz, do you have anything you want to 19 add to this bench conference? MR. ARNTZ: No, Your Honor. 20 21 Mr. McBride? THE COURT: 22 Nothing, Your Honor. MR. MCBRIDE: Mr. Weaver, this was more your 23 THE COURT: inquiry. 24 25 MR. WEAVER: No. Your Honor.

1	THE COURT: No. All right. Thank you. We	
2	get a little more time. Just whenever you all are	
3	ready, come on back, but I'd like to aim for 3:30.	
4	I guess I should ask scheduling question now too	
5	while we're at it. Who's the second witness	
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7	MR. ARNTZ: Dr. Fish.	
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6	I, Dana J. Tavaglione, RPR, CCR 841, do	
7	hereby certify that I reported the foregoing	
8	proceedings; that the same is true and correct as	
9	reflected by my original machine shorthand notes	
10	taken at said time and place, and prepared in daily	
11	copy, before the Hon. Kathleen E. Delaney,	
12	District Court Judge, presiding.	
13	Dated at Las Vegas, Nevada, this 27th day	
14	of February 2020.	
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16	/s/Dana I Tayagliono	
17	/S/Dana J. Tavaglione	
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# EXHIBIT 2

### DECLARATION OF E. BREEN ARNTZ, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' REPLY TO DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS DARELL L. MOORE AND CHARLENE A. MOORE'S MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL

- I, E. BREEN ARNTZ, pursuant to NRS 53.045, declare under penalty of perjury, that the following assertions are true of her own personal knowledge:
- I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada, County of Clark, was lead counsel in the trial that took place in the above captioned matter and have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein.
- 2. On Friday January 31, 2020, I called an expert to testify by the name of Alexander Marmureanu, a cardiovascular surgeon from Los Angeles, California. In the direct testimony of Dr. Marmureanu I did no more than a customary and appropriate examination to establish his qualifications to testify in the present case.
- 3. During cross examination of Dr. Marmureanu, Mr. Weaver, counsel for Nurse Practitioner Bartmus, entered into a discussion with Dr. Marmureanu regarding an article that had never been produced during the discovery in the case as required by NRCP 16.1, which was introduced for the purpose of impeaching the reputation of Dr. Marmureanu in violation of NRS Section 50.085 prohibiting the admission of reputation evidence. NRS Section 50.0875(2) states: Evidence of the reputation of a witness for truthfulness or untruthfulness is inadmissible.
- 4. A conference at the bench was requested by this court at which time I made four objections. First, I objected that this is impeachment evidence that was not produced during discovery. This court indicated that counsel was not required to produce impeachment evidence, even though NRCP 16.1 specifically requires production of impeachment evidence. Second, I objected to foundation of for the impeachment evidence. The article, which discusses a study regarding the death rate of patients within the first thirty (30) days following cardiac bypass surgery could not be scrutinized for foundation because it had never been produced. It couldn't vetted or prepared for redirect because it wasn't produced until after the witness had left to go back to Los Angeles. Third, I objected that it was not the type of evidence that is appropriate for impeachment because it was evidence designed to impeachment his reputation. Although I did not specifically

cite to NRS 50.085 prohibiting the admission of reputation evidence for any purpose, I did object based on it not being the type of evidence that was appropriate for impeachment. Lastly, I objected based on relevance.

- 5. All of these objections are appropriate given the nature of the evidence and this court should have sustained my objections. The article had not been produced during the course of discovery, counsel did fail to establish foundation for the article as relevant to the case and it clearly wasn't the type of evidence that is appropriate for impeachment and was therefore irrelevant.
- 6. Following the conference at the bench the court's ruling was that he could question him about the article and imposed an obligation to act in good, fairly represent9ing the content of the article. Mr. Weaver did not act in good faith, intentionally misrepresenting the content of article. Having refused to produce a copy of the article at the time of examination, it was not discovered until after the fact that Mr. Weaver misrepresented the content of the article.

