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

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ERICH M. MARTIN,

Appellant,

VS.

RAINA L. MARTIN,

Respondent.

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**Exhibit A.** Copy of letter from Ms. Wilde received on February 8.

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Via electronic service

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Re: Updated VA Compensation and child support calculation Erich Martin v. Raina Martin; Case No. D-15-509045-D Our File No. 16211-1

Dear Mr. Crane:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 1, 2021, and the three sets of written discovery that were served within minutes of the same.

Candidly, I find it difficult to understand why your client is opposed to stipulated child support in an amount greater than what she requested in her November 2020 motion. Although I certainly understand the importance of candor to the Court, the documentation from the Department of Veterans Affairs confirms that my client's statements regarding his gross income were accurate at the time. As for attorney's fees, both of clients could have saved money if child support was jointly addressed. Yet, even if motion practice were warranted by the passage of time, I still do not see how prolonged, excessive discovery and more motion practice will help with your client's expenses.

So, before I file a motion with the Court to address a voluntary increase of child support and discontinuation of discovery, I would like to again urge a rational, joint resolution of this issue. Including the raise that Erich received effective January 29, 2021, we would like to stipulate to a monthly child support obligation of \$1,529.99. I anticipate that you will be "skeptical" of Erich's raise, so, supporting documentation is attached.

Based on Erich's updated gross monthly income of \$16,249.76, the calculation is as follows:

- First \$6,000 at 16% = \$960
- \$6,000 to \$10,000 at 8% = \$320
- \$6,249.76 (above \$10,000) at 4% = \$249.99

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Richard L. Crane, Esq. February 8, 2021 Page 2

Again, because child support is a statutory matter subject to a straight-forward calculation, there is no reason for litigation. Accordingly, I remain optimistic that we can jointly resolve this issue without prolonged litigation. To this end, please let me know by the end of the day tomorrow, February 9, 2021, if you and your client are amendable to a stipulation that updates Erich's child support obligation without the need for discovery and other wasteful proceedings

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

MARQUIS AURBACH COFFING

Kathleen A. Wilde, Esq.

KAW

CC: Mr. Justin Johnson, Mr. Erich Martin. Attachments: letter from Jeff Kirtland.

### 2021 National Defense Annual Compensation Statement

January 15, 2021

Erich Martin Manager

Dear Erich,

Our total rewards strategy is designed to attract and retain high performing talent with a philosophy of setting compensation based on an individual's skills, experience, contribution, prevailing market and economic conditions, and internal equity.

As a result of the recent Annual Compensation Review, your annualized Salary will be increased to \$142,201.80 effective January 29, 2021.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kirtland Sr. Mgr.

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Re: *Martin v. Martin*, Case # D-15-509045-D

Sent via e-serve only

Dear Ms. Wilde:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 8, 2021.

Based on the continuing changing landscape of your client's claimed income and the false FDF that remains on file, you should not be surprised at all that we are moving forward with discovery. I would find it difficult to believe an attorney not pursuing the real information since that which has been provided is anything but accurate or supported.

As to your offered support, we can see how you came up with your numbers, but none of it is supported by any documentation. Before we can stipulate to a child support amount we would need to see a new FDF with all of the income supported by pay stubs or other proof of income. At a minimum, we should see a current (from this year) CRSC statement, any Retiree Account Statements (RAS) from DFAS, at least one pay stub showing the new income, and a statement from the VA showing the amount he is receiving.

Additionally, we already have the subpoena issued to the VA and they have acknowledged receipt. We want to see what that subpoena produces and will copy you with the results.

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Kathleen A. Wilde, Esq. February 8, 2021 Page 2

As a side note, the documents that you produced from the VA do not say anything of substance. They do not say what the debt was, how much was owed and whether they were withholding his VA disability as a result.

If they were withholding his VA disability to pay a debt, he was actually still receiving the benefit, it was just being consumed by his debt to the government. As such, it should have still been included on the FDF and his answer to Judge Duckworth was still false.

If you can wait until the subpoena is responded to and can get an updated FDF on file, we may be able to resolve the child support issue. If you feel you must file a *Motion* before doing those things, we will be pointing out all of the above to Judge Duckworth and will again ask for fees.

My client has not renewed her offer for a global settlement, but if you were to accept her terms from that offer, I can see if she is interested in entertaining the same.

Sincerely, WILLICK LAW GROUP

// s // Richard L. Crane, Esq. Richard L. Crane, Esq.

cc: Ms. Raina Martin

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#### **Justin Johnson**

#### Subject:

FW: [External] Martin v. Martin - Follow Up [IWOV-iManage.FID1122036]

From: Richard Crane

**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2020 3:46 PM **To:** Rachel S. Tygret < <a href="mailto:rtygret@maclaw.com">rtygret@maclaw.com</a>

Subject: RE: [External] Martin v. Martin - Follow Up [IWOV-iManage.FID1122036]

Rachel,

As a professional courtesy, I advise you to check those paystubs and compare them to the FDF that is filed. They do not match. Also, he has not included his VA Disability in his income which was included in the first FDF he filed.

So, no, he did not forge his paystubs, he just lied about his income. Simple math proves his lies.

I have nothing against you personally and I find it amazing that you take all of this personally. I am sorry that you have had your feeling hurt here. However, I have been dealing with your client since last Summer and he has proved to be a liar time and again. He has also wasted huge amounts of time and money on worthless attempts at settlement. We just won't put up with it anymore.

The Court knows what your client makes. She will review the Reply and see where he has lied about his income. You can support him right off the cliff if you want, but you can't say that I didn't warn you.

Richard

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### MLAW Child Support Calculator

### Calculation Results:

#### **Raina Martin**

Monthly Support Owed: \$0.00

Adj Support: \$0.00

Calc Support: \$0.00

Rate Brackets:

Obligees: 0

Offsets:

\$0.00 Primary Custodian

### **Erich Martin**

Monthly Support Owed: \$1,568.00

Adj Support: \$1,568.48

Calc Support: \$1,568.48

Rate Brackets:

0.16 at 6000 = 960

0.08 at 4000 = 320

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Obligees: 1

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#### DISTRICT COURT—FAMILY DIVISION

#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Erich M. Martin, Case No.: D-15-509045-D Dept. No.: C

Plaintiff,

VS.

Raina L. Martin,

Hearing Date: March 12, 2021
Hearing Time: Chambers

Defendant.

REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR VOLUNTARY INCREASE OF CHILD SUPPORT, DISCONTINUATION OF DISCOVERY, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES and OPPOSITION TO COUNTERMOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS AND RELATED RELIEF AS TO POSSIBLE RULE 11 SANCTIONS

Plaintiff Erich M. Martin, by and through his attorneys of record, Chad F. Clement, Esq. and Kathleen A. Wilde, Esq., of the law firm Marquis Aurbach Coffing, hereby files his Reply in Support of Motion for Voluntary Increase of Child Support, Discontinuation of Discovery, and Attorney's Fees and Opposition to Defendant Raina L. Martin's Countermotion for Attorney's Fees and Costs and Related Relief as to Possible Rule 11 Sanctions.

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This pleading is made and based upon the pleadings and papers on file herein, the following points and authorities, and any argument allowed by the Court at the time of hearing.

Dated this <u>24th</u> day of February, 2021.

#### MARQUIS AURBACH COFFING

By:/s/KathleenWilde

Chad F. Clement, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 12192 Kathleen A. Wilde, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 12522 10001 Park Run Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 Attorneys for Erich M. Martin

#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Erich Martin ("Erich") has a simple goal for this litigation: resolve disagreements regarding the parties' respective rights and obligations with as little expense and drama as possible.

In requesting an increase of child support, Erich volunteered information regarding his updated gross income to ensure that Nathan receives the support to which he is entitled. One would think that Raina Martin ("Raina") would appreciate Erich's efforts. Instead, Raina and/or her counsel want to punish Erich and even his counsel for their "egregious" efforts to increase child support and eliminate the costs of wasteful discovery.

A prolonged response to Raina's ugly accusations would simply fan the flames. Accordingly, Erich urges the Court to cut through the drama and stick with the straight-forward issues for which the Court's guidance is needed. Specifically, and as explained below, the Court should order increased child support based on Erich's current gross income. Discovery should be discontinued because of subsequent events which resolved the VA Disability Pay issue. Neither party should be sanctioned or punished. But, if Raina insists on a discovery dispute and/or Rule 11 dispute, reasonable fees should be awarded to Erich to compensate for wasted resources.

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#### II. **CLARIFICATION OF "FACTS."**

Raina's Opposition / Countermotion includes a variety of allegations, half-truths, and facts that have little to the controversy before the Court. Rather than following her down the proverbial rabbit hole, Erich offers the following quick points:

- Erich receives combat related special compensation ("CRSC") and disability benefits.
- Erich has long had a portion of his benefits garnished for child support.
- Despite Raina's arguments to the contrary, Erich does not owe money to the VA. See January 25, 2021, letter at page 2.
- On December 4, 2020, the Department of Veterans Affairs mailed a letter to Erich which indicated that he was ineligible to receive certain benefits and would be subject to a garnishment of previously distributed benefits.
- Based on the letter, Erich's December 11, 2020, Financial Disclosure Form listed a reduction in gross income related to a reduction in his military benefits.
- On January 25, 2021, i.e., two weeks after the January 12, 2021, hearing, the Department of Veterans Affairs sent a subsequent letter which indicated that it had made an error.
- After the hearing, Raina's counsel purportedly called the VA and requested information regarding Erich's benefits. See Opposition at page 4, lines 9-10.
- Although the VA allegedly disclosed the information that counsel requested, Raina served the Department with a comprehensive subpoena duces tecum.
- Erich did not oppose the subpoena because he understands that the errors and adjustments common to the VA appear odd to outsiders.1
- After rejecting Erich's proposal for increased child support, Raina served Erich with three sets of discovery requests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The many problems with the Department of Veterans Affairs are a topic a frequent discussion. Random discontinuations and garnishments are also common. See, e.g., https://www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2019/03/20/should-veterans-have-to-pay-for-

vas-benefits-errors/ (stating that "up to 200,000 overpayment notifications are sent out to veterans and their families each year."); see also https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/nine-major-veterans-affairsfailures (discussing 4,201 veterans who received "mistaken death notices" and other mishaps).

- Rather than embarking on a full-blown a discovery dispute, Erich proposed a complete discontinuation of discovery.
- When Erich's motion was set for chambers consideration on March 12, 2021, his counsel requested a modest extension for the discovery responses due on March 3, 2021.
- Raina and/or her counsel denied the request.<sup>2</sup>

#### III. <u>LEGAL ARGUMENT – REPLY</u>

#### A. CHILD SUPPORT SHOULD BE INCREASED TO \$1,529.99 PER MONTH.

Nearly seven pages of Raina's Opposition are dedicated to various numbers and calculations that are fenagled in an obvious attempt to create confusion. Along with these numbers, the Opposition includes colorful accusations and insults directed at both Erich and his counsel. Erich sees no need to dignify such nastiness with a response. Instead, Erich maintains – as he has for months – that child support is a straight-forward matter.

