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Clark County, Nevada orders in this matter:

The District Court's Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Rehearing and denying 1. Defendants' Application for Judicial Relief-Motion to Compel Arbitration, entered August 14, 2020, attached hereto as Exhibit A; DATED this 14th day of September, 2020 LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP By /s/ John M. Orr S. BRENT VOGEL Nevada Bar No. 6858 JOHN M. ORR Nevada Bar No. 14251 6385 S. Rainbow Boulevard, Suite 600 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 Tel. 702.893.3383 Attorneys for Defendants 

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## **DISTRICT COURT**

# CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

CORINNE R. DILEO as Special Administrator for the ESTATE OF THOMAS DILEO; THOMAS DILEO, JR. as Statutory Heir to THOMAS DILEO; and CINDY DILEO, as Statutory Heir to THOMAS DILEO

Plaintiffs,

VS.

MAIDE, L.L.C, a Nevada limited-liability company d/b/a GENTLE SPRING CARE HOME; SOKHENA K. HUCH, an individual; MIKI N. TON, an individual; DOE INDIVIDUALS 1–10, inclusive; ROE ENTITIES 11–20, inclusive;

Defendants.

Case No.: A-19-797533-C

Dept. No.: 14

ORDER REGARDING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR REHEARING ON DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION

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Plaintiffs' Motion for Rehearing on Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration ("Motion to Reconsider") was heard by the Honorable Adriana Escobar on May 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Hunter S. Davidson, Esq., of Cogburn Law, appeared on behalf of Plaintiffs Corinne R. DiLeo, as Special Administrator for the Estate of Thomas DiLeo ("the Estate"); Thomas DiLeo, Jr., as Statutory Heir to Thomas DiLeo ("Plaintiff Thomas"); and Cindy DiLeo, as Statutory Heir to Thomas DiLeo ("Plaintiff Cindy" and, collectively with the Estate and Plaintiff Thomas, "Plaintiffs"). John M. Orr, Esq., of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, appeared on behalf of Defendants Maide, L.L.C d/b/a Gentle Spring Care Home ("Maide"), Sokhena K. Huch ("Defendant Huch"), and Miki N. Ton ("Defendant Ton" and, collectively with Maide and Defendant Huch, "Defendants").

After review and consideration of the points and authorities on file herein, and having heard oral arguments of counsel on this matter, the Court hereby finds and concludes as follows:

#### I. **BACKGROUND**

This case arises from the alleged neglect of Decedent Thomas DiLeo ("Decedent") while he was a resident of Defendants' residential facility for groups, Gentle Spring Care Home, located at 6418 Spring Meadow Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada ("Care Home"). On August 10, 2017, Decedent passed away, allegedly from Defendants' neglect and inadequate care.

On June 27, 2019, Plaintiffs filed their Complaint, asserting the following causes of action against each of the Defendants: (1) Abuse/Neglect of an Older Person; (2) Negligence; (3) Wrongful Death; and (4) Survival Action. On August 14, 2019, Defendants filed their Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint.

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# Order re: Motion for Rehearing DiLeo, et al. v. Maide, L.L.C Case No. A-19-797533-C

On September 13, 2019, Defendants filed a Motion to Compel Arbitration ("Motion to Compel Arbitration"), arguing the instant matter should be removed into binding arbitration pursuant to NRS 38.221 and an arbitration agreement purportedly entered between Decedent and Defendants on January 30, 2015 ("Arbitration Agreement").

On September 24, 2019, Plaintiffs filed their Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration wherein they argued, among other things: (1) that the Arbitration Agreement was void and unenforceable because it lacked NRS 597.995's specific authorization requirement; and (2) that Plaintiffs could not be bound to the Arbitration Agreement because they were not signatories to the Arbitration Agreement.

On January 28, 2020, Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration came before Senior Judge Charles Thompson, who held the Arbitration Agreement was binding and enforceable between the Estate and Defendants but not between Plaintiffs Thomas and Cindy and Defendants. As such, the Estate's claims against Defendants for Elder Abuse, Wrongful Death, and Survival Action were subject to binding arbitration, while Plaintiff Thomas's and Plaintiff Cindy's claims against Defendants for Wrongful Death remained stayed in District Court during the pendency of the binding arbitration.