FURTHER DECLARANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

E. BREEN ARNTZ, ESQ.

## **EXHIBIT 3**

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10	MOORE, individually and as husband and wife;		
11	Plaintiffs,	DEPT. NO.: Dept. 26	
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13	v. DIGNITY HEALTH d/b/a ST. ROSE		
14	DOMINICAN HOSPITAL – SAN MARTIN		
15	CAMPUS; JASON LASRY, M.D., individually; FREMONT EMERGENCY SERVICES (MANDAVIA), LTD.; TERRY		
16	BARTMUS, RN, APRN; and DOES I through X, inclusive; and ROE CORPORATIONS I		
17	through V, inclusive;		
18	Defendants.		
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20	PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SUPPLEME	ENTAL INITIAL DISCLOSURES	
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22	COMES NOW, Plaintiffs DARELL L. MO	OORE and CHARLENE A. MOORE (hereinafter	
23	referred to as "Plaintiffs"), by and through their att	orneys of record, MATTHEW W. HOFFMANN,	
24	ESQ. of the law firm of ATKINSON WATKINS & HOFFMANN, LLP, and hereby submits their		
25	following first supplemental list of witnesses and documents pursuant to NRCP 16.1. (new		
26	information in bold)		
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I. 1 LIST OF WITNESSES 2 3 1. Darell L. Moore c/o Matthew W. Hoffmann, Esq. 4 Atkinson Watkins & Hoffmann, LLP 10789 W. Twain Avenue, Suite 100 5 Las Vegas, NV 89135 6 Mr. Moore is expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances giving rise to the 7 allegations contained in the Complaint. 8 9 2. Charlene A. Moore 10 c/o Matthew W. Hoffmann, Esq. Atkinson Watkins & Hoffmann, LLP 11 10789 W. Twain Avenue, Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV 89135 12 13 Mrs. Moore is expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances giving rise to the 14 allegations contained in the Complaint. 15 **3. Christopher Owen Moore** 16 c/o Matthew W. Hoffmann, Esq. Atkinson Watkins & Hoffmann, LLP 17 10789 W. Twain Avenue, Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV 89135 18 19 Mr. Moore is expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances giving rise to the 20 allegations contained in the Complaint. 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 - 2 -

	4. Dignity Health dba St. Rose Dominican Hospital	
1	San Martin Campus	
2	c/o Sarah S. Silverman, Esq. Hall Prangle & Schoonveld, LLC	
3	1160 North Town Center Drive, Suite 200 Las Vegas, NV 89144	
4	245 ( 6545, 1 ( 6511 )	
5	Person(s) Most Knowledgeable for Dignity Health dba St. Rose Dominican Hospital – San	
6	Martin Capus is expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances giving rise to the allegations	
7	contained in the Complaint.	
8	5. Fremont Emergency Services, Ltd. (Mandavia)	
9	c/o Keith A. Weaver, Esq. Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLp	
10	6385 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 600	
11	Las Vegas, NV 89118	
12	Person(s) Most Knowledgeable for Fremont Emergency Services, Ltd. (Mandavia) is	
13	expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances giving rise to the allegations contained in the	
14	Complaint.	
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16	6. Terry Bartmus, A.P.R.N. c/o Keith A. Weaver, Esq.	
17	Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLp	
18	6385 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 600 Las Vegas, NV 89118	
19	Ms. Bartmus is expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances giving rise to the	
20	allegations contained in the Complaint.	
21	7. Jason Lasry, M.D.	
22	c/o Robert C. McBride, Esq. Chelsea R. Hueth, Esq.	
23	Carroll, Kelly, Trotter, Franzen, McBride & Peabody	
24	8329 W. Sunset Road, Suite 260 Las Vegas, NV 89113	
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26	Mr. Lasry is expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances giving rise to the	
27	allegations contained in the Complaint.	
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8. Custodian of Records and/or
Person Most Knowledgeable
St. Rose Dominican Hospital – San Martin Campus
Stan T. Liu, M.D.
8280 West Warm Springs Road
Las Vegas, NV 89113

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from St. Rose Dominican Hospital – San Martin Campus and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

9. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Fremont Emergency Services Jason Lasry, M.D. Logan Cole Sondrup, M.D. P.O. Box 638972 Cincinnati, OH 45263