In her November 2020, Motion to Modify Child Support, Raina requested an increase to \$1,512.88 a month. In doing so, Raina noted that Erich's gross monthly salary was \$11,504 and that his military benefits were \$5,163.00 for a total of \$16,667. Notably, Raina's gross figure accounted for the child support that everyone knows is garnished from Erich's pay. Raina also acknowledged Erich's Court-ordered obligation to pay \$845.43 for indemnification.<sup>3</sup>

After the confusion with the Department of Veterans Affairs was resolved, Erich proposed that child support should be set at \$1,5299.99 per month. His updated gross monthly salary is \$11,850 and his updated military benefits are \$5,245.04 for a total of \$17,095.04. Both increases make sense. After all, military benefits are subject to an annual cost-of-living increase that typically appears in January.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Raina and/or her counsel similarly rejected a proposal that the parties could jointly move to consolidate the interrelated appeals in Supreme Court of Nevada case numbers 81810 and 82517.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> These payments are currently made to counsel's trust account.

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As Erich explained in his motion, Erich also received a raise at work following his annual review. Accordingly, by the end of January 2021,4 his gross income increased from \$16,667 to \$17,095.

In turn, \$17,095 minus the \$845.43 for indemnification equals an adjusted monthly income of \$16,249.57. Based on Erich's gross monthly income, his support obligation is calculated as follows:

- 16% of the first \$6,000 = \$960.00
- 8% of the next \$4,000 = \$320.00
- 4% of the last \$6,249.57 = \$249.99

For a total of **\$1,529.99**. See NAC 425.140(1).

Thus, despite all of the drama and confusion that Raina attempts to advance, the increased child support proposed in Erich's motion is correct.

#### B. DISCOVERY IS NO LONGER NEEDED.

During the January 12, 2021, hearing, the Court granted Raina's request for discovery regarding the "VA Disability Pay issue." Given the December 2020 notification from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the seemingly random change to Erich's benefits, the Court's decision made sense.

In the month after the hearing, the issue regarding Erich's benefits was addressed on multiple fronts. First, in response to Erich's own inquiry, the VA recognized that it made a mistake. As is typical, the VA did not see fit to explain why the mistake happened. Perhaps the letter was simply sent to the wrong veteran. Or, perhaps the VA's system had a random IT-type glitch. But, regardless of the reason, the issue was later resolved. And, upon receiving the January 2021 letter, Erich promptly submitted the documentation to Raina's counsel along with a proposal for a stipulated increase to child support.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Again, the changes in question took place after the December 2020 financial disclosure form and January 12, 2021, hearing.

Second, the VA Disability Pay issue was addressed through Mr. Crane's call to the VA. While the VA's willingness to disclose sensitive information is, itself, a matter of concern, the call should have answered Mr. Crane's questions.

Third, Raina served the VA with a comprehensive subpoena duces tecum. Mr. Crane represented that the VA acknowledged receipt of the subpoena, so, it appears that a response is forthcoming.

At this point, further discovery will do nothing to address the VA Disability Pay issue. After all, the VA is the best source of information. Raina already received the letters from December 2020 and January 2021. The VA's response is already underway. So, asking Erich for his take on what the VA did or did not do adds nothing to the discussion.

At the same time, questions and request for admissions regarding past financial disclosures, bank accounts, etc. have nothing to do with the matter presently before the Court, namely, how much should Erich pay each month for child support. Raina's rejection of the proposed stipulation and her Opposition further confirm that the discovery requests have little to do with calculating child support. Instead, the point of discovery, as she sees it, is to conduct a witch-hunt with the hope of proving that Erich "lied" or otherwise engaged in misconduct. Such efforts are improper.

Indeed, as Erich has said on many occasions, there is no legitimate reason to escalate the tensions between the parties or to waste Court resources with petty spats. Likewise, there is no legitimate reason to waste money on a discovery dispute which centers on non-issues. Both Erich and Raina have plenty of other expenses and families who certainly could put the money to better uses. So, instead of allowing the continued fishing expedition, the Court should discontinue discovery effective immediately.

#### C. NEITHER SANCTIONS NOR OTHER "PUNISHMENTS" ARE WARRANTED.

Throughout her Opposition / Countermotion, Raina makes repeated references to punishment and vindication. The Opposition also notes that Erich should apologize for creating

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10001 Park Run Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 (702) 382-0711 FAX: (702) 382-5816 "extra work." In a preview of things to come, the Opposition also suggests that Raina will be pushing for Rule 11 sanctions against Erich's counsel.

Each of these assertions is improper.

On the best of days, divorce litigation is stressful. The end of relationships, division of families, and emotionally-charged issues are inherently difficult. No one "wins" in the conventional sense, though parties certainly can make choices to ease the process. Against this backdrop, Raina's efforts to "punish" Erich make an already difficult situation worse. Indeed, while the parties should be working together – especially for the sake of their son – petty disputes senselessly make it more difficult to resolve disputes.

As Raina's request for an apology, Erich is sincerely sorry that modifying child support has turned into such a production. Like many – if not most – veterans, Erich is also sorry that the Department of Veterans Affairs is riddled with issues. But, while the questions relating to his benefits certainly made things more difficult, Erich did not "create work." In fact, Erich proposed a stipulation to reduce the work for everyone involved.

Finally, the attacks directed toward Erich's legal counsel are simply unacceptable. Rule 11 sanctions are not a tactic. Litigation is not personal, at least not for the attorneys. The Oath of Attorney in Nevada specifies that attorneys will behave in a civil, professional manner. And, in the Covid-19 era, courtesy, patience, and understanding are all the more importance. So, while it should go without saying, baseless threats of Rule 11 sanctions are simply shameful.

#### D. ERICH SHOULD BE AWARDED MODEST ATTORNEY FEES TO COMPENSATE FOR RAINA'S WASTEFUL TACTICS.

Consistent with his goal of straight-forward, low drama dispute resolution, Erich is not a fan of tit-for-tat attorney fee requests. As Erich sees it, both parties are lucky to have great jobs at a time when many Americans are struggling. The cost of legal representation is a luxury that many people cannot afford. But, in this case, both parties have the resources to pay for excellent, well-established attorneys.

Given their resources, Erich should pay for his attorney(s) and Raina should pay for hers. Erich said as much in his motion and this approach is consistent with the American Rule.

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Unfortunately – and as predicted – Raina again moved for attorney's fees. Her Opposition also foreshadowed that a request for Rule 11 type sanctions is in the pipeline. Given Raina's refusal to allow a modest extension for Erich's discovery responses, a discovery dispute is also likely in the upcoming month. In fact, Raina's Opposition even outlines how the dispute is likely to unfold. Thus, a straight-forward increase of child support seemingly paved the way for months of litigation.

At every turn, Erich's attempts to be reasonable have been rejected and met with insults and threats. So, in light of Raina's steadfast rejection of joint, amicable solutions to common problems, Erich submits that an award of fees may be warranted to compensate for the needless waste of resources.

Again, Erich would prefer collaboration to competing requests for attorneys' fees. But, given the proliferation of senseless litigation, Erich respectfully requests \$2,750.00 for the attorney's fees related to his motion and the instant pleading. See Exhibit 1 (Declaration of counsel). Erich also requests leave to file a supplemental fee request once the discovery and Rule 11 issues are resolved.

#### IV. <u>LEGAL ARGUMENT - OPPOSITION TO COUNTERMOTION</u>

Here, Raina's Countermotion argues that Raina is entitled to attorney's fees because her counsel responded to Erich's motion and because Raina essentially wants to make Erich pay. Raina does not – and cannot – demonstrate that Erich's motion was frivolous, vexatious, harassing, or otherwise improper. Instead, Raina relies on the Court's general discretion to award attorney's fees under NRS 125.150 with the implication being that the Court should grant attorney's fees because it can.

Although the Court's discretion is not in dispute, there is a big difference between "can" and "should." So, in the same way that "[a] woman is not entitled to alimony just because she has been [a man's] wife," *Fausone v. Fausone*, 75 Nev. 222, 224, 338 P.2d 68, 69 (1959), a party to a divorce case is not entitled to fees just because he or she incurred some litigation expense.

Indeed, while Raina seems to believe that any litigation is grounds for fees under NRS 18.010(2), "[w]hat matters is whether the proceedings were initiated or defended 'with improper

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motives or without reasonable grounds." In re 12067 Oakland Hills, Las Vegas, Nevada 89141, 134 Nev. 799, 804, 435 P.3d 672, 677 (Nev. Ct. App. 2018) (quoting Bobby Berosini, Ltd. v. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, 114 Nev. 1348, 1354, 971 P.2d 383, 387 (1998)). Raina's annoyance with litigation is not enough to demonstrate that the motion in question was groundless, frivolous, vexatious, or brought with the intent to harass. See Bower v. Harrah's Laughlin, Inc., 125 Nev. 470, 493, 215 P.3d 709, 726 (2009). In fact, Raina's position is all the more bizarre because she essentially argues that Erich's request for a voluntary *increase* of child support was improper and vexatious.

Thus, the Court should deny Raina's Countermotion as improper and lacking merit.

#### V. **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons and the reasons stated in Motion for Voluntary Increase of Child Support, Discontinuation of Discovery, and Attorney's Fees, Erich respectfully submits that this Court should enter an order regarding updated child support and discontinue discovery regarding the VA Disability Pay issue. In light of Raina's continuous efforts to escalate litigation and create drama, Erich also requests \$2,750 for his attorney's fees. Further, because Erich's motion was brought in good faith to address an issue of importance, the Court should deny the counter-motion in which Raina seeks, once again, to punish Erich.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2021.

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Kathleen,

I absolutely concur with this document and authorize you sign on my behalf for submission to the Court, please.

Respectfully,

Erich

On Wed, Feb 24, 2021, 1:07 PM Kathleen A. Wilde < <a href="mailto:kwilde@maclaw.com">kwilde@maclaw.com</a>> wrote:

Please find attached a copy of the reply / opposition that we are finalizing for filing. Please let me know if you have any concerns or proposed revisions.