On April 7, 2020, Judge Thompson's Order was entered. Defendants filed their Notice of Entry of Order on April 22, 2020.

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On April 21, 2020, Plaintiffs filed the underlying Motion to Reconsider. In their Motion to Reconsider and Reply in Support of Motion to Reconsider, Plaintiffs argued that Judge Thompson's decision was clearly erroneous because the Arbitration Agreement lacked the specific authorization required under NRS 597.995. In support of their position, Plaintiffs pointed to the various arbitration agreements reviewed in *Fat Hat, LLC v. DiTerlizzi*, 385 P.3d 580 (Nev. 2016), wherein the Nevada Supreme Court interpreted NRS 597.995's specific authorization requirement.

On May 5, 2020, Defendants filed their Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Reconsider wherein they argued, *inter alia*, that the Arbitration Agreement complied with NRS 597.995's specific authorization requirement as interpreted in *Fat Hat, LLC v. DiTerlizzi*, 385 P.3d 580 (Nev. 2016).

On May 26, 2020, Plaintiffs' Motion to Reconsider came on for hearing before Department 14 of the Eighth Judicial District Court, with the Honorable Adriana Escobar presiding.

# II. FINDINGS

After review and consideration of the points and authorities on file herein, and having heard oral arguments of counsel on this matter, the Court hereby finds as follows:

1. Leave for reconsideration of motions is within the Court's discretion. EDCR 2.24. The Court may reconsider its order when one of the following apply: (1) the prior ruling was clearly erroneous; (2) there is an intervening change in controlling law; (3) substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced; (4) there are other changed circumstances; or (5) manifest injustice would result were the prior ruling permitted to stand. *See Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n of S. Nevada v. Jolley, Urga, & Wirth, Ltd.*, 113 Nev. 737, 941 P.2d 489 (1997); NRCP 60.

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4 that includes an arbitration clause:

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5	[A]n agreement which includes a provision which requires a person to submit to
6	arbitration any dispute arising between the parties to the agreement must include specific authorization for the provision which indicates that the person has
7	affirmatively agreed to the provision.
8	3. Here, Judge Thompson's decision to grant, in part, Defendants' Motion to Compel
9	Arbitration was clearly erroneous because the binding arbitration provision within the Arbitration
10	Agreement lacks NRS 597.995(1)'s specific authorization requirement. Specifically, the subject
11	provision within the Arbitration Agreement did not have a separate signature block or initial
12	section for Plaintiffs to affirmatively agree to said provision. As such, the Arbitration Agreement
13	is void and unenforceable pursuant to NRS 597.995(2)
14	III. CONCLUSION
15	Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:
16	1. Plaintiffs' Motion to Reconsider is GRANTED.
17	2. The Court's prior Order regarding Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration,
18	entered on April 7, 2020, is VACATED.
19	3. Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration is DENIED IN ITS ENTIRETY.
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NRS 597.995(1) provides the clear and unambiguous requirement for an agreement

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Order re: Motion for Rehearing

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appeal:

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9. Indicate whether Respondent is represented by appointed or retained counsel on appeal:

# Respondents are represented by retained counsel on appeal.

10. Indicate whether Petitioners were granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and the date of entry of the district court order granting such leave:

# Petitioners were not granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

11. Indicate whether Respondent was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and the date of entry of the district court order granting such leave:

# Respondents were not granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

12. Indicate the date the proceedings commenced in the district court (e.g., date complaint, indictment, information, or petition was filed):

The Complaint was filed on June 27, 2020. Petitioners' Application for Judicial Review was filed on September 13, 2019.

13. Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district court, including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the district court:

This is a Wrongful Death case that stems from Thomas Dileo's residency at Gentle Spring Care Home ("Gentle Spring"). Gentle Spring is a licensed "residential home for groups" under NRS 449 et seq. Corrine Dileo, Mr. Dileo's ex-wife and power of attorney, executed an arbitration agreement on Mr. Dileo's behalf at the outset of his residency at Gentle Spring.

On or around June 24, 2017, Mr. Dileo developed a wound on his leg that became gangrenous and eventually had to be amputated. Mr. Dileo died on August 13, 2017, while admitted at Spring Valley Hospital. Plaintiffs Corrine Dileo, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Dileo, Cindy Dileo, and Thomas Dileo, Jr. allege that Gentle Spring negligently cared for and supervised Mr. Dileo, which purportedly caused him to develop

gangrene and his subsequent need for a leg amputation. Plaintiffs further allege this amputation caused or contributed to Mr. Dileo's death.