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment at Fremont Emergency Services and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

 Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Radiology Associates of Nevada P.O. Box 30077 Dept. 305 Salt Lake City, UT 84130

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Radiology Associates of Nevada and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to

1	Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician,
2	including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.
3	11. Custodian of Records and/or
4	Person Most Knowledgeable Desert Radiologists
5	Ashok Gupta, M.D.
6	Charles Hales, M.D. P.O. Box 3057
7	Indianapolis, IN 46206
8	These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment at Desert
9	Radiologists and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical
10	care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual
11	physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert
12	opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.
13	12. Custodian of Records and/or
14	Person Most Knowledgeable Shadow Emergency Physicians, PLLC
15	Oscar Rago, M.D. P.O. Box 13917
16	Philadelphia, PA 19101
17	These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment at Shadow
18	Emergency Physicians, PLLC and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances
19	surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to
20	Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician,
21	including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.
22	13. Custodian of Records and/or
23	Person Most Knowledgeable Advanced Prosthetics and Orthotics
24	Holman Chan, M.D. 1505 Wigwam Parkway, Suite 340
25	Henderson, NV 89074
26	These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from
27	Advanced Prosthetics and Orthotics and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances
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14. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Spring Valley Hospital Irfana Razzaq, M.D.
5400 S. Rainbow Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89118

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Advanced Prosthetics and Orthotics and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

15. Custodian of Records and/or
Person Most Knowledgeable
R. Scott Jacobs, M.D. FAAEM
c/o Atkinson Watkins & Hoffmann, LLP
1669 Torrance Street
San Diego, CA 92103

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Scott Greaves, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

16. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Scott Greaves, M.D.
2120 Golden Hill Road, Suite 102 Paso Robles, CA 93446

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Scott Greaves, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff.

The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses. These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from

Johnathan Riegler, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from James Hayes, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Irwin B. Simon, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances

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22. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Robert Wiencek, M.D. St. Rose Sienna 7190 S. Cimarron Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Robert Wiencek, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

23. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Noel L. Shaw, D.C. 1101 North Wilmot Road, Suite 229 Tuscon, AZ 85712

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Noel L. Shaw, D.C. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

24. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Sang Tran, M.D. Procare Medical Center 6870 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 106 Las Vegas, NV 89118

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Sang Tran, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff.

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The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

25. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Patrick Frank, M.D. St. Rose San Martin 8280 W. Warm Springs Road Las Vegas, NV 89113

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Patrick Frank, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

26. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Paul Wiesner and Associates 5495 S. Rainbow Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89118

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Paul Wiesner and Associates and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

27. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable John Oh, M.D. 8551 W. Lake Mead Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89128

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from John Oh, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The

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33. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable John Henner, M.D. St. Rose San Martin 8280 W. Warm Springs Road Las Vegas, NV 89113

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from John Henner, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

34. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Charles McPherson, M.D. St. Rose San Martin 8280 W. Warm Springs Road Las Vegas, NV 89113

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Charles McPherson, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

35. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Salvador Borromeo III, M.D. St. Rose San Martin 8280 W. Warm Springs Road Las Vegas, NV 89113

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Salvador Borromeo III, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances

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38. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Ida Washington, M.D. 1000 S. Rainbow Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89145

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Ida Washington, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical expenses.

**39.** Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Nauman Tahir, M.D. 500 S. Rancho Drive, Suite 12

Las Vegas, NV 89106 These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from Nauman Tahir, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances

to Plaintiff. The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating

surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided

physician, including their expert opinions as to causation, care, and reasonableness of medical

expenses.