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#### DECLARATION OF KATHLEEN A. WILDE, ESQ., **REGARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES**

**KATHLEEN A. WILDE, ESQ.**, deposes and says under penalty of perjury:

- I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice before all courts of the State of 1. Nevada and an associate with the law firm of Marquis Aurbach Coffing.
- 2. Along with Chad F. Clement, Esq. and Rachel S. Tygret, Esq., I am counsel of record for Erich M. Martin in this matter.
- 3. Although I am an associate, I am the responsible attorney and primary billing attorney for Mr. Martin.
- I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, except for those stated upon information and belief, and as to those, I believe them to be true. I am competent to testify as to the facts stated herein in a court of law and will so testify if called upon.
  - 5. My current, standard hourly rate is \$275 an hour.
- 6. I billed Mr. Martin for the following activities which relate to the Motion for Voluntary Increase of Child Support, Discontinuation of Discovery, and Attorney's Fees and opposition to Ms. Martin's Countermotion:

Activity	Hours	Monetary cost
Prepare and serve letter to Richard Crane regarding child support and EDCR 5.501 compliance.	0.4	\$110.00
Draft motion for voluntary increase of child support and to discontinue discovery.	5.5	\$1512.50
Analyze responsive letter from Richard Crane; email Mr. Martin regarding the same.	0.2	\$55.00
Revise motion to include additional details regarding discovery requests and new section on attorney fees.	1.6	\$440.00
Read and analyze Raina's opposition and countermotion for fees / Rule 11 sanctions.	0.5	\$137.50
Begin drafting reply in support of motion to increase child support, etc., and opposition to Raina's countermotion.	3.3	\$907.50

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Confer with Mr. Martin regarding reply / opposition to countermotion	0.2	\$55.00
Finish drafting reply in support of motion to increase child support, etc., and opposition to Raina's countermotion.	3.1	\$852.50
Draft declaration regarding attorney's fees	0.4	\$110.00
Confer with CFC regarding reply / opposition to countermotion.	0.2	\$0 (no charge)
Revise and finalize reply / opposition to countermotion.	0.4	\$110.00

- 7. These entries total \$4,345.00 (15.8 hours)
- 8. Although billed to Mr. Martin, I omitted entries specific to the order shortening time.
- 9. Mr. Martin's reply requests only \$2,750 for attorney's fees. The request is lower than the fees I billed because Mr. Martin remains interested in compromise.
- If the Court requires any additional information or documentation, MAC will 10. gladly submit a supplemental memorandum.

Pursuant to NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2021.

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#### CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Erich M. Martin, Case No.: D-15-509045-D Plaintiff, Dept. No.: VS. Raina L. Martin,

Defendant.

#### AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL<sup>1</sup>

Plaintiff, Erich M. Martin, by and through his attorneys of record, the law firm of Marquis Aurbach Coffing, hereby appeals to the Supreme Court of Nevada the Order from the November 3, 2020, Hearing. See Exhibit 1. Erich Martin also challenges the Order from the January 12, 2021, Hearing, filed on January 26, 2021, in which the District Court substantively upheld the Order from the November 3, 2020, Hearing. See Exhibit 2.

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25 <sup>1</sup> The initial notice of appeal listed the January 12, 2021, order which upheld and 26 confirmed the award of fees pendente lite. The original order regarding fees pendente lite from

November 3, 2020, was inadvertently omitted, though the case appeal statement correctly stated that the issue on appeal started with the November 3, 2020, order. The instant amended notice of appeal seeks to clarify and correct the omission.

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The Notices of Entry for both orders were filed on January 28, 2021, and are attached hereto as **Exhibits 3 and 4**.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2021.

#### MARQUIS AURBACH COFFING

By: /s/ Kathleen A. Wilde

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**DISTRICT COURT** FAMILY DIVISION **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 

ERICH MARTIN,

Plaintiff,

VS.

RAINA MARTIN,

Defendant.

CASE NO: DEPT. NO:

D-15-509045-D

DATE OF HEARING: 11/3/2020

TIME OF HEARING: 9:00 am

#### ORDER FROM THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020, HEARING

This matter came on for a hearing at the above date and time before the Honorable Rebecca Burton, District Court Judge, Family Division. Raina Martin, was present by video and was represented by and through her attorney, Richard L. Crane, Esq., of the WILLICK LAW GROUP, and Plaintiff, Erich Martin, was present by video and represented by and through his attorney, Kathleen A. Wilde of MARQUIS AURBACH COFFING.

The Court, having reviewed the pleadings and papers and filed herein and entertaining argument from both sides, made the following findings and orders as follows:

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#### THE COURT HEREBY FINDS:

- 1. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case, personal jurisdiction over the parties and child custody subject matter jurisdiction.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. If a Stay is to preserve the *Status Quo* then it would be not needed because Erich would still be making the monthly payments to Raina. That is the *Status Quo*, that is the Order of the Court.<sup>2</sup>
- The Decree of Divorce is the Status Quo that Erich is trying to change. The 3. Court enforced the *Decree of Divorce* and Erich has appealed the Court's enforcement.<sup>3</sup>
- The Court has reviewed NRAP 8(c) and went through the factors and the object 4. of the appeal. The Court finds that the object of the appeal for a few months might be defeated, but, the Court is not persuaded that the value of the appeal would be significantly reduced if Erich continued to make a few months of payments. In the big picture what we're looking at is the possibility of forty years or more of these payments.<sup>4</sup>
- 5. That real object of this appeal is that these payments will go on for many years.5
- Neither party is going to suffer irreparable or serious injury if the stay is denied 6. or the stay is granted.<sup>6</sup>

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7.	\$20,000 is not an unreasonable estimate as to the ber	nefits payable during the
	pendency of the appeal. <sup>7</sup>	She will -(RLB)

- 8. The consequences to Raina are greater because her income is smaller. They'll have to pay out funds to maintain her position while paying attorney's fees. She'll have to pay out funds to obtain her judgment.<sup>8</sup>
- 9. Erich can better afford to pay out funds to obtain his judgment after the fact, if we're looking to collect monies after the fact.<sup>9</sup>
- 10. Covid has really made everybody's income uncertain. There is a lot less predictability. Erich recently lost his job in March of 2020, I know Raina's income has been reduced because of her production of hours caused by Covid so, there are some collection issues there, in that regard.<sup>10</sup>
- 11. Concerning whether Erich will likely prevail, the Court would like to think it's reasoning is sound, of course, recognizing that the issue is unresolved. Again, the Court did expect that this appeal would occur.<sup>11</sup>
- 12. The Court didn't make the decision it did off the top of it's head. It spent a considerable amount of time doing legal research and reviewing the law. The last cases that the Court cited were from a couple of months ago or less.<sup>12</sup>
- 13. NRCP 62(d)(2) states a party in entitled to a stay by providing a bond.<sup>13</sup>

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- 14. The Court is inclined to grant the stay, but require Erich to pay however he wishes to do that.<sup>14</sup>
- 15. The Court likes Raina's idea of Erich continuing to pay the monthly payments into an attorney's trust account. That is a good reasonable approach.<sup>15</sup>
- 16. Hink that really is a good approach to it. Because then we won't have any over payments or under payments and we're not going to have collection issues at the end of the day and the funds are there.<sup>16</sup>
- 17. The Court would like confirmation going from Ms. Wilde to Mr. Crane that those monthly payments are being made.<sup>17</sup>
- 18. The Court did go through the factors about a bond and will put its thoughts about the matter on the record. 18
- 19. The Collection Process is not complex but it would be easier for Erich than it would be for Raina, but the Court does take note of that issue, as it was the Court involved when there was the spousal support issue.<sup>19</sup>
- 20. The time to obtain collection is going to depend on how cooperative everybody is. If it would be enforced, then of course there will be a motion and there's going to be a hearing and there's going to be a potential trial and arguments about how much the money is going to be, although that's probably not likely and there's not likely to be an appeal from that but that's always possible.<sup>20</sup>

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- 21. Again, collections might be difficult on both sides just because of Covid.<sup>21</sup>
- 22. We have two professionals here. A dental hygienist and a retired military member who is in a management position now. We have two professionals who make very nice incomes and neither party is destitute by any means. They are fortunate to have the jobs that they do and to make the incomes that they are in light of Covid right now when a lot of people are hurting.<sup>22</sup>
- 23. The Court is going to require the monthly payment be made. That will avoid any additional costs. The monthly payment makes sense and will be sitting there, then there will be no collection issues at the end of the day.<sup>23</sup>
- 24. Erich needs to go ahead and pay the arrearages already reduced to judgment.<sup>24</sup>
- 25. The Court really wants Erich to begin making payments toward that judgment. Counsel is to talk about that and come up with a reasonable payment in addition to the regular monthly payment to start paying on that judgment. The Court would like it paid in no less than a year. You can use that as a kind of rule of thumb there but I want counsel to talk about it.<sup>25</sup>
- 26. If he wants to pay for a bond he can but it will be the \$20,000 that's been requested because that is a reasonable amount.<sup>26</sup>
- 27. In considering the *Motion* for attorney's fees, the Court takes into consideration both parties financial circumstances. Even though Nevada follows the American rule which means everyone pays their own legal fees, the Court recognizes that Erich's income currently is about three times as high as

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Raina's income but Raina's expenses are reduced by her domestic partner and his very large income.<sup>27</sup>

- 28. When you balance out the household incomes, they are fairly equivalent. They are not wildly apart. The Court realizes that Raina's domestic partner is not obligated to pay anything for these proceeding.<sup>28</sup>
- 29. The Court is granting the stay and it would be appropriate because of the very large disparity of incomes between the two parties who are part of this process to have Erich contribute something toward Raina's attorney's fees because this is all, at the end of the day, going to effect her greater financially, who makes less money then Erich does. She has been effected by Covid more than Erich who is still making his full time income. Raina has reduced income.<sup>29</sup>
- 30. The Court is not inclined to grant all of the attorney fees.<sup>30</sup> The Court does not want anybody being destitute by this, but Erich should pay something so he will contribute \$5,000 to her attorney's fees.<sup>31</sup>
- 31. The Court does want him to pay the \$5,000. He has 30 days to get that done.<sup>32</sup>
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#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Stay is granted as long as Erich either makes the ordered monthly payments of \$845.43, plus any applicable cost of living adjustment, during the pendency of the appellate proceedings to an Attorney's Trust Fund or if he purchases a supersedeas bond of \$20,000.
- 2. Erich's attorney is to provide the monthly account statement to Raina's attorney within five days of the payment where the monies were deposited.
- 3. If Erich decides to make the monthly payments as described above, the \$5,918.01 in arrears already reduced to judgment shall also be deposited into the same account as the monthly payments. This amount will continue to accumulate statutory interest until deposited.
- 4. If Erich purchases a supersedeas bond of \$20,000, the \$5,918.01 in arrears already reduced to judgment is still due and will continue to accumulate statutory interest.
- 5. Raina's request for attorney's fees is granted. Erich is to contribute \$5,000 to her attorney's fees.

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**DISTRICT COURT** FAMILY DIVISION **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 

ERICH MARTIN,

Plaintiff,

VS.

RAINA MARTIN,

Defendant.

CASE NO: DEPT. NO: D-15-509045-D

DATE OF HEARING: 1/12/2021

TIME OF HEARING: 10:00 am

#### ORDER FROM THE JANUARY 12, 2021, HEARING

This matter came on for a hearing at the above date and time before the Honorable Bryce Duckworth, District Court Judge, Family Division. Defendant, Raina Martin, was present by video and was represented by and through her attorney, Richard L. Crane, Esq., of the WILLICK LAW GROUP, and Plaintiff, Erich Martin, was present by video and represented by and through his attorney, Kathleen A. Wilde of MARQUIS AURBACH COFFING.