Defendants filed an Application for Judicial Relief -Motion to Compel Arbitration (the "Motion") on September 13, 2019. The Court heard this Motion on January 28, 2020. Senior Judge Hon. Charles Thompson heard Petitioners' Motion. The Court granted Petitioner's Motion with regard to the Estate's claims on January 28, 2020. The Order granting in part and denying in part Petitioners' Motion was entered on April 22, 2020. In their Opposition to Petitioners' Motion, Respondents argued that the subject arbitration agreement (the "Agreement") did not Comply with NRS 597.995, which requires arbitration agreements to contain a specific authorization. The Court found the Agreement complied with NRS 597.995. The Court, however, found that because Thomas Dileo, Jr. and Cindy Dileo (collectively the "Heirs") were not signatories to the Agreement, they could not be compelled to arbitrate their claims against Petitioners. The Court, therefore, granted Petitioners' Motion with regard to the Estate and denied it with regard to the Heirs.

Respondents' filed a Motion for Rehearing of Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration on April 21, 2020. Respondents argued in this motion that the Court incorrectly ruled the Agreement complied with NRS 597.995. Respondents' Motion for Rehearing was heard by Hon. Adriana Escobar on May 26, 2020. The Court reversed its prior Order and ruled that the Agreement did not comply with NRS 597.995 and was, therefore, unenforceable. The Court's Order granting Respondents' Motion for Rehearing and Denying Petitioners' Motion to Compel Arbitration was entered on August 14, 2020.

Petitioners now seek review of the Court's Order granting Respondents' Motion for Rehearing and denying Petitioners' Motion to Compel Arbitration.

14. Indicate whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court and, if so, the caption and Supreme Court docket number of the prior proceeding:

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1	15.	Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation:
2	No.	
3	16.	If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of
4	settlement:	
5	Yes.	
6	DATI	ED this 14 <sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020
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By /s/ Roya Rokni
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# **CASE SUMMARY** CASE No. A-19-797533-C

Corinne DiLeo, Plaintiff(s) Maide, LLC, Defendant(s)

Location: Department 14 Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Filed on: 06/27/2019

Case Number History:

Cross-Reference Case A797533

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**CASE INFORMATION** 

Case Type: Negligence - Other Negligence

06/27/2019 Open Status:

DATE **CASE ASSIGNMENT** 

**Current Case Assignment** 

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**Plaintiff** 

Defendant

**EVENTS** 

Complaint Filed By: Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R; Plaintiff DiLeo, Thomas, Jr.; Plaintiff

DiLeo, Cindy Complaint

Huch, Sokhena K

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06/27/2019	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R; Plaintiff DiLeo, Thomas, Jr.; Plaintiff DiLeo, Cindy Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
06/28/2019	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Party: Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R Summons to Miki N Ton
06/28/2019	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Party: Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R Summons - Sokhena Huch
06/28/2019	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Party: Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R Summons - MAIDE LLC d/b/a Gentle Spring Care Home
07/29/2019	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R  Affidavit of Service - MAIDE LLC
07/29/2019	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R  Affidavit of Service- Miki N. Ton
07/29/2019	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R  Affidavit of Service - Sokhena Huch
08/14/2019	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Defendant Maide, LLC; Defendant Huch, Sokhena K; Defendant Ton, Miki N Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
08/14/2019	Answer to Complaint Filed by: Defendant Maide, LLC; Defendant Huch, Sokhena K; Defendant Ton, Miki N Defendants Maide, LLC D/B/A Gentle Spring Care Home, Sokhena K. Huch, And Miki N. Ton s Answer To Plaintiffs Complaint
08/14/2019	Demand for Jury Trial  Filed By: Defendant Maide, LLC; Defendant Huch, Sokhena K; Defendant Ton, Miki N  Demand for Jury Trial
09/05/2019	Request for Exemption From Arbitration  Filed by: Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R  Petition for Exemption from Arbitration
09/13/2019	Motion to Compel Filed By: Defendant Maide, LLC Maide, L.L.C, a Nevada Limited-Liability Company d/b/a Gentle Spring Care Home; Sokhena K. Huch, an Individual; Miki N. Ton's Motion to Compel Arbitration
09/13/2019	Clerk's Notice of Hearing  Notice of Hearing