40. Custodian of Records and/or Person Most Knowledgeable Karvn Harries, M.D. 5320 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 150 Las Vegas, NV 89118

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Karyn Harries, M.D. and are expected to testify as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the medical care, treatment, and/or billing for said care and treatment provided

These witnesses are expected to testify regarding Plaintiff's medical treatment from

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1	to Plaintiff.	The individual physicians disclosed will testify in their capacity as a treating
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3	expenses.	
4	1.	Plaintiff reserves the right to call any other witness identified throughout the course
5	of litigation b	by any party and/or witness, whether by deposition testimony, discovery responses or
6	NRCP 16.1 a	nd NRCP 26.
7	2.	Plaintiff reserves the right to identify rebuttal and impeachment witnesses,
8	consistent wi	th the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure.
9	3.	Plaintiff reserves the right to identify expert witnesses as deemed necessary.
10	4.	Plaintiff reserves the right to supplement this witness list as discovery continues.
11		II.
12		PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
13	1.	St. Rose Dominican Hospital – San Martin Campus' Billing and Medical Records
14	(PLF000001	– PLF001500);
15	2.	Fremont Emergency Services Billing Records (PLF001501);
16	3.	Radiology Associates of Nevada's Billing (PLF001502 – PLF001511);
17	4.	Desert Radiologists' Billing Records (PLF001512);
18	5.	Shadow Emergency Physicians, PLLC's Billing Records (PLF001513);
19	6.	Advanced Prosthetics and Orthotics' Billing and Medical Records (PLF001514 -
20	PLF001531);	
21	7.	Plaintiff DARELL L. MOORE'S HIPAA Authorizations for Defendant Dignity
22	Health dba S	t. Rose Dominican Hospital – San Martin (HALL PRANGLE & SCHOONVELD,
23	LLC) (PLF00	01532 – PLF001545);
24	8.	Plaintiff DARELL L. MOORE'S HIPAA Authorizations for Defendant Fremont
25	Emergency S	ervices and Terry Bartmus, APRN (LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP)
26	(PLF001546-	PLF001559);
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1	19.	Plaintiff reserves the right to su	applement this document li	st as discovery continues.
2			III.	
3		<u>COMPUTATI</u>	ON OF DAMAGES	
4	1.	Medical Expenses to Date:		
5		a. St. Rose Dominican Ho	spital San Martin	\$ 162,928.04
6		b. Fremont Emergency Se	rvices	\$ 2,442.00
7		c. Desert Radiologists		\$ 517.00
8		d. Shadow Emergency Physical Shadow Physical Phy	ysicians	\$ 1,877.00
9		e. Advanced Prosthetics a	nd Orthotics	\$ 15,068.62
10		f. Spring Valley Hospital		\$ 41,159.00
11		TOTAL:		\$223,991.66
12	2.	Future Medical Expenses	ר	ГВО
13	3.	Past Loss of Household Service	es	TBD
14	4.	Future Loss of Household Serv	ices	TBD
15	5.	Pain and Suffering		TBD
16	Plaint	iff reserves all rights to seek other	er damages including, but r	not limited to, general and
17	exemplary da	amages, in an amount to be prove	n at trial.	
18	DATI	ED this 16 <sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.		
19		A	ATKINSON WATKINS &	HOFFMANN, LLP
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21		<u> </u>	/s/ Matthew W. Hoffmann, MATTHEW W. HOFFMA	
22		N	Nevada Bar No. 9061	
23		I	0789 W. Twain Ave., Suit Las Vegas, NV 89135	e 100
24		A	Attorneys for Plaintiff	
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1	<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>
2	I hereby certify that I am an employee of Atkinson Watkins & Hoffmann, LLP and that on
3	the 16 <sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018, I caused to be served via Wiznet, the Court's mandatory efiling/eservice
4	system, a true and correct copy of the document described herein.
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6	Document Served: PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INITIAL DISCLOSURES PURSUANT TO NRCP 16.1
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8	Person(s) Served:
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25	Attorneys for Defendants Fremont Emergency Services (Mandavia), Ltd. and
26	Terry Bartmus, A.P.R.N.
27	/s/ Jennifer Lopez An Employee of Atkinson Watkins & Hoffmann LLP
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Pursuant to EDCR 5.508, Defendant Terry Bartmus, A.P.R.N. ("Defendant") submits this supplemental opposition to Plaintiffs Darell L. Moore and Charlene A. Moore's Motion for a New Trial. Las Vegas Rental & Repair v. V., 2016 Nev. Dist. LEXIS 1401, \*8 (supplemental opposition allowed where moving party raised new argument in reply). This supplemental opposition is based on the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for New Trial, the Declaration of Keith A. Weaver, Esq., the Declaration of Alissa N. Bestick, Esq. and all pleadings, evidence and other matters that may be presented prior to or at the hearing.