The Court, having reviewed the pleadings and papers filed herein and entertaining argument from both sides, made the following findings and orders:

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Case Number: D-15-509045-D

1		THE COURT HEREBY FINDS:
2	1.	This case is appropriate to be heard by the District Court as the issues raised
3		are ancillary to the issues bought up on appeal.
4	2.	Mr. Crane represented that CRSC pay is always accompanied by VA Disability
5		Pay. The Court asked Mr. Martin directly if he was receiving VA Disability
6		pay in addition to his CRSC pay. Mr. Martin replied that he was not receiving
7		any VA disability pay.
8	3.	Based on Mr. Martin's response, the Court finds that the Plaintiff's monthly
9		income to be used in the calculation of Child Support is \$13,022.16.
10	4.	Based on Mr. Crane's request, discovery will be opened on the issue of VA
11		Disability Pay.
12	5.	Should Discovery result in there being VA Disability Pay that was not
13		disclosed on the Plaintiff's Financial Disclosure Form, the amount of child
14		support shall be recalculated appropriately.
15	6.	The Court does not have its own standard Behavioral Order Language, but will
16		accept any added and stipulated language.
17	7.	Any previous financial Orders made by this Court's predecessor are still
18		considered due and enforceable under the Court's contempt powers.
19	8.	As the Child Support is up for review based on over three years having passed,
20		attorney's fees will not be awarded to either party.
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22		IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:
23	1.	As of November 18, 2020, Child Support is set at \$1,317 per month. Erich is
24		to transmit the full amount to Raina on the first of every month. After the 5th,
25		any payments not made by then shall be considered late and interest shall be
26		<del>applied.</del>
27	2.	Discovery regarding the VA Disability Pay issue is open as of the January 12,

2021, and shall remain open for 60 days.

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1	3. The Parties shall bear their own at	torney's fees.
2	4. Mr. Crane is to draft the Order from	m today's hearing. Ms. Wilde is to review
3	as to form and content.	
4	<b>DATED</b> this day of	, 2021. Dated this 26th day of January, 2021
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**DISTRICT COURT** FAMILY DIVISION **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 

ERICH MARTIN,

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RAINA MARTIN,

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CASE NO: DEPT. NO:

D-15-509045-D

DATE OF HEARING: 11/3/2020

TIME OF HEARING: 9:00 am

#### ORDER FROM THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020, HEARING

This matter came on for a hearing at the above date and time before the Honorable Rebecca Burton, District Court Judge, Family Division. Raina Martin, was present by video and was represented by and through her attorney, Richard L. Crane, Esq., of the WILLICK LAW GROUP, and Plaintiff, Erich Martin, was present by video and represented by and through his attorney, Kathleen A. Wilde of MARQUIS AURBACH COFFING.

The Court, having reviewed the pleadings and papers and filed herein and entertaining argument from both sides, made the following findings and orders as follows:

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Case Number: D-15-509045-D

#### THE COURT HEREBY FINDS:

- 1. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case, personal jurisdiction over the parties and child custody subject matter jurisdiction.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. If a Stay is to preserve the *Status Quo* then it would be not needed because Erich would still be making the monthly payments to Raina. That is the *Status Quo*, that is the Order of the Court.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. The *Decree of Divorce* is the *Status Quo* that Erich is trying to change. The Court enforced the *Decree of Divorce* and Erich has appealed the Court's enforcement.<sup>3</sup>
- 4. The Court has reviewed NRAP 8(c) and went through the factors and the object if a stay is not granted -(RLB) of the appeal. The Court finds that the object of the appeal for a few months might be defeated, but, the Court is not persuaded that the value of the appeal would be significantly reduced if Erich continued to make a few months of payments. In the big picture what we're looking at is the possibility of forty years or more of these payments.<sup>4</sup>
- 5. That real object of this appeal is that these payments will go on for many years.<sup>5</sup>
- 6. Neither party is going to suffer irreparable or serious injury if the stay is denied or the stay is granted.<sup>6</sup>

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7.	\$20,000 is not an unreasonable estimate as to the bene	efits payable during the
	pendency of the appeal. <sup>7</sup>	She will -(RLB)

- 8. The consequences to Raina are greater because her income is smaller. They'll have to pay out funds to maintain her position while paying attorney's fees. She'll have to pay out funds to obtain her judgment.<sup>8</sup>
- 9. Erich can better afford to pay out funds to obtain his judgment after the fact, if we're looking to collect monies after the fact.<sup>9</sup>
- 10. Covid has really made everybody's income uncertain. There is a lot less predictability. Erich recently lost his job in March of 2020, I know Raina's income has been reduced because of her production of hours caused by Covid so, there are some collection issues there, in that regard.<sup>10</sup>
- 11. Concerning whether Erich will likely prevail, the Court would like to think it's reasoning is sound, of course, recognizing that the issue is unresolved. Again, the Court did expect that this appeal would occur.<sup>11</sup>
- 12. The Court didn't make the decision it did off the top of it's head. It spent a considerable amount of time doing legal research and reviewing the law. The last cases that the Court cited were from a couple of months ago or less.<sup>12</sup>
- 13. NRCP 62(d)(2) states a party in entitled to a stay by providing a bond.<sup>13</sup>

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- 14. The Court is inclined to grant the stay, but require Erich to pay however he wishes to do that.<sup>14</sup>
- 15. The Court likes Raina's idea of Erich continuing to pay the monthly payments into an attorney's trust account. That is a good reasonable approach.<sup>15</sup>
- 16. I think that really is a good approach to it. Because then we won't have any over payments or under payments and we're not going to have collection issues at the end of the day and the funds are there.<sup>16</sup>
- 17. The Court would like confirmation going from Ms. Wilde to Mr. Crane that those monthly payments are being made.<sup>17</sup>
- 18. The Court did go through the factors about a bond and will put its thoughts about the matter on the record. 18
- 19. The Collection Process is not complex but it would be easier for Erich than it would be for Raina, but the Court does take note of that issue, as it was the Court involved when there was the spousal support issue.<sup>19</sup>
- 20. The time to obtain collection is going to depend on how cooperative everybody is. If it would be enforced, then of course there will be a motion and there's going to be a hearing and there's going to be a potential trial and arguments about how much the money is going to be, although that's probably not likely and there's not likely to be an appeal from that but that's always possible.<sup>20</sup>

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- 21. Again, collections might be difficult on both sides just because of Covid.<sup>21</sup>
- 22. We have two professionals here. A dental hygienist and a retired military member who is in a management position now. We have two professionals who make very nice incomes and neither party is destitute by any means. They are fortunate to have the jobs that they do and to make the incomes that they are in light of Covid right now when a lot of people are hurting.<sup>22</sup>
- 23. The Court is going to require the monthly payment be made. That will avoid any additional costs. The monthly payment makes sense and will be sitting there, then there will be no collection issues at the end of the day.<sup>23</sup>
- 24. Erich needs to go ahead and pay the arrearages already reduced to judgment.<sup>24</sup>
- 25. The Court really wants Erich to begin making payments toward that judgment. Counsel is to talk about that and come up with a reasonable payment in addition to the regular monthly payment to start paying on that judgment. The Court would like it paid in no less than a year. You can use that as a kind of rule of thumb there but I want counsel to talk about it.<sup>25</sup>
- 26. If he wants to pay for a bond he can but it will be the \$20,000 that's been requested because that is a reasonable amount.<sup>26</sup>
- 27. In considering the *Motion* for attorney's fees, the Court takes into consideration both parties financial circumstances. Even though Nevada follows the American rule which means everyone pays their own legal fees, the Court recognizes that Erich's income currently is about three times as high as

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Raina's income but Raina's expenses are reduced by her domestic partner and his very large income.<sup>27</sup>

- When you balance out the household incomes, they are fairly equivalent. 28. They are not wildly apart. The Court realizes that Raina's domestic partner is not obligated to pay anything for these proceeding.<sup>28</sup>
- The Court is granting the stay and it would be appropriate because of the very 29. large disparity of incomes between the two parties who are part of this process to have Erich contribute something toward Raina's attorney's fees because this is all, at the end of the day, going to effect her greater financially, who makes less money then Erich does. She has been effected by Covid more than Erich who is still making his full time income. Raina has reduced income.<sup>29</sup>
- The Court is not inclined to grant all of the attorney fees.<sup>30</sup> The Court does not 30. want anybody being destitute by this, but Erich should pay something so he will contribute \$5,000 to her attorney's fees.<sup>31</sup>
- The Court does want him to pay the \$5,000. He has 30 days to get that done.<sup>32</sup> 31. \*\*\*\*

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#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Stay is granted as long as Erich either makes the ordered monthly payments of \$845.43, plus any applicable cost of living adjustment, during the pendency of the appellate proceedings to an Attorney's Trust Fund or if he purchases a supersedeas bond of \$20,000.
- 2. Erich's attorney is to provide the monthly account statement to Raina's attorney within five days of the payment where the monies were deposited.
- 3. If Erich decides to make the monthly payments as described above, the \$5,918.01 in arrears already reduced to judgment shall also be deposited into the same account as the monthly payments. This amount will continue to accumulate statutory interest until deposited.
- 4. If Erich purchases a supersedeas bond of \$20,000, the \$5,918.01 in arrears already reduced to judgment is still due and will continue to accumulate statutory interest.
- 5. Raina's request for attorney's fees is granted. Erich is to contribute \$5,000 to her attorney's fees.

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correct copy of which is attached herein. **DATED** this <u>28<sup>th</sup></u> day of January, 2021. WILLICK LAW GROUP // s // Richard L. Crane, Esq. MARSHAL S. WILLICK, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 2515 RICHARD L. CRANE, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 9536 3591 East Bonanza Road, Suite 200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89110-2101 Attorneys for Defendant -2-

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#### DISTRICT COURT **FAMILY DIVISION** CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

CASE NO: DEPT. NO: D-15-509045-D

DATE OF HEARING: 1/12/2021 TIME OF HEARING: 10:00 am

#### ORDER FROM THE JANUARY 12, 2021, HEARING

This matter came on for a hearing at the above date and time before the Honorable Bryce Duckworth, District Court Judge, Family Division. Defendant, Raina Martin, was present by video and was represented by and through her attorney, Richard L. Crane, Esq., of the WILLICK LAW GROUP, and Plaintiff, Erich Martin, was present by video and represented by and through his attorney, Kathleen A. Wilde of MARQUIS AURBACH COFFING.

The Court, having reviewed the pleadings and papers filed herein and entertaining argument from both sides, made the following findings and orders:

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2021, and shall remain open for 60 days.

Discovery regarding the VA Disability Pay issue is open as of the January 12,

1	3. The Parties shall bear their own at	torney's fees.
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The case law and rules are clear that once 30 days have passed from the date of entry of an *Order*, the Supreme Court is without jurisdiction to entertain the

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appeal. Nothing this Court, nor any of the appellate Courts can do to cure their failure to appeal the correct order. In fact, there is no provision for an "Amended Notice of Appeal" in the rules or statutes that would convey subject matter jurisdiction on any Court to hear an appeal that was noticed more than 30 days prior.

#### POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### II. FACTS

Erich Martin (Erich) filed a *Notice of Appeal* (81810) on September 9, 2020, from the *Order Regarding Enforcement of Military Retirement Benefits* filed on August 11, 2020, and the *Notice of Entry of Order* filed the same date.

On September 20, 2020, Raina Martin (Raina) filed a *Motion for Attorney's* Fees Pendente Lite and Related Relief.