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09/19/2019	Commissioners Decision on Request for Exemption - Granted  Commissioner's Decision on Request For Exemption - GRANTED		
09/24/2019	Opposition to Motion to Compel Filed By: Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants Maide, L.L.C. d/b/a Gentle Springs Care Home's Sokhena K. Huch's, and Miki N. Ton's Motion to Compel Arbitration		
09/27/2019	Notice of Early Case Conference  Filed By: Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R  Notice of Early Case Conference		
10/10/2019	Reply in Support  Filed By: Defendant Maide, LLC  Maide LLC d/b/a Gentle Spring Care Home; Sokhena K Huch, Miki N. Ton's Reply in Support of Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration		
11/12/2019	Notice of Department Reassignment  Notice of Department Reassignment		
12/19/2019	Joint Case Conference Report  Joint Case Conference Report		
04/07/2020	Order Filed By: Defendant Maide, LLC Order on Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration		
04/21/2020	Motion to Rehear Filed By: Plaintiff DiLeo, Thomas, Jr.; Plaintiff DiLeo, Cindy Plaintiffs' Motion for Rehearing on Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration		
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04/22/2020	Clerk's Notice of Hearing  Notice of Hearing		
05/05/2020	Opposition Filed By: Defendant Maide, LLC MAIDE, LLC dba Gentle Spring Care Home and Sokhena K. Huch, and Miki N. Ton's Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Rehearing		
05/12/2020	Filing Fee Remittance Filed By: Defendant Maide, LLC Filing Fee Remittance		
05/19/2020	Reply in Support  Plaintiff's Reply in Support of Motion for Rehearing on Defendant's Motion To Compel  Arbitration		
06/12/2020	Mandatory Rule 16 Conference Order  Mandatory Rule 16 Pre-ztrial Scheduling Conference Order		

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06/25/2020	Mandatory Rule 16 Conference Order  AMENDED MANDATORY RULE 16 PRE-TRIAL SCHEDULING CONFERENCE ORDER
07/10/2020	Filing Fee Remittance Filed By: Plaintiff DiLeo, Thomas, Jr. Filing Fee Remittance
08/12/2020	Order  Filed By: Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R; Plaintiff DiLeo, Thomas, Jr.; Plaintiff DiLeo, Cindy; Plaintiff Estate of Thomas DiLeo  Order re Plaintiffs' Motion for Rehearing Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration
08/14/2020	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Defendant Maide, LLC Notice of Entry of Order
09/14/2020	Notice of Appeal Filed By: Defendant Maide, LLC Defendants' Notice of Appeal
09/14/2020	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Defendant Maide, LLC Defendants' Case Appeal Statement
	<u>HEARINGS</u>
10/17/2019	Motion to Compel (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Cory, Kenneth)  10/17/2019, 10/30/2019  Maide, L.L.C, a Nevada Limited-Liability Company d/b/a Gentle Spring Care Home; Sokhena K. Huch, an Individual; Miki N. Ton's Motion to Compel Arbitration  Continued;  Continued;  COURT RECUSED  Journal Entry Details:  Mr. Davidson advised he had no representations as to where defense counsel is. Court disclosed Cogburn's Law Firm had represented him approximately 10 years ago for several
	months. The Court STATED it does not see there is any bias. The Court will allow the parties to consider the Court's disclosure and ORDER the parties to contact the department within 10 days if they would like the Court to recuse. COURT ORDERED, Matter CONTINUED. CONTINUED TO: 11/12/19 9:00 AM CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: John Orr, Esq. (john.orr@lewisbrisbois.com). /mlt; Continued; Continued; COURT RECUSED Journal Entry Details:
	COURT ORDERED, Maide, L.L.C, a Nevada Limited-Liability Company d/b/a Gentle Spring Care Home; Sokhena K. Huch, an Individual; Miki N. Ton's Motion to Compel Arbitration CONTINUED to this Court's oral calendar for argument. CONTINUED TO: 10/30/19 9:00 AM CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order was distributed via the E-Service list. / mlt;
11/12/2019	Minute Order (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Cory, Kenneth)  Minute Order - No Hearing Held; Journal Entry Details:  Court advised plaintiff's counsel has previously represent the him and to avoid the appearance of impropriety and implied bias, this Court hereby disqualifies itself and ORDERS, this case be REASSIGNED at random.;
01/28/2020	Motion to Compel (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Thompson, Charles)  Maide, L.L.C, a Nevada Limited-Liability Company d/b/a Gentle Spring Care Home; Sokhena