DATED this 4th day of June, 2020

LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP

By /s/ Alissa Bestick

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## DECLARATION OF KEITH WEAVER IN SUPPORT OF SUPPLEMENTAL OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL

I, KEITH WEAVER, declare and state:

- 1. I am over the age of eighteen, am competent to testify, and make this declaration based on personal knowledge. I am a partner at LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP and am one of the attorneys representing Defendant Terry Bartmus, in the instant case, *Moore v. Lasry, et al.*
- 2. I was present for the bench conference that took place on January 31, 2020 related to cross-examination of Plaintiffs' expert, Alexander Marmureanu, M.D.
- 3. My recollection of the bench conference is consistent with the Court's summary of the bench conference.
  - 4. I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 4th day of June, 2020.

/s/ Keith Weaver KEITH WEAVER

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# DECLARATION OF ALISSA BESTICK IN SUPPORT OF SUPPLEMENTAL OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL

I, ALISSA BESTICK, declare and state:

- 1. I am over the age of eighteen, am competent to testify, and make this declaration based on personal knowledge. I am an associate at LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP and am one of the attorneys representing Defendant Terry Bartmus, in the instant case, *Moore v. Lasry, et al.*
- 2. I was present for the bench conference that took place on January 31, 2020 related to cross-examination of Plaintiffs' expert, Alexander Marmureanu, M.D.
- 3. My recollection of the bench conference is consistent with the Court's summary of the bench conference.
  - 4. I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

/s/ Alissa Bestick ALISSA BESTICK

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## MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### INTRODUCTION

Neither new evidence nor new arguments are allowed on reply. Yet, Plaintiffs' reply brief purposefully violates this fundamental rule by contending for the very first time that the record of the bench conference discussion was incomplete and providing a declaration by Plaintiffs' counsel purportedly describing that discussion. (Plaintiffs' Reply, pp. 3-4.) However, there is no explanation or excuse as to why this evidence was not included in support of Plaintiffs' moving papers. (Plaintiffs' Reply, Exh. 2, Declaration of E. Breen Arntz.) Likewise, there is no explanation or excuse as to why Plaintiffs' counsel did not inform the court during trial that the record of the bench conference was incomplete. (Plaintiffs' Reply, Exh. 2.) This evidence is now too little too late to save Plaintiffs from waiving their evidentiary objections and should not be considered by the court as it is prejudices Defendants' ability to oppose the Motion for New Trial.

#### II. ARGUMENT

Α. The New Facts and Argument Impermissibly Raised for the First Time in Reply Should be Disregarded.

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Shortly after the bench conference regarding Dr. Marmureanu's 'bad press' occurred, the court memorialized the parties' discussion of Plaintiffs' evidentiary objections. Following this recap on the record, the court specifically asked if Plaintiffs' counsel had anything he wanted to add to the bench conference. His response was, "No, your Honor." (Plaintiffs' Reply, Exh. 1 at 66:18-20.)

Plaintiffs' counsel now claims for the very first time that the record of the bench conference is incomplete. (Plaintiffs' Reply, Exh. 2.) Despite having every opportunity to supplement the record during trial to ensure Plaintiffs' objections were preserved, Plaintiffs' counsel now submits a declaration with additional facts 5 months later and in support of the reply, rather than moving papers. This new evidence violates the principles of fundamental fairness and rules governing law and motion practice. Tenth District, Local 4817-9302-5471.1

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Rule, 3.10(b); N.R.A.P. 28(c). It also strains credulity and does not warrant reversal of the jury's verdict.