After Erich filed an *Opposition* to this *Motion* on October 12, 2020, District Court Judge Rebecca Burton held a hearing on November 3, 2020, and issued an *Order* from that hearing which was filed on December 31, 2020. The *Order* was properly noticed on January 28, 2021. This *Order* included an award of Attorney's Fees *Pendente Lite* for \$5,000.<sup>1</sup>

At the first of the year, the case was administratively reassigned from Judge Burton to this Court, as part of the re-assignment of cases attendant to the 6 new departments of family court becoming active.

On January 12, 2021, this Court held a hearing on Raina's *Motion to Modify Child Support*. The *Order* from that hearing was filed January 26, 2021, and the *Notice of Entry* was filed on January 28, 2021. That *Order* had nothing to do with and did not mention the *Pendente Lite* award.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Order from the November 3, 2020, Hearing filed December 31, 2020 and Notice of Entry of Order from the November 3, 2020, Hearing filed January 28, 2021.

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On February 12, 2021, Erich filed a *Notice of Appeal* of the *Order* from the January 12 hearing (82517).

The same day (February 12), Erich filed a *Case Appeal Statement*, which indicated that he had appealed the \$5,000 *Pendente Lite* fee award. He hadn't.

On March 8, a week after the deadline for filing an appeal, Erich attempts to modify or amend the Notice of Appeal to confer jurisdiction to appeal an order that is substantially unappealable.

This Motion follows.

#### III. MOTION

#### A. The Court Lacks Subject matter Jurisdiction

A respondent may file a motion to dismiss to challenge the jurisdiction of the appellate court to hear an appeal.<sup>2</sup> Specifically NRAP 4 provides that a motion that challenges an appeal as untimely should attach file-stamped copies of essential portions of the trial court record, including the judgment, notice of entry of judgment and the notice of appeal.<sup>3</sup> Raina has attached the required documents to her *Motion to Dismiss* filed last week with the Supreme Court.

Except as otherwise provided by rule or statute, a notice of appeal must be filed no later than 30 days after the date that written notice of entry of the judgment or order appealed from is served.<sup>4</sup> The timely filing of a notice of appeal is jurisdictional and is essential to perfecting an appeal.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See NRAP 14(f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Notice of Appeal filed February 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See NRAP 4(a)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> NRAP 3(a)(1); *see, e.g., Walker v. Scully*, 99 Nev. 45, 46, 657 P.2d 94, 94-95 (1983) (appellate court lacks jurisdiction to entertain an untimely appeal); *Zugel v. Miller*, 99 Nev. 100, 101, 659 P.2d 296, 297 (1983) (the timely filing of an appeal is jurisdictional). An appeal must be filed within 30 days after service of written notice of entry of the judgment or order appealed from. *See* 

Here, the *Order* that awarded the *Pendente Lite* award was filed on December 30, 2020, and *Notice of Entry* was filed on January 28, 2021. A timely *Notice of Appeal* of that *Order* was due no later than March 1, 2021.<sup>6</sup>

A party must serve formal written notice of the judgment's entry to start the 30-day appeal period running.<sup>7</sup> Thus, a file-stamped copy of the order transmitted to the parties by the court clerk does not trigger the 30-day period.<sup>8</sup>

Since the issue allegedly being appealed from is not contained in the *Order* that was actually appealed, the Court lacks jurisdiction to provide any relief and that appeal must be dismissed.

The Supreme Court held in *In re Estate of Miller*, <sup>9</sup> that the burden is on the Appellant to show proper jurisdiction. Since they appear to have appealed the wrong *Order*, and the time for correcting the deficiency has passed, the Supreme Court lacks jurisdiction to proceed and this Court should strike any attempt to allow the appeal to go forward. <sup>10</sup>

The time to appeal cannot be extended by an appellate court, a district court, or a stipulation between parties.<sup>11</sup> Only if a tolling motion is filed can the time be

NRAP 4(a). This requirement is jurisdictional; an untimely appeal may not be considered. *Culinary Workers v. Haugen*, 76 Nev. 424, 357 P.2d 113 (1960); *Rogers v. Thatcher*, 70 Nev. 98, 255 P.2d 731 (1953).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Thirty days following the *Notice of Entry* on January 28, would put the due date for the *Notice of Appeal* on Saturday, February 27. As such the due date is extended to Monday March 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See NRAP 4(a)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See In re Duong, 118 Nev. 920, 922, 59 P.3d 1210, 1211-12 (2002); see also NRCP 58 (distinguishing the terms "entry of judgment" and "notice of entry of judgment").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See In re Estate of Miller, 111 Nev. 1, 5, 888 P.2d 433, 435 (1995).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Swan v. Swan, 106 Nev. 464, 469,796 P.2d 221, 224 (1990), which delineates this Court's ability to act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See Walker v. Scully, 99 Nev. 45, 46, 657 P.2d 94, 94-95 (1983); NRAP 26(b)(1)(A).

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extended.<sup>12</sup> Since the time for filing a tolling motion has also passed, the time cannot be extended.<sup>13</sup>

Here, Erich filed no tolling motion and has not timely appealed any *Order* that concerns *Pendente Lite* fees.

Erich attempts to now involve this Court in his attempt to circumvent the rules that clearly state that his appeal is without merit due to a lack of subject matter jurisdiction. He provides no reason why this Court should entertain any such *Notice*.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Raina requests this Court to:

- 1. Strike Erich's Amended Notice of Appeal.
- 2. Grant any other relief this court may deem appropriate.

Dated this \_9<sup>th</sup> \_\_ day of March, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
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// s // Richard L. Crane, Esq.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See NRAP 4(a)(4) (listing tolling motions).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The 30-day period is extended by a timely filing of a motion for new trial or for judgment n.o.v. *See* NRAP 4(a). In order to be timely, these motions must be filed within 28 days after service of written notice of entry of the judgment. *See* NRCP 50(d). Untimely motions for new trial or judgment n.o.v. must be denied. *Hunter v. Sutton*, 45 Nev. 427, 195 P. 342 (1922); *Yates v. Behrend*, 280 F.2d 64 (D.C. Cir. 1960); cf. *Oelsner v. Charles C. Meek Lumber Co.*, 92 Nev. 576, 555 P.2d 217 (1976). Likewise, untimely motions for new trial or for judgment n.o.v. do not toll the 30-day period in which a notice of appeal must be filed. *See* NRAP 4(a).

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#### **DECLARATION OF RICHARD CRANE**

- 1. I, Richard Crane, declare that I am competent to testify to the facts contained in the preceding filing.
- 2. I have read the preceding *Motion*, and I have personal knowledge of the facts contained therein, unless stated otherwise. Further, the factual averments contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, except those matters based on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.
- 3. The factual averments contained in the preceding filing are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada (NRS 53.045 and 28 U.S.C. § 1746), that the foregoing is true and correct.

**EXECUTED** this \_9<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_ day of March, 2021.

// s // Richard L. Crane, Esq.

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2	It is hereby ORDERED that the Court DECLINES to entertain the relief sought	
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THE CLERK: Yes, we are, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. All right. This is case D-15-509045-D, Erich Martin versus Raina Martin.

Counsel, state your appearances, please. Let's start with

9 Counsel for Erich.

MS. WILDE: Good morning, Your Honor. Kathleen Wilde, bar number 12522, on behalf of Erich Martin.

THE COURT: Thank you. And is Erich Martin present?

13 MR. MARTIN: I am, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. Great. You can hear us. Thank you. Counsel for Raina? You're on mute. You're on mute, Mr. Crane.

MR. CRANE: Sorry about that, Your Honor. Richard Crane, 9536, on behalf of Defendant Raina Martin.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. All right. We're here because Raina -- or I'm sorry. Erich has filed a motion for stay subsequent to this notice of appeal and Raina's filed an opposition and countermotion. And the Court has also considered Raina's motion for attorney's fees and Erich's opposition to that. The Court has reviewed those documents as

well. It's set for a -- an in chambers calendar tomorrow, but it's already been fully briefed. So if you want to argue about that, you can go ahead and do that as well.

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The Court has reviewed Raina's motion for fees on appeal and her financial disclosure form, Erich's motion for a stay for a light bond, Erich's opposition to the motion for attorney fees on appeal, Raina's reply to the attorney fees on appeal, Raina's opposition to the motion to stay. That's right. Assuming I haven't missed anything. There aren't any other documents that have been file, are there?

MR. CRANE: I'm not aware of any, Your Honor.

THE COURT: No. Okay. All right. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case, personal jurisdiction over the parties. And although this doesn't involve the child right now, the Court as child custody subject matter jurisdiction.

Erich has filed a motion for a stay. You know, the Court considered it and in -- in one regard it seems kind of odd to the Court because if the stay is to preserve the status quo, then it would be not needed because Erich would still be making the monthly payments to Raina. That's the status quo. That's the order of the Court. The decree of divorce is the status quo that Erich's trying to change. The Court enforced the decree of divorce and Erich has appealed the Court's

enforcement of that. So by seeking a stay, Erich is sort of asking the Court to bless his contempt going forward.

The Court has reviewed NRAP 8(c) and went through the factors and the object of the appeal. I -- I don't think it would be -- well, I suppose if a stay wasn't granted, then object of the appeal maybe for a few months might be defeated, but the Court is not persuaded that the value of the appeal would be significantly re -- reduced if Erich continued to pay a few months of payments because in the big picture -- really at the big picture what we're looking at is a possibility of maybe 30 years or more of these payments. And that's the big picture. And I know that that's -- I know that this is really significant in this case and -- and I did anticipate an appeal on this case and that's why I took a lot of time in -- in drafting the order because I knew it was a -- a -- issue of great interest. That hasn't been resolved by a Nevada Supreme Court.

And that's -- and that really is the object of this appeal is whether these payments are gone for many, many years and -- I mean, I did the math. We're looking at, you know, \$400,000 or more. So we're looking at possibly if it goes to 40 years or -- but, you know, potentially would be a lot of money.

The -- in the -- Erich, I don't think either party

is going to suffer irreparable or serious injury if the stay is denied or if the stay is -- is granted. In the short term over here, we are looking at about roughly \$10,000. I think Mr. Crane's estimate of that is probably fairly accurate.

I don't know if any appeal is going to be finished in six months and I don't even think it's going to be finished in a year. This is probably something that's going to go on for probably a couple of years. Both of you I -- I think have done a lot of appeals. So you tell me. But the ones that -- that -- cases that have been appealed that were done by this Court, it -- it has taken -- and even custody ones take about a year. So it -- it's going to take awhile. So I don't think that \$20,000 is an unreasonable estimate here.

But the consequences to Raina is greater because her income is smaller. They'll have to pay out funds to maintain her position by paying attorney's fees. She'll have to pay out funds to obtain her judgment. Erich can better afford to pay off funds to obtain his judgment after the fact if we're looking at trying to collect monies after the fact. It would be easier for Erich to pay out the funds assuming his income remains the same.

In there, it's -- we kind of get to the little bit of a wrinkle here because one of the issues the Court looks at is, you know, collection issues under COVID has really made a

-- thrown a monkeywrench into everybody's incomes these days and it's made everything really very uncertain. So there's kind of a lot of less predictability. I know that Erich recently -- so he recently lost his job in March of 2020. I know Raina's income has been reduced because of her production and hours caused by COVID. So, you know, collection -- and there's some collection issues there in that regard.

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Will Erich likely prevail? I -- the Court would like to think that its reasoning is sound, of course, but I do recognize that the issue is unresolved. And, again, I did expect that this appeal would -- or I -- I -- the Court didn't, you know, make the decision it did off the top of its head, but I spent a considerable amount of time doing legal research and reviewing things before and reviewing the -- the law it was coming about kind of, you know, very rapidly. I think a couple of the last cases that I cited were from a couple of months ago and one from maybe just a few weeks ago. So I -- I know that this area relies kind of -- is developing now across the United States.

And so I recognize all that and then I see NRCP 62(d)(2) says a party's entitled to a stay by providing a bond. So I -- I want to hear from both of you as to your thoughts about -- I know that Erich had argued that this was kind of a matter of right so long as there was some kind of

security. And I know he's arguing that he really shouldn't have to provide a lot of security because it's really not a big deal.

So let me hear from both of you on -- on -- that's kind of where -- where I kind of left off here. So Counsel, can you go ahead?

MS. WILDE: Oh, there. Thank you, Your Honor. I —
I believe that the points on finances is one that we really
definitely need to address because it's important to every
time we're, you know, before the Court as well as when we're
looking at the stay. So for us, we believe that a very low
amount is needed for a bond or an alternative security form.
For example, if we did a payment to an attorney trust account,
we think that would be a decent way to do security as well.

But the finances here have been grossly understated when it comes to Raina's financial disclosures because they do not include her registered domestic partner who is the equivalent of a spouse. And then there's also just a proportionality of the needs of the household compared to how much each party is making where Erich is providing both for his future as a disabled veteran and also for a bunch of kids.

So overall while we recognize enforcement isn't fun for anyone, we believe that a low bond is appropriate because there's not going to be as big of a problem with enforcement

for Erich as there was historically with Raina -- or pardon me, Ms. Martin. Historically when there was a need to recover money from Ms. Martin as was the case after she took alimony payments while in a domestic partnership, using a writ of execution didn't work, using a writ of garnishment didn't work. There still was the outstanding problem of her other attorney who has not been paid. By contrast with Erich, even though he has been doing so under protest, he has been making the monthly payments and there is less of a concern about him being able to make payments if in fact the Appellate Court comes back, you know, six months, a year from now, and says okay, no, this is going to be affirmed.

know, 5,000 or less. And the reason being is just because of those stability factors. Plus as noted, neither party is in a financial predicament where the funds are really eminently needed. This may be a matter of comfort for things like the dry cleaning and the motorbikes and whatnot that have been demonstrated through our recent filings. But this is not putting food on the table. This is not utilities. And so long as there's just, you know, some token amount that's consistent with at least having a bond for purposes of this rule which is as noted, NRCP 62, that should be adequate to preserve the status quo.

And I understand the argument that the status quo is, you know, kind of what the Court has ordered. But when we're looking at the context of Rule 62, the status quo is neither party coming out-of-pocket because of the challenges of recovering if the Court goes one way or another. And the idea is to preserve so that no one is paying out out-of-pocket. And the citations on that were in our reply.

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THE COURT: Okay. I appreciate that clarification. What -- no, what -- what you didn't answer for me is that the idea of the stay is a matter of right. Tell me about that.

MS. WILDE: The language in NRCP 62 provides that so long as there is either a bond or an appropriate security which is a matter of the Court's discretion, a stay issue. It's not a question of whether a stay will issue, but it's a matter of the stay will issue once that bond or that security is in place. As similar with the case law that we cited in our motion, that typically both in Nevada and in federal courts, the idea is that a stay pending appeal is very typical. We do this, you know, always pretty much in civil cases. We do this regularly anytime there's any type of a -- a judgment just so that the parties are not chasing after money that they may have paid incorrectly. Preserving the

status quo is based on not having anyone come out-of-pocket.

And so it's a little bit different than, you know, a status quo when the -- the conventional sense that yes, the Court's order currently is status quo until an Appellate Court at such time says okay, no, this is -- this is a firm order versus the status quo.

But the idea for a stay is specifically so that no one is out-of-pocket while the appeal is pending. And frankly, you know, we're hoping that we have a great day today in the NRAP 16 settlement conference. You know, that -- that would be even better. But the idea is just to keep everyone at -- at ground zero type levels of payment so that there's no chasing money that was paid and trying to recover money that was wrongly paid.

By contrast, if the Court affirms, then the ability to get the payment is based on the judgment. It's based on execution of the judgment. So it's a more difficult process to pull money back after it was already given. It's very similar to the issue that happened with alimony where Erich continued making payments pursuant to the alimony order when he should not have had to do so because of the non-disclosed domestic partnership. And then when the Court said hey, wait a minute, that's not fair, we should not have a person who has the legal equivalent of a -- a of a spouse collecting alimony

payments, then trying to rack that money back in and trying to get it back. It took something like 10 months.

It was an awful process. It was an expensive process. It was full of a lot of deceit and a lot of mischief. And that was, you know, kind of a good reason why we were concerned that if we make payments, you know, each month and we pay -- grant to the Court's order during the pendency of the appeal, good luck getting that money back. So that's the concerns that preserving the status quo in this case would be just that no one is coming out-of-pocket. And then if the Court affirms, there's already a judgment. The execution is an easy process.

THE COURT: Thank you. Thank you, Counsel.

MS. WILDE: Thank you.

THE COURT: Mr. Crane?

MR. CRANE: Good morning, Your Honor. Your Honor, a -- a couple of things. First of all, a stay is not a matter of right. If it was, then everyone requested one would get one and the Supreme Court wouldn't have to deal with the request at all. You don't have to grant a stay today. They can make their request and I expect they probably will make their request to the Supreme Court if you deny their stay.

As far as their limited bond that they were talking about, a \$5,000, that doesn't even cover the arrearages that

you have awarded and reduced to judgment. So that -- that's -- it -- that's over \$6,000 at this point.

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You know, the -- the bond that -- that we believe is -- is proper here is probably closer to that \$20,000 that we talked about. That covers a year's worth of payments plus the arrearages that exist and interest on that money because we fully expect that you're going to be affirmed on this matter.

It -- it's interesting that -- that Counsel mentions that he's been paying this under protest. Yes, he writes a little note on the -- on the note line on his wife's check. He doesn't even write it out of his own account. Writes it out of his wife's account and makes a note that this is his disability income which of course is untrue. And also -- and with this last check actually put somebody else's name on the check making it uncashable.

So this is the kind of mischief that's going on. It's not even -- you know, that -- that's not the case. But as far as the matter or right, the matter of right is you put up a bond that secures the -- the actual debt that will exist and then you can have a -- a stay. If you're going to put up something alternative, for instance, paying into a trust account, it should be the exact amount that needs to be paid every month and that can be paid into a trust account.

We're not going to object to that if that's what the

Court orders. We do believe it's Raina's money. We believe that Raina should get it and she should also get interest on that money. So even if the money is paid into a trust account, it should receive the statutory interest. And we also would look for -- for the arrearages to be paid into that trust account as well. So it still comes out to be about that \$20,000 that he could obtain a bond for just as easily.

We believe the Court -- Court understands the status quo argument perfectly. The status quo was he agreed to pay it. He was paying it. The Court ordered that he continued to pay it and he stopped. And that was -- you know, so he created a status quo that they want to keep where the actual status quo is the payments continue to come.

If the Court's got any other questions, I'll gladly answer them.

THE COURT: All right. No, the Court doesn't have any other questions. But what the Court's inclined to do is to grant the stay but to require him to -- to require Erich to pay however he wishes to do that, whether he wants to put -- I -- I like the idea of continuing to pay the monthly payment into a -- into his attorney's trust account. I think that that would be -- that's a good reasonable approach to it. I -- I would like to have confirmation going from Counsel from -- Ms. Wilde to Mr. Crane that those monthly payments are

being made. Okay. And I think that really is a good -that's a good approach to it because then we won't have any
overpayments or under payments and we're not going to have
collection issues at the end of the day and the funds were
there, because I did look on -- I -- I did as well look -- go
through the factors about a bond and I guess I'll put that in
my thoughts about that on the record as well.

The -- the collection process is not complex, but I think that it would be easier for Erich. That would be for Raina. But the Court does take note of that issue. I was the Court that was involved when there was this spousal support issue. I -- I didn't know that it took months to collect, but there was resistance to that.

The -- the time to obtain collection, well, it's going to depend on how cooperative everybody is, but if it -- you know, if it has to be forced, then of course there's going to be a motion and there's going to be a hearing and then there's going to be a potential trial if there's arguments about how much the money ought to be, although that's probably not likely. And it's probably not likely to be an appeal from that, but that's always possible.

Again, the confidence regarding collection, that might be difficult on both sides just because of COVID. I don't think -- I -- I think otherwise -- I mean, I have two

professionals here, a dental hygienist and I -- and I have retired military who's working in management position now.

And I have two professionals who do make very nice incomes.

And I don't think again either of these parties certainly is destitute by any means and they are -- they do have -- they're fortunate to have the jobs that they do and to continue to make the incomes that they are in light of COVID right now when a lot of people are hurting.

So I -- I am going to require -- I -- I like that idea. I'm going to require the month -- the monthly payment to be made. That will avoid any additional cost or having to, you know, find the cost of -- of supersedeas bond and all that. I think making the monthly payments makes sense. Those monies will be sitting there. And then we will have no collection issues at the end of the day.

Okay. Just provide a statement to Mr. Crane regarding that. On a monthly basis just so that he can keep track. I don't know how you track funds that are in your trust account. Do you -- I know when I used to do it a long time ago I would have a monthly statement be the -- it would reflect payments as if somebody was, you know, paying attorney's fees. So if you set up something like that so that you have a record of the payments that are coming in, then you can provide a copy of that to Mr. Crane on a monthly basis so

that he can just track -- track that and make sure that those funds are there. Would that be acceptable, Mr. Crane?

MR. CRANE: Yes, Your Honor. It does still leave the arrearage issues, nearly \$6,000 that you've already reduced to judgment. We would like that placed into that account as well.

THE COURT: Ah. I think -- yeah, that -- that needs to be -- that needs to happen as well. He needs to go ahead and pay that. Whether you -- you know, I don't know what his ultimate financial circumstances are right now as far as savings that he has or anything like that. I looked on his last filed financial disclosure form and that was filed in June. And it didn't show because it was post divorce proceedings. It didn't show -- you know, it doesn't show savings and assets and things of that sort. So I have no idea what that is. Does he have the ability to pay the judgment?

Ms. Wilde, do you know?

MS. WILDE: I think it would be -- I think it would be difficult at this point, but, you know, if that's the Court's order, we'll try to figure something out. The concern is that not only is it a savings matter, but with Erich's permanent disability and medical issues and going into surgeries and a lot of medical treatment. That's an ongoing difficult issue plus, you know, caring for his family. So I

think that's going to be one of the -- the bigger reasons frankly that we are pursuing a bond.

And of course we don't know rule what the Court's going to rule on attorney's fees, but if we were to be hit with both the arrears and attorney's fees, either pendente lite or as the sanction that's sought in this case, I don't know that that would be doable.