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K. Huch, an Individual; Miki N. Ton's Motion to Compel Arbitration

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Granted in Part;

Journal Entry Details:

Arguments by counsel regarding whether or not the heirs of the estate should be bound to binding arbitrations. COURT ORDERED, motion is GRANTED as to the estate only, and STAYED as to the heirs.;

05/26/2020

Motion to Compel (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Plaintiffs' Motion for Rehearing on Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration

Decision Made;

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COURT ORDERED, a minute order will be issued.;

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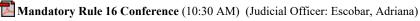
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07/29/2020



Trial Date Set;

Journal Entry Details:

Upon Court's inquiry, counsel reguested that discovery deadlines be extended. Discussion regarding settlement. COURT ORDERED, deadlines as follows: Discovery Cut Off, 8/26/21; Amend Pleadings & Add Parties, 5/28/21; Initial Disclosure, 5/28/21; Rebuttal Disclosure, 6/25/21; Dispositive Moitons, 9/24/21; Trial Ready Date, 10/18/21. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, trial and status check dates SET. 8/4/21 IN CHAMBERS STATUS CHECK: SETTLEMENT PROGRESS 10/28/21 9:30 AM CALENDAR CALL 11/15/21 9:30 AM JURY TRIAL:

08/04/2021

Status Check (3:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

Settlement Progress

10/28/2021 | Calendar Call (9:31 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)

# CASE SUMMARY CASE NO. A-19-797533-C

1/15/2021	Jury Trial (9:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Escobar, Adriana)	
DATE	FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
	Defendant Maide, LLC	
	Total Charges	307.00
	Total Payments and Credits	307.00
	Balance Due as of 9/15/2020	0.00
	Special Administrator DiLeo, Corinne R	
	Total Charges	270.00
	Total Payments and Credits	270.00
	Balance Due as of 9/15/2020	0.00
	Plaintiff DiLeo, Thomas, Jr.	
	Total Charges	30.00
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# DISTRICT COURT CIVIL COVER SHEET

Clark County, Nevada
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Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone): Corinne DiLeo; Thomas DiLeo Jr., Cindy DiLeo		Defendant(s) (name/address/phone): Maide, LLC d/ba Gentle Spring Care Hon Department Sokhena K. Huch	
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# DISTRICT COURT

# CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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Plaintiffs,

VS.

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Defendants.

Case No.: A-19-797533-C

Dept. No.: 14

ORDER REGARDING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR REHEARING ON DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION

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After review and consideration of the points and authorities on file herein, and having heard oral arguments of counsel on this matter, the Court hereby finds and concludes as follows:

#### I. **BACKGROUND**

This case arises from the alleged neglect of Decedent Thomas DiLeo ("Decedent") while he was a resident of Defendants' residential facility for groups, Gentle Spring Care Home, located at 6418 Spring Meadow Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada ("Care Home"). On August 10, 2017, Decedent passed away, allegedly from Defendants' neglect and inadequate care.

On June 27, 2019, Plaintiffs filed their Complaint, asserting the following causes of action against each of the Defendants: (1) Abuse/Neglect of an Older Person; (2) Negligence; (3) Wrongful Death; and (4) Survival Action. On August 14, 2019, Defendants filed their Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint.

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On September 24, 2019, Plaintiffs filed their Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration wherein they argued, among other things: (1) that the Arbitration Agreement was void and unenforceable because it lacked NRS 597.995's specific authorization requirement; and (2) that Plaintiffs could not be bound to the Arbitration Agreement because they were not signatories to the Arbitration Agreement.

On January 28, 2020, Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration came before Senior Judge Charles Thompson, who held the Arbitration Agreement was binding and enforceable between the Estate and Defendants but not between Plaintiffs Thomas and Cindy and Defendants. As such, the Estate's claims against Defendants for Elder Abuse, Wrongful Death, and Survival Action were subject to binding arbitration, while Plaintiff Thomas's and Plaintiff Cindy's claims against Defendants for Wrongful Death remained stayed in District Court during the pendency of the binding arbitration.