It is well established—and undisputed—that the moving party may not raise new facts or arguments for the first time in reply. San Diego Watercrafts, Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank, 102 Cal. App. 4th 308, 312 (2002). Doing so prejudices the responsive party and gives the moving party an impermissible 'second bite of the apple.' This principle holds true at both the district court and appellate level. See Tenth District, Local Rule, 3.10(b); N.R.A.P. 28(c); Weaver v. State, Dep't of Motor Vehicles, 121 Nev. 494, 502, (2005) (arguments raised for the first time in an appellant's reply brief need not be considered); Francis v. Wynn Las Vegas, 127 Nev. 657, 671 n.7 (2011) (argument raised for the first time in reply brief deprived respondent of fair opportunity to respond). Indeed, the Tenth District has gone so far as to provide in its local rules that:

The purpose of a reply is to rebut facts, law, or argument raised in the opposition, Parties will not file a reply that simply repeats facts, law or argument contained in the motion, <u>or to provide facts or law that should have been but were not included in the motion</u>. The court <u>need not consider arguments raised for the first time</u> in the reply brief.

(Local Rule, 3.10(b) Content, emphasis added.) In *San Diego Watercrafts, Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank*, 102 Cal. App. 4th 308 (2002), the landlord submitted a supplemental declaration with its reply papers in support of a motion for summary judgment. *Id.* at 312. The supplemental declaration contained new facts to rebut the assignee's evidence filed in opposition. Over the assignee's objection, the trial court considered the supplemental declaration when ruling on the motion. On appeal, the court agreed with the assignee's objection and held the trial court erred by considering the supplemental declaration. *Id.* at 313.

While *San Diego Watercrafts, Inc.* involves the summary judgment procedure, the principles of fairness and due process that court considered are implicated here. The court noted the supplemental declaration was not only omitted from the separate statement, but it was not filed until *after* the assignee responded to the issues that were 4817-9302-5471.1

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raised in the separate statement and moving papers. San Diego Watercrafts, Inc., supra, at 316. By considering this evidence, the trial court violated the assignee's due process rights because the assignee was not informed of the issues it had to meet to oppose the motion. Id. The court elaborated that "[w]here a remedy as drastic as summary judgment is involved, due process requires a party be fully advised of the issues to be addressed and be given adequate notice of what facts it must rebut in order to prevail." Id.

A new trial, after a jury has rendered its verdict following a 13 day trial, is an even more drastic remedy. That Plaintiffs are now arguing a new trial is warranted based on evidence first submitted in their reply stands to violate Defendants' due process rights. Plaintiffs had every opportunity to contest the record of the bench conference at the time it was made and supplement it accordingly. As addressed in Plaintiffs' authority, *Preciado v. State*, 130 Nev. 40, 43 (2014), Plaintiffs also could have brought a motion to settle the record and reconstruct any purportedly unrecorded conferences. Plaintiffs moving papers cited the bench conference almost in its entirety, and attached a transcript of the conference, yet failed to contest its completeness.

As the foregoing demonstrates, there was nothing preventing Plaintiffs from raising this issue at a much earlier stage. Waiting until the eleventh hour, on reply, to contest the accuracy of the record and substance of the objections made during the bench conference constitutes pure gamesmanship. The Supplemental Declaration of Arntz, and new arguments raised in reply, should not be considered—the record speaks for itself.

Further, the declaration of Plaintiffs' counsel Breen Arntz, Esq. is clearly self-serving. While there is no Nevada authority addressing self-serving affidavits in support of a Motion for New Trial, the Nevada Supreme Court has discouraged self-serving affidavits in the summary judgment context. *See, Dennison v. Allen Group Leasing Corp.*, 110 Nev. 181, 185, 871 P.2d 288, 290 (1994) (*citing Clausen v. Lloyd*, 103 Nev. 432, 435, 743 P.2d 631, 633 (1987)).

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## New Trial.

Even if Considered, the New Argument Raised in Reply Does Not Warrant a

The district court did not err in its record of the bench conference and the jury's verdict should not be overturned on this ground. Confronted with their failure to properly object and preserve their objection for review, Plaintiffs attempt to blame the court for omitting their objection and creating an incomplete record. If the record is incomplete, which Defendant disputes, then Plaintiffs' failure to raise this issue during trial is nothing more than invited error and a harmless one at that. See also N.R.C.P. 61 ("Unless justice requires otherwise, no error in admitting or excluding evidence--or any other error by the court or a party--is ground for granting a new trial, for setting aside a verdict, or for vacating, modifying, or otherwise disturbing a judgment or order. At every stage of the proceeding, the court must disregard all errors and defects that do not affect any party's substantial rights."). In Pearson v. Pearson, 110 Nev. 293, 297 (1994), the Supreme Court considered the doctrine of invited error in the context of a custody dispute where appellant's counsel "attempt[ed] to shift the blame for his own derelictions on to the trial judge whose diligence and fairness in this matter is amply attested to in the record." The record in *Pearson* demonstrated the complained of errors were caused by counsel's "acts of commission and omission" as:

The doctrine of "invited error" embodies the principle that a party will not be heard to complain on appeal of errors which he himself induced or provoked the court or the opposite party to commit. It has been held that for the doctrine of invited error to apply it is sufficient that the party who on appeal complains of the error has contributed to it. In most cases application of the doctrine has been based on affirmative conduct inducing the action complained of, but occasionally a failure to act has been referred to.

Id. As already recounted, Plaintiffs' counsel had control over the record created at trial and could have ensured it was complete at that time. Plaintiffs may not now complain of errors that their counsel induced through the failure to act earlier and supplement the

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issues that Preciado preserved for appeal."

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Further, Plaintiffs' reliance on *Preciado v. State*, 130 Nev. 40 (2014) is misplaced

as Plaintiffs' counsel's own inaction resulted in waiver of the objections. In *Precaido*, the

district court conducted numerous unrecorded bench and in-chambers conferences

during trial only some of which were memorialized. Id. at 43. The court also denied

Preciado's motion to settle the trial record and reconstruct the unrecorded conferences.

conferences denied him his right to appeal. Although the Supreme Court agreed in part

that the district court erred by not making a record of the unrecorded conferences, the

court held this did not warrant reversal. Precaido, supra, at 43. Rather, the court's failure

to make a record of an unrecorded sidebar will warrant reversal only if the appellant

shows that the record's missing portions are so significant that their absence precludes

meaningful appellate review and the prejudicial effect of any error. Id. As the court further

noted, "[t]he district court record is sufficient to allow this court to adequately consider all

multiple bench conferences were unrecorded or, when asked, the court refused to settle

the record and reconstruct any unrecorded conferences. Second, Plaintiffs do not

demonstrate the purportedly missing portions of the record are so significant as to

preclude meaningful review of their arguments in support of a new trial. Plaintiffs' moving

papers made no mention of this issue and rested solely on the transcript as it currently

stands. If this issue was so prejudicial, it should have been raised in Plaintiffs' initial brief.

Third, Plaintiffs have not preserved this issue as a ground for new trial to begin with.

Integral to the *Precaido* court's analysis was the observation that Preciado was required

to "preserve" issues for appeal. The court cannot be criticized for not recording an

objection that may not have been properly made in the first place. Therefore, a new trial

Here, a new trial is likewise unwarranted. First, Plaintiffs do not demonstrate

On appeal, Precaido contended the court's failure to make a record of these

1 should not be granted based on the record of the bench conference regarding Dr. 2 Marmureanu's bad press. 3 III. CONCLUSION For the foregoing reasons, Defendant Terry Bartmus, A.P.R.N. respectfully 4 requests the district court either strike, or in the alternative not consider, the 5 6 Supplemental Declaration of Arntz and those new arguments raised in reply related to the 7 declaration. 8 Dated this 4th day of June, 2020 9 LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LIP 10 11 /s/ Alissa Bestick Bv 12 KEITH A. WEAVER Nevada Bar No. 10271 13 ALISSA N. BESTICK Nevada Bar No. 14979C 14 6385 S. Rainbow Boulevard, Suite 600 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 15 Attorneys for Defendant Terry Bartmus, A.P.R.Ń. 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 4817-9302-5471.1 28

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DARELL L. MOORE and CHARLENE A. MOORE, individually and as husband and wife;

Plaintiffs.

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Defendants.

CASE NO. A-17-766426-C Dept. No.: XXV

ORDER ON PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL

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The Court, having reviewed the pleadings and paper filed by the parties and hearing oral arguments relating thereto, and good cause appearing, finds as follows:

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