THE COURT: Okay. It's running through my head and now I'm -- now it's escaping me. Oh --

MR. CRANE: It --

THE COURT: -- it was --

MR. CRANE: It --

THE COURT: I -- I know -- I -- I know that he had -- he -- he put in his paperwork the various kind of medical issues that he had, but there was no -- I have received no testimony or -- or anything like that with regard to, you know, surgeries and -- and things of that sort. I -- I really don't know. I think that was in the argument paperwork for the decision that's on appeal. But I don't believe that I've ever heard testimony or took testimony and know anything about what his actual medical condition is and what that's costing him.

MS. WILDE: We did provide a verification on that, Your Honor, but if we -- if the Court was open to a -- you

know, say for example confidential information, she -- I think that's something we can also do. It's just not something obviously that we want, you know, out in the world.

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THE COURT: Well, of course, but -- and I'm not -- what I really want to do is to have him start making payments toward that judgment. So look, why don't Counsel talk about that and come up with -- with a reasonable payment in addition to the regular monthly payment to start paying on that judgment. Okay. It -- I would -- the Court would like it paid in no less than a year. Okay. So you can kind of use that as some kind of a rule of thumb there, but why don't Counsel talk about it? Because, again, I don't really have a lot of information about what his -- what his resources are for that.

If he wants to pay -- to pay for a bond, he can, but it'll be the \$20,000 that's been requested because I do think that's a reasonable amount. I -- I think that's actually a light estimate because I think that this case probably is going to go on for like two years than it is one year. That's been my experience.

Okay. So moving on to attorney's fees, Ms. Wilde, what was -- what was Erich's fee to retain your firm to -- for the appeal?

MS. WILDE: Our retainer was \$5,000, Your Honor.

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THE COURT: 5,000. Okay.

MS. WILDE: And -- and I will say honestly normally our firm charges a whole lot more than that, but given the importance of the issues before the courts and to the state of Nevada and to a lot of veterans, this was something that we were interested in -- in taking on really for that reason.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Crane, I'm going to let you argue this.

MR. CRANE: Your Honor, just for clarification, was that a \$5,000 retainer or was that a \$5,000 flat fee?

MS. WILDE: That is a \$5,000 retainer. If I were to do a flat fee in a typical case, frankly or even a retainer in a typical case, it would be much higher, but we're at a \$5,000 retainer. And, again, as I said before, I'm hoping that today the NRAP 16 conference is awesome and we don't even have to worry about what the bill would cost because we can actually get this whole thing resolved and bring some peace to everybody involved in this whole case. That would be great.

THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Crane?

MR. CRANE: So, Your Honor, what -- what we have done is we've done a stepped flat fee, \$10,000 to get us through today which is the settlement conference and an additional \$10,000 to take us through the appeal. So the \$20,000 that we requested is the exact amount that she's going

to go out-of-pocket if this continues on beyond today.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. WILDE: Well, I suppose we should clarify too. There were two separate fee issues. The one was the pendente lite and then the other one is the countermotion for fees which was essentially based as a -- a -- by punishment or a sanction of sorts for pursuing the stay. So there's two separate issues although I think they both turn on some overlapping matters. But if we're talking about the appeal, you know, we're transitioning to that. The factors I think are a little bit different.

THE COURT: All right. I -- in considering the motion for attorney fees, I do take into consideration both parties' financial circumstances. I know that Nevada follows the American rule which means everybody pays their own legal fees. And I do recognize that Erich's income currently is about three times as high as Raina's income, but Raina's expenses are reduced by her domestic partnership and his very large income. He -- she doesn't dispute that, does she?

MR. CRANE: No, Your Honor. She does not, but that there's also -- they were completely clear as to how much money the spouse of Erich is bringing in because they have her income but she also has a child support award that's coming in. So there is -- there is money on that side as well.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, when you balance out the household incomes, I think they're fairly equivalentish.

They're not wildly apart. I do realize that Raina's domestic partnership isn't obligated to pay anything for these proceedings.

But I am granting the stay and I think it would be appropriate because of the very large disparity of incomes between the two parties who are part of this process to have Erich contribute something toward Raina's attorney's fees because again this is all at the end of the day and affect her probably greater financially the process. Raina makes less money than Erich does and it has been affected by COVID right now more than Erich. He's still making his full-time income. Raina is -- has reduced income. I'm not certain whether at this point she can start increasing it going back to full-time. Is that what she's trying to do, do you know?

MR. CRANE: Yes, Your Honor. But with COVID it's not a -- it's not a guarantee especially with it spiking now in Nevada. Working in obviously oral hygiene is a dangers profession just to begin with when it comes to COVID. So we have absolutely no idea where Erich on the other hand has guaranteed income of over \$60,000 a year. And that's after paying her her share. And that's the taxable equivalent is like \$65,000 and that's if he's in the 20 percent tax bracket.

1	THE COURT: And I understand that. He's making over						
2	16,000 a month right now and that's without considering the						
3	tax effects. So he's probably making closer to 17,000 or						
4	maybe more a month. And so his income really is significant.						
5	more than hers. I'm not inclined to grant, you know, all of						
6	the attorney fees. I don't think that he should pay all of						
7	that. This issue still is really very uncertain. Despite the						
8	work that I put into it, it it's still I don't know. I						
9	I don't know if I'm right. I would like to think I am, but						
10	again, I don't know. So it is still something that's still						
11	being sorted out by courts all over the place in the United						
12	States. So it may just take another 30 something years to ge						
13	the United States Supreme Court how this case is going to get						
14	it there. But nevertheless, it is an issue of great						
15	importance.						
16	I don't want anybody being destitute by this. I do						
17	think that Erich should pay something. And I'm going to add						
18	\$5,000 to contribute toward her attorney's fees.						
19	MR. CRANE: And when will that be payable, Your						
20	Honor?						
21	THE COURT: Again, I I don't know what his						
22	resources are. He's paid his attorney \$5,000 right now. You						

have -- you already received the 10, right --

MR. CRANE: No, Your Honor.

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              THE COURT: -- Mr. Crane?
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              MR. CRANE: Not yet.
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              MR. CRANE: No.
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              THE COURT: -- you haven't even received the 10 --
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              MR. CRANE: No, she's on a payment plan.
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              THE COURT: She's on a payment plan for that. Okay.
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              MR. CRANE: Yes, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: All right. You know what --
              MS. WILDE: As far as --
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              MS. WILDE: Oh, as far as this -- as far as this --
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    the 16,000 number is nowhere near what we're dealing with. I
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    that's certainly not where we're at. And frankly with COVID,
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    I think everybody's uncertain every which way. Everything is
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    uncertain right now --
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             MS. WILDE: -- now.
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              THE COURT: -- a month comes from his financial
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    disclosure form. His job is 11,500 and something a month and
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    then we add the other 5,000 and it's like 5100 or something.
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             Anyway, so I do want him to pay the 5,000. I'm
    going to give him 30 days to get that done. Okay. Any
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             MR. CRANE: We thank you for your time, Your Honor.
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             THE COURT: All right. Mr. Crane --
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             MS. WILDE: Thank you.
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             MR. CRANE: -- you are to provide the order. You're
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    going to prepare it. Actually, no. You know what? Do you
    want one order from this or two?
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             MR. CRANE: I -- I think one order will do it unless
   Ms. Wilde says -- believes it to be something else.
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             THE COURT: All right. Then Ms. Wilde, you will get
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    to --
             MS. WILDE: I --
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             THE COURT: -- (indiscernible) --
             MS. WILDE: I (indiscernible) for two, but yeah, I
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circulate -- circulate drafts for a proposed order, you know, 1 2 consistent with the local rules --3 THE COURT: All right. MS. WILDE: -- on that. 4 5 THE COURT: I'm going to have you start. You have 6 two weeks to get it to Mr. Crane who has two weeks to get it 7 back to you so you can submit it to the court. MS. WILDE: Great. 8 9 THE COURT: All right. Good luck. 10 MS. WILDE: Thank you. THE COURT: Bye. 11 12 MR. CRANE: Thank you, Your Honor. (PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 9:31:34) 13 \* \* \* \* \* \* 14 15 ATTEST: I do hereby certify that I have truly and correctly transcribed the digital proceedings in the above-16 17 entitled case to the best of my ability. 18 Adrian Medramo 19 20 21 Adrian N. Medrano 22 23 24

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

FAMILY DIVISION

ORIGINAL

ERICH M. MARTIN,

Plaintiff.

RAINA L. MARTIN,

Defendant.

CASE NO. D-15-509045-D

DEPT. Q

APPEAL NO. 82517

(SEALED)

BEFORE THE HONORABLE BRYCE C. DUCKWORTH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

TRANSCRIPT RE: ALL PENDING MOTIONS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

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### PROCEEDINGS

(THE PROCEEDINGS BEGAN AT 10:30:37)

THE COURT: We are on the record in the Martin matter, D-15-509045-D. Please confirm your appearances.

MR. CRANE: Good morning, Your Honor.

MS. WILDE: Good morning.

MR. CRANE: Richard Crane, 9536, on behalf of Defendant Raina Martin. Also present with me is Justin Johnson, the case manager. And Raina Martin is present.

MS. WILDE: Good morning, Your Honor. Kathleen Wilde, bar number 12522, present on behalf of Plaintiff Erich Martin who is also present today.

THE COURT: Okay. Let me have the parties confirm their appearances. I don't see them visually, but I believe they're participating. There we have -- okay, we have the Plaintiff. Ma'am, go ahead and state your name. Or the Defendant.

MS. MARTIN: My name is Raina Martin.

THE COURT: Okay. And Mr. Martin, do we have you just by audio? If you can state your name. Mr. Martin, are you there?

MR. MARTIN: Yes, this is Erich Martin --

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THE COURT: Okay.

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MR. MARTIN: -- Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. Good morning. All right. This is the time set for hearing on Defendant's motion to modify child support and -- and to reprimand the Plaintiff, the opposition and countermotion, and there is a reply as well. Let me start by asking are there any stipulations to report on?

MR. CRANE: No, Your Honor. Nothing has been stipulated to.

THE COURT: Okay. I've had a chance to review the papers. Part of this, it -- this -- this is a child support modification primarily. And looking -- and this is a case that ultimately was transferred to this Court from Department C. I understand that the matter is up on appeal, but I do find preliminarily that the issue that's before the Court is ancillary to the issues that are on appeal. So I do find it is appropriate for the Court to proceed as it relates to those issues pertaining to the papers that have been filed with the Court.

The controlling order with respect to child support is the decree of divorce that was entered in 2015. So this clearly is subject to a three year review. There -- the -- the -- there is discussion in the paperwork about the income

and how the Court should calculate support. Some of this ties into an earlier financial disclosure form, specifically a financial disclosure form that appears to have been filed this last summer back in June of 2020 that listed gross monthly income of \$11,504 per month, disability income of \$5,163 per month.

And -- and so -- and I know there's been discussion in the paperwork about how that income has been characterized, the -- the Plaintiff was alleging that part of the income that had been reported related to income from a spouse. That certainly does -- isn't clear from the original financial disclosure form. It appears to be a salary and disability payout. I don't see any -- any reference to -- to income from another individual. So that's where I'm at.