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On May 5, 2020, Defendants filed their Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Reconsider wherein they argued, inter alia, that the Arbitration Agreement complied with NRS 597.995's specific authorization requirement as interpreted in Fat Hat, LLC v. DiTerlizzi, 385 P.3d 580 (Nev. 2016).

On May 26, 2020, Plaintiffs' Motion to Reconsider came on for hearing before Department 14 of the Eighth Judicial District Court, with the Honorable Adriana Escobar presiding.

#### II. **FINDINGS**

After review and consideration of the points and authorities on file herein, and having heard oral arguments of counsel on this matter, the Court hereby finds as follows:

1. Leave for reconsideration of motions is within the Court's discretion. EDCR 2.24. The Court may reconsider its order when one of the following apply: (1) the prior ruling was clearly erroneous; (2) there is an intervening change in controlling law; (3) substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced; (4) there are other changed circumstances; or (5) manifest injustice would result were the prior ruling permitted to stand. See Masonry & Tile Contractors Ass'n of S. Nevada v. Jolley, Urga, & Wirth, Ltd., 113 Nev. 737, 941 P.2d 489 (1997); NRCP 60. ///

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11	provision within the Arbitration Agreement did not have a separate signature block or initial
12	section for Plaintiffs to affirmatively agree to said provision. As such, the Arbitration Agreement
13	is void and unenforceable pursuant to NRS 597.995(2)
14	III. CONCLUSION
15	Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:
16	1. Plaintiffs' Motion to Reconsider is GRANTED.
17	2. The Court's prior Order regarding Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration,
18	entered on April 7, 2020, is VACATED.
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Order re: Motion for Rehearing DiLeo, et al. v. Maide, L.L.C

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Order re: Motion for Rehearing

1 **CSERV** 2 DISTRICT COURT 3 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 4 5 Corinne DiLeo, Plaintiff(s) CASE NO: A-19-797533-C 6 DEPT. NO. Department 14 VS. 7 8 Maide, LLC, Defendant(s) 9 10 **AUTOMATED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 11 This automated certificate of service was generated by the Eighth Judicial District Court. The foregoing Order was served via the court's electronic eFile system to all 12 recipients registered for e-Service on the above entitled case as listed below: 13 Service Date: 8/12/2020 14 S. Vogel brent.vogel@lewisbrisbois.com 15 Johana Whitbeck johana.whitbeck@lewisbrisbois.com 16 17 John Orr john.orr@lewisbrisbois.com 18 Hunter Davidson hsd@cogburncares.com 19 File Clerk efile@cogburncares.com 20 Roya Rokni roya.rokni@lewisbrisbois.com 21 Elia Barrientos enb@cogburncares.com 22 Arielle Atkinson arielle.atkinson@lewisbrisbois.com 23 24 25 26 27

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3	the Court in the above-captioned matter on the 12 <sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, a copy of which is				
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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH IIP I hereby certify that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, a true and correct copy of **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER** was served by electronically filing with the Clerk of the Court using the Wiznet Electronic Service system and serving all parties with an email-address on record, who have agreed to receive Electronic Service in this action.

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Order re: Motion for Rehearing

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Negligence - Other Negligence

**COURT MINUTES** 

October 17, 2019

A-19-797533-C

Corinne DiLeo, Plaintiff(s)

vs.

Maide, LLC, Defendant(s)

October 17, 2019

3:00 AM

**Motion to Compel** 

**HEARD BY:** Cory, Kenneth

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 16A

**COURT CLERK:** Michele Tucker

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- COURT ORDERED, Maide, L.L.C, a Nevada Limited-Liability Company d/b/a Gentle Spring Care Home; Sokhena K. Huch, an Individual; Miki N. Ton's Motion to Compel Arbitration CONTINUED to this Court's oral calendar for argument.