I will say in running that calculation through the -- the child support calculator, and this is before any offsets and I know that's part of the discussion as well. The amount that -- that I came up with was \$1,463. But that does not -- I -- I want to be clear on that. That does not take into account the -- the amount that the Plaintiff is paying to the Defendant of \$845.43. So I would have to take that into account and make that calculation.

So Mr. Crane, it is -- it is your motion. Anything you wanted to add beyond what's in the papers?

MR. CRANE: Your Honor, it -- it looks like you -- you've -- you've read everything. You understand what's going on. The FDF that was recently filed, it was a blatant attempt by Mr. Martin to -- to conceal income. He dropped his -- his annual salary by -- just about \$10,800, something like that. And he also didn't claim any of his V.A. disability money which is a significant difference in his -- in his income.

You are correct and they did make a claim that we were taking into account his wife's income. That is not true. We did not -- we did not do that. And we did do the calculation taking into account what he's supposed to be paying to Ms. Martin every month as well. And our calculation came up a little higher than yours, Your Honor. So I -- you know, I'm going to, you know, obviously bow to your discretion on that, but we came up with the -- a little over \$1500 when you take into account his actual income. And his actual income is reflected on his pay stubs which show that he actually makes a hundred and thirty-eight thousand dollars a yea, not a hundred and twenty-seven as he indicated on the FDF.

So I don't really need to add anything more, Your Honor. It's a straight deal here. As far as offsets, there is nothing to offset. All of his claims for offset aren't -- aren't real. His -- he doesn't pay anything for his medical.

At least for the child, he pays nothing for the medical. He's on TRICARE standard. If he actually Raina in getting an I.D. card for the child, there would be the ability to be able to access TRICARE medical at no cost.

And then travel -- as far as travel is concerned, he's refused to exercise travel. And as such, he shouldn't get an offset for that either. He also claims to be spending some god awful amount of money, 600 and some dollars per month on this child. And we see none of that, that he's not spending a hundred dollars a month on clothes for the child. He's not paying for any educational expenses. In fact, we have to fight with him to pay the \$50 that he owes for glasses for the child. So none of that is relevant and there should be no offset.

THE COURT: All right. Let me hear from Ms. Wilde.

MS. WILDE: Thank you, Your Honor. I do agree that
this is largely -- you're just a -- a calculation matter. The
-- the documents largely speak for themselves. The pay stubs
coupled with the Veterans documents that Mr. Martin is
currently receiving.

Just as a quick aside, he's been sending me text messages. I guess he was kicked out of the outbreak room and has been trying to get back in. But I think we're okay while he works on that, just kind of continuing our discussion

because this really is just an application of a straightforward administrative and legal standard to the facts as stated through the pay stubs. We had a little bit different number on the gross income of close to 13,000 a month just based on the pay stubs before us.

The summer as we understand it was Mr. Martin was attempting to use the form during an proper person. I honestly don't know how he did it or what he did with that because he was not with us at the time. But we know that there were definitely errors in there. And they appear to be just good faith errors from -- from an in proper person litigant. He didn't really quite get how to do the form. But, you know, the -- the core number that we came up with based on the gross income we thought was about \$1399, roughly 1400. And the reason that we had urged some discretionary redactions under NAC 425.150 was based on in part the gross reduction for the indemnification that everybody agrees is going to Ms. Martin.

On health insurance which is a pretty standard reduction, there is about a hundred and ten dollars per month being paid toward the child's health insurance. And that based on what Mr. Martin is paying. And then we just put a little blip. It was a very small amount, just a hundred and fifty based on other children in the home. We all know I

think that children are quite expensive. And just the whole reason that we came up with the 1100 for monthly child support took into consideration that having three other minor children in the home is an expense that adds up.

With respect to travel, we did not claim expenses based on travel in light of civil unrest, in light of COVID, everything else going on in the world. We just don't want to put the minor child at risk. We don't want any potential problems whatsoever. As we noted, his best interest is always might be first. So that's not something we're even looking at right now.

And then just also a quick note. You know, the spouse's income, I think that got resolved already now that we've had a corrected filing, but we do defer to the Court knowing that this is a matter of discussion and a pretty straightforward application of the law as it's stated in our administrative code.

what I -- in looking at the -- and I note that the June 2020 financial disclosure form, it does not appear to have any payroll statements attached thereto unless I missed something. There do appear to be statements attached to the more recent filing that accompany this motion. The -- the CRSC pay statement dated December 1, 2020 reflects an amount of

\$2,363.96.

Mr. Crane, I'm -- I'm assuming you've seen that. Is
-- is that -- and that appears to be part of the corrected
amount that's listed in the financial disclosure form.

Mr. Crane Yes, Your Honor. A couple -- a couple of things.

That -- that is the money that he receives the combat related
to special compensation betting, but it does not include his

V.A. disability. And when he filled out his original form
back in June, he included those added together which means his
disability pay is somewhere around \$5,300 per month. He left
out his V.A. disability money which is separate from the
combat related special compensation.

Additionally, if you look at the pay stubs that are attached, those pay stubs indicate that he's paid every two weeks. And if you do the calculation, his June filing of an FDF was actually correct. And this one is the one that is not correct. It drops his income significantly. And it -- it actually indicates that he makes about \$15,000 a month including the \$2800 that his wife adds to his income, but his total expenditures on this FDF are over 22,8 -- 800 -- excuse me, \$22,300 which means he's running a \$6,000 deficit every single month. And we know that these numbers aren't real because there's no way that anybody could, you know, have an unsustainable, you know, expenditure versus income like that.

THE COURT: Okay. Ms. --

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MR. MARTIN: And -- and Ms. Wilde has properly stated that -- that COVID has caused a downturn. And that's obviously the same too for my exwife Raina Martin whose salary was reduced by \$30,000 within the last few months apparently from her previous financial disclosure filing in Dec -- December of 2019.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Crane, do you -- is there -- do -- do you have information? I'm new to this case, so is there documentation that you have that would suggest that there is a separate V.A. disability benefit apart from what I'm looking at?

MR. CRANE: Your Honor, as an officer -- as an officer of the court, I have -- I have to make the -- the offer because I don't have discovery on this. And if we require it, we will do discovery on this. But when a -- a military member is disabled, there is a V.A. disability, always. The combat related special compensation is a payment that comes from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in lieu of receiving benefits of actual retired pay which leads us back to the original case which you don't need to worry about obviously because that's what's on appeal.

But the combat related special compensation is not in lieu of a Veteran's disability. So the Veteran's disability is payable. And if you look at his June FDF, you

will see that under disability he lists income of over \$5,000 which means that his V.A. disability is about \$2900 a month.

It -- like as I said, you know, I can tell you that this is what happened. I would ask the Court if there's a question to it that we open discovery and we find this out.

And obviously if we discover that Mr. Martin is misrepresenting his -- you know, that he's -- whether he's receiving V.A. disability that he of course be sanctioned for doing so. But every person that is disabled from the military that files for and receives CSRC is also receiving a V.A. disability.

THE COURT: Okay. Here -- here's what I'm inclined to do based on the -- the papers are on file with the Court.

The -- the amount -- one moment. So here's -- here's what I'm inclined to do. In terms of child support, again, I do find that it's properly before the Court. There's been a dispute as it relates to income. What I'm inclined to do is I'm -- I'm accepting the amount that's been offered in terms of the -- the CRSC payment that the Defendant has -- or the Plaintiff has offered based on the documentation attached to his financial disclosure form.

I am going to allow discovery during the next 60 days. The Defendant is allowed to pursue discovery to determine if there is a separate V.A. disability amount as Mr.

Crane has indicated that he believes that that does exist. We don't have any documentation to support that, but based on the explanation that's been offered, I'm satisfied that their discovery is appropriate. So that may be pursued.

But I'm -- I'm making a calculation today based on the representation from Mr. Martin that that is the extent of the benefits he receives from the federal government as it relates to any disability pay. So using that amount but relying on the amount based on my -- my review of the payroll statements and the amount of income that's being earned, I calculate the Defendant's income -- or the Plaintiff's income, excuse me, at \$13,860.09 per month. And that's again relying on the CRSC payment.

Deducting the amount of \$845.43 which is referenced in the paperwork as the amount that — that the Plaintiff is contractually bound to play — pay to the Defendant. The resulting income amount that I'm showing is \$13,022.66. That under the regulations results in a child support amount of \$1,317 per month. I'm inclined to make that the order of the Court. That would be effective pursuant to Rema Shiodi (ph). The motion was filed on November 18th. So it would be effective in December moving forward. That would be the new amount.

Both parties have -- have made statements or -- or

requests regarding the issues relating to civility and admonishments. I'm -- I'm not going to meddle into that micromanagement of this case at this point. I certainly welcome to the extent Counsel are -- are able to craft some type of behavioral order language, I would welcome that. I don't have my own behavioral order language, but if there's a language that you can stipulate to and include as part of the order from today, I certainly would welcome receiving that moving forward. But beyond that, I'm not inclined to grant any further relief.

I'm not inclined to make any award of fees because there -- there doesn't appear to have been much discussion.

Both parties acknowledge that child support was reviewable and should have been reviewed but there was not any discussion leading up to these proceedings. So each party is to bear their own fees and costs.

Again, discovery will remain open for 60 days to allow the -- the Plaintiff to explore the issue as it relates to any additional disability pay. And then to the extent it is different than what's been represented, obviously that perhaps becomes a bigger issue for the Court to look at in the future if it needs to be revisited.

So Mr. Crane, if you'll prepare the order and submit that to Ms. Wilde for review and signature.

MR. CRANE: And Your Honor, as it is discovered that 1 2 -- that he has misrepresented his income, I take it that the child support that you're ordering today will be retroactive 3 again back to December if it's modified? 5 THE COURT: That is correct. MR. CRANE: And --6 7 THE COURT: Okay. 8 MR. CRANE: -- Your Honor, there was one other thing. There is one other thing that -- it's an order from 9 10 Judge Burton that Mr. Martin was to pay the \$5,000 in pendente 11 lite fees within 30 days of the last hearing. He's paid \$750. 12 Can you let him know that that money is due immediately, the full amount is due immediately, to save me having to do 13 14 collection actions to collect attorney's fees. THE COURT: Well, it is -- it is due. I'm -- I -- I 15 16 have no problem reiterating that whatever orders that Judge Burton issued are the orders of the court. Those are 17 18 controlling in nature and enforceable through the Court's contempt powers. So whatever needs to be paid should be paid. 19 20 Okav? 21 MS. WILDE: Yeah --22 THE COURT: All right. 23 MS. WILDE: -- that's not an issue, Your Honor.

He's been making the payments as he can, but we absolutely

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know that that is due per the Court's order and he has been working on that. THE COURT: Okay. All right. I appreciate your appearances. Thank you. MS. WILDE: Thank you, Your Honor. MR. CRANE: Thank you, Your Honor. (PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 10:51:27) ATTEST: I do hereby certify that I have truly and correctly transcribed the digital proceedings in the above-entitled case to the best of my ability. Adrian Medramo Adrian N. Medrano 

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