CONTINUED TO: 10/30/19 9:00 AM

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PRINT DATE: 09/15/2020 Page 1 of 8 Minutes Date: October 17, 2019

Negligence - Other Negligence

**COURT MINUTES** 

October 30, 2019

A-19-797533-C

Corinne DiLeo, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

Maide, LLC, Defendant(s)

October 30, 2019

9:00 AM

**Motion to Compel** 

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**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 16A

**COURT CLERK:** Michele Tucker

**RECORDER:** Lisa Lizotte

REPORTER:

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Davidson, Hunter Shaw

Attorney

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Mr. Davidson advised he had no representations as to where defense counsel is. Court disclosed Cogburn's Law Firm had represented him approximately 10 years ago for several months. The Court STATED it does not see there is any bias. The Court will allow the parties to consider the Court's disclosure and ORDER the parties to contact the department within 10 days if they would like the Court to recuse. COURT ORDERED, Matter CONTINUED.

CONTINUED TO: 11/12/19 9:00 AM

CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: John Orr, Esq.

(john.orr@lewisbrisbois.com). /mlt

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Negligence - Othe	r Negligence	COURT MINUTES	November 12, 2019
A-19-797533-C	Corinne DiL	orinne DiLeo, Plaintiff(s)	
	vs. Maide LLC	Defendant(s)	

November 12, 2019 9:00 AM Minute Order

**HEARD BY:** Cory, Kenneth **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 16A

**COURT CLERK:** Michele Tucker

**RECORDER:** 

**REPORTER:** 

PARTIES PRESENT:

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Court advised plaintiff's counsel has previously represent the him and to avoid the appearance of impropriety and implied bias, this Court hereby disqualifies itself and ORDERS, this case be REASSIGNED at random.

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Negligence - Other Negligence

**COURT MINUTES** 

January 28, 2020

A-19-797533-C

Corinne DiLeo, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

Maide, LLC, Defendant(s)

January 28, 2020

9:30 AM

**Motion to Compel** 

**HEARD BY:** Thompson, Charles

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 14C

**COURT CLERK:** Denise Husted

**RECORDER:** Sandra Anderson

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Davidson, Hunter Shaw

Attorney

Orr, John M.

Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Arguments by counsel regarding whether or not the heirs of the estate should be bound to binding arbitrations. COURT ORDERED, motion is GRANTED as to the estate only, and STAYED as to the heirs.

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**COURT MINUTES** 

May 26, 2020

A-19-797533-C

Corinne DiLeo, Plaintiff(s)

Maide, LLC, Defendant(s)

May 26, 2020

9:30 AM

**Motion to Compel** 

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 14C

**COURT CLERK:** Denise Husted

**RECORDER:** Sandra Anderson

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT: Davidson, Hunter Shaw Attorney

Orr, John M.

Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- COURT ORDERED, a minute order will be issued.

A-19-797533-C Corinne DiLeo, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
Maide, LLC, Defendant(s)

July 28, 2020 4:33 PM Minute Order

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana **COURTROOM:** No Location

**COURT CLERK:** Cynthia Moleres

**RECORDER:** 

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Plaintiff's Motion for Rehearing on Defendant's Motion to Compel Arbitration (Motion), which Defendant opposed, came on for hearing before Department XIV of the Eighth Judicial District Court, the Honorable Adriana Escobar presiding, on May 26, 2020. After considering the moving papers and arguments of counsel, the Court enters the following order:

Leave for reconsideration of motions is within the Court's discretion. EDCR 2.24. The Court may reconsider its order when one of the following apply: 1) A clearly erroneous prior ruling; 2) an intervening change in controlling law; 3) Substantially different evidence; 4) other changed circumstances; and 5) that manifest injustice would result were the prior ruling permitted to stand. NRCP 60. Further, it is well-settled that rehearings are appropriate where substantially different evidence is subsequently introduced. Masonry & Tile Contractors v. Jolley, Urga & Wirth, 113 Nev. 737 (1997).

Here, the Court finds that Judge Thompson's January 28, 2020 decision to grant in part Defendant's Motion to Compel Arbitration which was entered on April 7, 2020 was clearly erroneous. NRS 597.995(1) provides clear and unambiguous requirements for an agreement that includes an arbitration clause:

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[A]n agreement which includes a provision which requires a person to submit to arbitration any dispute arising between the parties to the agreement must include specific authorization for the provision which indicates that the person has affirmatively agreed to the provision.

Here, the subject Arbitration Provision lacks the statutorily-mandated specific authorization. Rather, the agreement houses the clause in a document that did not have a separate signature block or initial section for Plaintiff to affirmatively agree to said provision.

Based on the foregoing, the Court GRANTS Plaintiff's Motion, VACATES its April 7, 2020 order, and DENIES Defendant's Motion to Compel Arbitration in its entirety.

Counsel for Plaintiff is directed to prepare a proposed order and must submit electronically, in both PDF version and Word version, by emailing DC14Inbox@clarkcountycourts.us.

All orders must have original signatures from all parties or an email appended as the last page(s) of the proposed order confirming that all parties approved use of their electronic signatures. The subject line of the e-mail should identify the full case number, filing code and case caption.

CLERK'S NOTE: This Minute Order was electronically served to all registered parties for Odyssey File & Serve. clm 7/28/2020

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Negligence - Other Negligence

**COURT MINUTES** 

July 29, 2020

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Corinne DiLeo, Plaintiff(s)

Maide, LLC, Defendant(s)

July 29, 2020

10:30 AM

**Mandatory Rule 16** 

Conference

**HEARD BY:** Escobar, Adriana

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 14C

**COURT CLERK:** Denise Husted

**RECORDER:** 

Sandra Anderson

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT:

Davidson, Hunter Shaw Attorney Orr, John M. Attorney

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Upon Court's inquiry, counsel reguested that discovery deadlines be extended. Discussion regarding settlement. COURT ORDERED, deadlines as follows: Discovery Cut Off, 8/26/21; Amend Pleadings & Add Parties, 5/28/21; Initial Disclosure, 5/28/21; Rebuttal Disclosure, 6/25/21; Dispositive Moitons, 9/24/21; Trial Ready Date, 10/18/21. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, trial and status check dates SET.

8/4/21 IN CHAMBERS STATUS CHECK: SETTLEMENT PROGRESS

10/28/21 9:30 AM CALENDAR CALL

11/15/21 9:30 AM JURY TRIAL

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# EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ON APPEAL TO NEVADA SUPREME COURT

S. BRENT VOGEL 6385 S. RAINBOW BLVD., SUITE 600 LAS VEGAS, NV 89118

DATE: September 15, 2020

CASE: A-19-797533-C

**RE CASE:** CORINNE R. DILEO as Special Administrator for the ESTATE OF THOMAS DILEO; THOMAS DILEO, JR., as Statutory Heir to THOMAS DILEO; CINDY DILEO, as Statutory Heir to THOMAS DILEO vs. MAIDE, L.L.C. dba GENTLE SPRING CARE HOME; SOKHENA K. HUCH; MIKI N. TON

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: September 14, 2020

YOUR APPEAL HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

#### PLEASE NOTE: DOCUMENTS **NOT** TRANSMITTED HAVE BEEN MARKED:

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	\$24 – District Court Filing Fee (Make Check Payable to the District Court)**
	<ul> <li>\$500 - Cost Bond on Appeal (Make Check Payable to the District Court)**</li> <li>NRAP 7: Bond For Costs On Appeal in Civil Cases</li> <li>Previously paid Bonds are not transferable between appeals without an order of the court.</li> </ul>
	Case Appeal Statement - NRAP 3 (a)(1), Form 2
П	Order

#### NEVADA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 3 (a) (3) states:

Notice of Entry of Order

"The district court clerk must file appellant's notice of appeal despite perceived deficiencies in the notice, including the failure to pay the district court or Supreme Court filing fee. The district court clerk shall apprise appellant of the deficiencies in writing, and shall transmit the notice of appeal to the Supreme Court in accordance with subdivision (g) of this Rule with a notation to the clerk of the Supreme Court setting forth the deficiencies. Despite any deficiencies in the notice of appeal, the clerk of the Supreme Court shall docket the appeal in accordance with Rule 12."

#### Please refer to Rule 3 for an explanation of any possible deficiencies.

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## **Certification of Copy**

State of Nevada
County of Clark

I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the hereinafter stated original document(s):

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF APPEAL; DEFENDANTS' CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; ORDER REGARDING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR REHEARING ON DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

CORINNE R. DILEO as Special Administrator for the ESTATE OF THOMAS DILEO; THOMAS DILEO, JR., as Statutory Heir to THOMAS DILEO; CINDY DILEO, as Statutory Heir to THOMAS DILEO,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

MAIDE, L.L.C. dba GENTLE SPRING CARE HOME; SOKHENA K. HUCH; MIKI N. TON,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-19-797533-C

Dept No: XIV

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 15 day of September 2020.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk