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SARAH JANEEN ROSE, an individual,

Appellant,

VS.

DAVID JOHN ROSE, an individual,

Respondent.

District Court Case No. A-20-815750-C, Department XI

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CASE NO: A-20-815750-C Department 11

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

DAVID JOHN ROSE, an individual, Case No.:

Plaintiff,

vs. Dept. No.:

REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ., an individual; McCONNELL LAW LTD., a Nevada limited liability company; SHELLY BOOTH

COOLEY, ESQ., an individual; THE COOLEY LAW FIRM; a Nevada Professional Limited

Liability Company; SARAH JANEEN ROSE, an individual; DOE INDIVIDUALS I through X and ROE CORPORATIONS XI through XX,

Defendants

COMES NOW, Plaintiff DAVID JOHN ROSE by and through his attorneys of record,

COMPLAINT

James L. Edwards, Esq. of the law firm of Cohen Johnson Parker Edwards files this Complaint

against Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ., attorney at law, McCONNELL LAW LTD.,

SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ., attorney at law, THE COOLEY LAW FIRM, SARAH

JANEEN ROSE, an individual, DOE INDIVIDUALS I through X, and ROE CORPORATIONS

XI through XX, and alleges as follows:

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I.

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Plaintiff DAVID JOHN ROSE is a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 2. Defendant REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ., at all times pertinent hereto, was a resident of Clark County, Nevada, and a licensed attorney practicing in the State of Nevada.
- 3. Defendant McCONNELL LAW LTD. is a Nevada limited liability company, and law firm, located in Clark County, Nevada.
- 4. Defendant SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ., at all times pertinent hereto, was a resident of Clark County, Nevada, and a licensed attorney practicing in the State of Nevada.
- 5. Defendant THE COOLEY LAW FIRM is a Nevada professional limited liability company, and law firm, located in Clark County, Nevada.
 - 6. Defendant SARAH JANEEN ROSE is a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- The true identities of DOES I-X, and ROE CORPORATIONS XI-XX, are 7. unknown to Plaintiff, but such individuals and companies were either retained or hired to represent Plaintiff in a marriage dissolution action negligently represented Plaintiff; retained or hired to represent another party in the same marriage dissolution action and acted fraudulently against Plaintiff; or were otherwise involved and tortuously damaged Plaintiff.
 - 8. Each of the defendants are the principals and/or agents of each other.

II.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

9. Plaintiff DAVID JOHN ROSE retained Defendants to represent him in a marital dissolution action (Case No. D-17-547250-D).

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- 10. On March 23, 2018, Plaintiff and his then wife, Defendant SARAH JANEEN ROSE ("SARAH"), participated in mediation to resolve the division of community property and other issues. Defendant McConnell attended the mediation as Plaintiff's counsel.
- 11. As a member of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department ("LVMPD"),
 Plaintiff was enrolled in the Public Employees Retirement System ("PERS"). His PERS pension
 was an asset of the community and subject to division.
- 12. During the mediation, SARAH raised the issue of survivorship benefits and asked Plaintiff to name her as the survivor beneficiary. Survivor benefits are not an asset of the community; thus, SARAH had no right to them.
 - 13. Plaintiff refused to grant survivor benefits to SARAH.
- 14. Over the course of several hours, the parties reached a resolution as to division of community assets and other issues. Plaintiff and SARAH agreed that SARAH would NOT have any survivorship benefits to Plaintiff's PERS account. Mediator Rhonda W. Forsberg, Esq., drafted a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") memorializing the terms of the agreement. A copy of the March 23, 2018, MOU is attached hereto as **Exhibit "1"** and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 15. After the parties, their attorneys, and the mediator executed the MOU, SARAH's attorney, SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, drafted a Decree of Divorce, the terms of which were to mirror those of the MOU. A copy of the Decree of Divorce is attached hereto as **Exhibit "2"** and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 16. In drafting the Decree, SARAH's attorney, SHELLEY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ., included the following language:
- b) One-half of the community portion, as defined within Nevada law as articulated in Gemma v. Gemma, 105 Nev. 458 (1989), and Fondi v. Fondi, 106
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Nev. 856 (1990), in DAVID JOHN ROSE's Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada Pension benefits, said pension benefits to be divided pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order ("QDRO"), based upon a selection of Option 2 being made at the time of retirement so as to name SARAH JANEEN ROSE as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary of DAVID JOHN ROSE' pension benefits upon death, to divide said retirement account. [Emphasis added].

- 17. As set forth, above, in paragraphs 12, 13 and 14, the parties did not agree that SARAH would be named as Plaintiff's survivor beneficiary to his PERS pension. As such, that term was not included in the MOU.
- 18. Upon Defendant MCCONNELL's advice, Plaintiff signed the Decree of Divorce as prepared by Ms. Cooley. Defendant MCCONNELL stated she would review the Decree for accuracy before submitting it to Ms. Cooley.
 - 19. Defendant MCCONNELL signed the Decree and submitted it to Ms. COOLEY.
 - 20. The Decree of Divorce was filed, and noticed, on April 11, 2018.
- 21. Sometime thereafter, Defendant MCCONNELL realized her error in advising Plaintiff to sign the Decree of Divorce as drafted by Ms. COOLEY. Accordingly, on April 15, 2018, Defendant MCCONNELL filed a *Motion to Set Aside the Paragraph Regarding Survivor Benefits in the Decree of Divorce Based Upon Mistake*. A copy of said motion is attached hereto as **Exhibit "3"** and is incorporated herein by this reference.
- 22. Defendant MCCONNELL admitted her negligence in Exhibit "3." Specifically, she wrote,

Unfortunately, upon a later reading of the Decree, it came to undersigned counsel's attention that Sarah had included an award of the PERS survivor benefit option, even though it was never agreed upon. Page 3, lines 22 - 24.

Defendant MCCONNELL went on to write,

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Further, the Decree states that David is awarded one-half of the community portion of his LVMPD pension pursuant to Gemma v Gemma and Fondi v Fondi and based upon a selection of Option 2 being made at the time of retirement so as to name Sarah as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary. This was not included in the Memorandum because it was not agreed upon by the parties at the time of the mediation. Therefore, David requests that this paragraph be set aside as it was not agreed upon and it was mistakenly included and not noticed upon signing. Page 3, lines 27-28 and page 4, lines 1-5.

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Unfortunately, when reviewing the Decree, counsel inadvertently did not see that the option for survivor benefits was listed and awarded to Sarah. Page 6, lines 3 – 4.

III.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(negligence)

- 23. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 22 and incorporate the same as if fully plead herein.
- 24. Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ. and McCONNELL LAW, LTD. owed a duty of care to Plaintiff to exercise reasonable judgment and diligence expected of an attorney licensed to practiced law in Nevada.
- 25. Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ. and McCONNELL LAW, LTD. breached that duty in several respects, including, but not limited to:
- a. Failing to actively participate in drafting the Decree to ensure the agreed upon terms are properly reflected in the final draft;
- b. Failing to properly read, review, and object to the Decree that contained unfavorable terms that Plaintiff did not agree to;
- c. Advising Plaintiff to sign the Decree that contained unfavorable terms that Plaintiff did not agree to.

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V.

THIRD CLAIM OF RELIEF

(breach of contract)

- 35. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 34 and incorporate them into this claim as if fully plead herein.
- Plaintiff and Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ. and McCONNELL 36. LAW, LTD. entered into a contract wherein Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ. and McCONNELL LAW, LTD. agreed to perform legal services on Plaintiff's behalf.
- 37. Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ. and McCONNELL LAW, LTD. breached the contract in several respects, including, but not limited to:
 - Failing to maintain a level of competence expected of a licensed attorney; a.
- b. Failing to properly review a legally binding document before Plaintiff signed such document; and
 - c. Failing to give informed advice to Plaintiff.
- 38. Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ. and McCONNELL LAW, LTD.s' breach of the contract has caused Plaintiff both incidental and consequential damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 39. It has become necessary for Plaintiff to retain the services of attorneys to prosecute this action.

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VI.

FOURTH CLAIM OF RELIEF

(Civil Conspiracy)

- 40. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 39 and incorporate them into this claim as if fully plead herein.
- 41. Defendant SARAH and her representatives, Defendants SHELLEY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ. and THE COOLEY LAW FIRM, acted in concert to intentionally defraud Plaintiff into signing the legally binding Decree of Divorce with terms that were not agreed to.
- 42. SARAH and her representatives, Defendants SHELLEY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ. and THE COOLEY LAW FIRM, had no intention of abiding to the agreed upon terms as outlined in the MOU.
- 43. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned conduct of SARAH and her representatives, Defendants SHELLEY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ. and THE COOLEY LAW FIRM, Plaintiff has suffered financial damages and loss, and will be forced to continue to suffer financial damages and loss in order to rescind the fraudulent terms of the Decree of Divorce.

VII.

FIFTH CLAIM OF RELIEF

(breach of contract)

- 44. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 43 and incorporate them into this claim as if fully plead herein.
- 45. Plaintiff and Defendants SARAH, SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ., and THE COOLEY LAW FIRM entered into a contract wherein Defendants agreed that SARAH would NOT receive survivorship benefits under Plaintiff's PERS account, as outlined in the MOU.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2020. COHEN|JOHNSON|PARKER|EDWARDS /s/ James L. Edwards, Esq. JAMES L. EDWARDS, ESQ. State Bar No. 4256 ADAM C. EDWARDS, ESQ. State Bar No.: 15405 375 E. Warm Springs Rd., Suite 104 Las Vegas, NV 89119 Attorneys for Plaintiffs COMPLAINT - 10

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The parties, David Rose ("David") and Sarah Rose ("Sarah"), have met in mediation to resolve certain disputes and entered into an agreement in case Number D-17-547250-D in Dept. I of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, on March 23, 2018. By this memorandum, the parties desire to memorialize their agreement resolving all issues in the above referenced case. The memorandum addresses the material terms of the agreement, and is intended to bind the parties to those terms. The parties agree, however, that counsel for Sarah shall draft a final formal agreement incorporating the terms herein. That agreement shall be ratified by the Court, but shall not merge and shall retain its separate nature as a contract.

1. The parties agree to the following:

SARAH shall receive as her sole and separate property, free of all claims of David, the following:

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- (2) Any and all furniture and furnishings in her possession;
- (3) Her interest in his Nevada PERS pursuant to Gemma v. Gemma;
- (4) All bank accounts in her name;

David shall receive as his sole and separate property, free of all claims of Sarah, the following:

- 2015 Dodge Challenger;
- (2) Any and all furniture and furnishings in his possession;
- (3) His interest in his Nevada PERS pursuant to Gemma v. Gemma;
- (4) All bank accounts in his name;
- 2. David shall receive \$5,000 from the approximate \$54,868.45 in proceeds of the marital home and Sarah shall receive the remainder. Of the remainder of the sale proceeds, \$22,434.22 shall be as and for lump sum non-modifiable alimony. The parties agree that the alimony amount shall be tax deductible to David and taxed as income to Sarah.

- 3. David shall pay \$1,886.00 per month for child support effective April 1, 2018. David Shall also pay \$13,000 in constructive child support arrears. The arrears shall be payable in monthly payments of \$270.00 for 48 months commencing April 1, 2018.
- 4. The parties dog shall travel with the children between homes once Sarah has her own home. If either party no longer wants the dog there is a "free" right of first refusal to the other party.
- 5. Each party shall be responsible for their separate debt including the debt on their respective vehicles and any and all credit card debt.
 - 6. The parties shall follow and be subject to Department I's Behavior Order.
 - 7. Sarah is waiving her community waste claim.

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- 8. Each party shall be responsible for their own respective attorney's fees.
- 9. Each party acknowledges that they have been represented by counsel in the negotiation and preparation of this agreement, and voluntarily enters the agreement with full understanding of its terms. This agreement may be executed in counterparts.

AFFIRMED AND AGREED	SAN
DAVID ROSE	SARAH ROSE
Dated: 3-23-18	Dated: 03/83/2018
Approved as to Form and Content: REGINA M. McConnell, ESQ. Counsel for David Rose	SHELLY BOOTH CO
STATE OF NEVADA)) ss:	
COUNTY OF CLARK)	

DAVID ROSE did appear before me on the date set forth below, provided appropriate identification, and did sign the foregoing Marital Settlement Agreement as acknowledgement and agreement with its terms.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day of 1,2018

MOTARY PUBLIC is and for said County and State

RHONDA K FORSBERG Notary Public, State of Nevada Appointment No.04-85870-1 My Appt. Expires May 8, 2020 SARAH ROSE did appear before me on the date set forth below, provided appropriate identification, and did sign the foregoing Marital Settlement Agreement as acknowledgement and agreement with its terms.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me

this 2B day of Magel, 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said County and State



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DISTRICT COURT FAMILY DIVISION CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

DAVID JOHN ROSE,	Case No. D-17-547250-D Dept No. I
Plaintiff,	
vs.	D 4 CITA A NI
SARAH JANEEN ROSE,	Date of Hearing: N/a Time of Hearing: N/a
Defendant.	

STIPULATED DECREE OF DIVORCE

The above captioned matter having come before this Honorable Court upon the Complaint for Divorce of the Plaintiff, DAVID JOHN ROSE, represented by his counsel of record, Regina M. McConnell, and McConnell Law Group, Ltd., and Defendant, SARAH JANEEN ROSE,

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represented by her counsel of record, Shelly Booth Cooley, and The Cooley
Law Firm, and having filed her Answer in the time allotted by law; and
the Court having considered the Stipulation of the parties and being fully
advised in the premises FINDS, ORDERS and DECREES as follows:

I. FACTS OF CASE

DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE were married on the 17th day of June, 2006, in the City of Las Vegas, County of Clark, State of Nevada. A Complaint for Divorce was filed by Plaintiff, DAVID JOHN ROSE, in this action on 02/22/2017. Defendant, SARAH JANEEN ROSE, filed her Answer and Counterclaim for Divorce on 09/26/2017. Plaintiff, DAVID JOHN ROSE, filed an Affidavit in support his residency on 03/23/2018.

DAVID JOHN ROSE's current address is 8059 Torremolinos Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. SARAH JANEEN ROSE's current address is 63 Wyoming Avenue, Henderson, Nevada.

The Court FINDS that DAVID JOHN ROSE is age 32, and is employed on a full-time basis with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department as a Sergeant. SARAH JANEEEN ROSE is age 29, and is employed on a full-time basis with Academica-Doral Academy Pebble Campus.

The parties have three (3) minor children born the issue of this marriage: DAVID JAMES ROSE, date of birth: 04/12/2007; CARSON DAVID ROSE, date of birth: 04/12/2007; and, LILY PAIGE ROSE, date of birth: 05/24/2011. The parties have no adopted children, SARAH JANEEN ROSE is not now pregnant and the parties are not Intended Parents.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDERS OF THE COURT

The Court FINDS that it has both personal jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter jurisdiction over this divorce action.

The Court FINDS that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE are incompatible in their tastes, natures, views, likes and dislikes, which have become so widely separate and divergent that the parties have been and are now incompatible to such an extent that it now appears that there is no possibility of reconciliation between DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE, and there remains such an incompatible temperament between the DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE that a happy marital relationship and status can no longer exist. The parties are entitled to a Decree of Divorce on the grounds of incompatibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing

between DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE be dissolved; that DAVID JOHN ROSE is granted an absolute Decree of Divorce; and that each of the parties hereto be restored to the status of a single, unmarried person.

THE COURT FINDS that there are three (3) minor children born the issue of this marriage: DAVID JAMES ROSE, date of birth: 04/12/2007; CARSON DAVID ROSE, date of birth: 04/12/2007; and, LILY PAIGE ROSE, date of birth: 05/24/2011. The parties have no adopted children, SARAH JANEEN ROSE is not now pregnant and the parties are not Intended Parents.

The Court FINDS that the parties' have resolved their child custody issues by its entry of the Stipulated Parenting Agreement filed 10/30/2017, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" the terms of the Stipulated Parenting Agreement are ratified, confirmed, and approved by the Court at this time, and the same is incorporated into this Decree of Divorce as though the same were set forth in this Decree in full.

The Court FINDS that there is community property and community debt to be adjudicated by this Court.

The Court FINDS that the parties' have resolved all other issues, including, but not limited to, child support, division of assets and debts,

marital waste claims, alimony and attorneys's fees and costs as is memorialized by the Memorandum of Understanding, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "B."**

A. Child Custody

The parties' have resolved their child custody issues by its entry of the Stipulated Parenting Agreement filed 10/30/2017, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A."** The terms of the Stipulated Parenting Agreement are ratified, confirmed, and approved by the Court at this time, and the same is incorporated into this Decree of Divorce as though the same were set forth in this Decree in full.

AND DECREED that the parties shall abide by Judge Moss' Mutual Behavior Order, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit** "C," the terms of which are ratified, confirmed, and approved by the Court at this time, and the same is incorporated into this Decree of Divorce as though the same were set forth in this Decree in full.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the family dog, Abby, shall travel with the children between homes, once SARAH JANEEN ROSE has her own residence. If

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either party no longer wants the dog, there shall be a "free" right of first refusal to the other party.

AND DECREED that the Court retains jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter hereof for the purpose of making such other and further orders as relates to the care and custody of the minor children of the parties as to the Court may seem meet and proper from time to time hereafter during the minority of said children.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following statutory notices relating to custody are applicable to DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE:

- 1) Pursuant to EDCR 5.301, the parties, and each of them, are hereby placed on notice of the following:
 - All lawyers and litigants possessing knowledge of matters being heard by the family division are prohibited from:
 - (a) Discussing the issues, proceedings, pleadings, or papers on file with the court with any minor child;
 - (b) Allowing any minor child to review any such proceedings, pleadings, or papers or the record of the proceedings before the court, whether in the form of transcripts, audio, or video recordings, or otherwise;
 - (c) Leaving such materials in a place where it is likely or foreseeable that any child will access those materials; or
 - (d) Knowingly permitting any other person to do any of the things enumerated in this rule, without written consent of the parties or the permission of the court.

to a place within this State that is at such a distance that would substantially impair the ability of the other parent to maintain a meaningful relationship with the child, and the relocating parent desires to take the child with him or her, the relocating parent shall, before relocating:

- (a) Attempt to obtain the written consent of the non-relocating parent to relocate with the child; and
- (b) If the non-relocating parent refuses to give that consent, petition the court for primary physical custody for the purpose of relocating.
- 2. The court may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the relocating parent if the court finds that the non-relocating parent refused to consent to the relocating parent's relocation with the child:
- (a) Without having reasonable grounds for such refusal; or
- (b) For the purpose of harassing the relocating parent.
- 3. A parent who relocates with a child pursuant to this section before the court enters an order granting the parent primary physical custody of the child and permission to relocate with the child is subject to the provisions of NRS 200.359.

D. Pursuant to chapters 125A of NRS and NRS 125C.0601 to 125C.0693, the parties, and each of them, are hereby placed on notice of the following:

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ORDER: THE ABDUCTION, CONCEALMENT OR DETENTION OF A CHILD IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS PUNISHABLE AS A CATEGORY D FELONY AS PROVIDED IN NRS 193.130. NRS 200.359 provides that every person having a limited right of custody to a child or any parent having no right of custody to the child who willfully detains, conceals, or removes the child from a parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or a right of visitation of the child in violation of an order of this court, or removes the child from

the jurisdiction of the court without the consent of either the court or all persons who have the right to custody or visitation is subject to being punished for a category D felony as provided in NRS 193.130.

E. Pursuant to provisions of NRS 125C.0045(7), the parties, and each of them, are hereby placed on notice that the terms of the Hague Convention of October 25, 1980, adopted by the 14th Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law apply if a parent abducts or wrongfully retains a child in a foreign country as follows:

Section 8: If a parent of the child lives in a foreign country or has significant commitments in a foreign country:

- (a) The parties may agree, and the court shall include in the order for custody of the child, that the United States is the country of habitual residence of the child for the purposes of applying the terms of the Hague Convention as set forth in Subsection 7.
- (b) Upon motion of the parties, the court may order the parent to post a bond if the court determines that the parent poses an imminent risk of wrongfully removing or concealing the child outside the country of habitual residence. The bond must be in an amount determined by the court and may be used only to pay for the cost of locating the child and returning him to his habitual residence if the child is wrongfully removed from or concealed outside the country of habitual residence. The fact that a parent has significant commitments in a foreign country does not create a presumption that the parent poses an imminent risk of wrongfully removing or concealing the child.
- F. The parents understand and acknowledge that, pursuant to the

terms of the Parental Kidnaping Prevention Act, 28 U.S.C. §1738A, and the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, NRS 125A.005, et seq., the courts of Nevada have exclusive modification jurisdiction of the custody, visitation, and child support terms relating to the child at issue in this case so long as either of the parents, or the child, continue to reside in Nevada.

G. The parents acknowledge that the United States is the country and Nevada is the State of habitual residence of the minor child(ren) herein.

B. Child Support:

The Court FINDS that DAVID JOHN ROSE's gross monthly income is \$8,671. Twenty-nine percent (29%) of DAVID JOHN ROSE's gross monthly income is \$2,514.59. DAVID JOHN ROSE's gross monthly income falls into the fourth tier of the Presumptive Maximum Amounts of Child Support (NRS 125B.070) effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, and the presumptive maximum amount DAVID JOHN ROSE may be required to pay per month per child is \$905 (or \$2,715 for three (3) children).

The Court FINDS that SARAH JANEEN ROSE's imputed gross monthly income is \$2,166. Twenty-nine percent (29%) of SARAH

JANEEN ROSE's gross monthly income is \$628.14. SARAH JANEEN ROSE's gross monthly income falls into the first tier of the Presumptive Maximum Amounts of Child Support (NRS 125B.070) effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, and the presumptive maximum amount SARAH JANEEN ROSE may be required to pay per month per child is \$696 (or \$2,088 for three (3) children).

Twenty-nine percent of DAVID JOHN ROSE's gross monthly income (\$2,514) minus twenty-nine percent of SARAH JANEEN ROSE's gross monthly income (\$628) is \$1,886.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE shall pay child support to SARAH JANEEN ROSE at the rate of \$1,886 per month, commencing April 1, 2017, pursuant to NRS 125B.070, NRS 125B.080, Wright v. Osborn, 114 Nev. 1367 (1998), and Wesley v. Foster, 119 Nev. 110 (2003), DAVID JOHN ROSE's child support payment will be due on the first day of each month. These provisions shall continue until such time as the children attain the age of eighteen (18) years, unless the children are still attending high school, and in such event until said children graduate from high school or attain the age of nineteen (19), or until such children are otherwise emancipated pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes,

whichever occurs first.

AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE shall pay SARAH JANEEN ROSE the sum of \$13,000 (Thirteen Thousand Dollars) as and for constructive child support arrears. Said constructive child support arrears shall be payable in monthly payments of \$270.00 for a period of 48 months commencing April 1, 2018.

and DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE shall continue to provide medical support for the child, if available as a benefit of employment and is reasonable in cost and accessible. Medical support includes, without limitation, coverage for health care under a plan of insurance that is reasonable in cost and accessible, including, without limitation, the payment of any premium, co-payment or deductible and the payment of medical expenses.

Payments of cash for medical support or the costs of coverage for health care under a plan of insurance are "reasonable in cost" if: (1) In the case of payments of cash for medical support, the cost to each parent who is responsible for providing medical support is not more than 5 percent of the gross monthly income of the parent; or (2) In the case of the costs of

coverage for health care under a plan of insurance, the cost of adding a dependent child to any existing coverage for health care or the difference between individual and family coverage, whichever is less, is not more than 5 percent of the gross monthly income of the parent.

Coverage for health care under a plan of insurance is "accessible" if the plan: (1) Is not limited to coverage within a geographical area; or (2) Is limited to coverage within a geographical area and the child resides within that geographical area.

These provisions shall continue until such time as the child attains the age of eighteen (18) years, unless the child is still attending high school, and in such event until said child graduates from high school or attains the age of nineteen (19), or until such child is otherwise emancipated pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes, whichever occurs first.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that, pursuant to NRS 125B.080(7), the parties shall equally bear all of the children's unreimbursed medical expenses, including psychiatric, orthodontic, dental and optical costs, which are not covered by said insurance. The parties will abide by the "30/30" rule for unreimbursed medical expenses as follows:

a. Documentation of Out-of-Pocket Expenses Required: A party who incurs an out-of-pocket expense for medical care is required to document that expense and proof of payment of that expense. A receipt from the health care provider is sufficient to prove the expense so long as it has the name of the child on it and shows an actual payment by the party.

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- Proof of Payment Required: A party who has paid b. a health expense for the minor child of the parties must provide a copy of the proof of payment to the other party and the insurance company within thirty (30) days of the payment being made and in no event later than the expense could have been submitted to insurance for reimbursement. The failure of a party to comply with this provision in a timely manner which causes the claim for insurance reimbursement to be denied by the insurance company as untimely will result in that party being required to pay the entire amount which would have been paid by the insurance company as well as one-half (1/2) of the expense which would not have been paid by insurance if the claim had been timely filed.
- c. Mitigation of Health Expenses Required; Use of Covered Insurance Providers: Each party has a duty to mitigate medical expenses for the minor child. Absent compelling circumstances, a party should take the minor child to a health care provider covered by the insurance in effect and use preferred providers if available in order to minimize the cost of health care as much as possible. The burden is on the party using a noncovered health care provider to demonstrate that the choice not to use a covered provider or the lowest cost option was reasonably necessary in the particular circumstances of that case. If the court

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finds the choice of a non-covered or more expensive covered provider was not reasonably necessary, then the court may impose a greater portion of financial responsibility for the cost of that health care to the party who incurred that expense up to the full amount which would have been provided by the lowest cost insurance choice.

- d. Sharing of Insurance Information Required: The party providing insurance coverage for the child has a continuing obligation to provide insurance information including, but not limited to, copies of policies and changes thereto as they are received, claim forms, preferred provider lists (as modified from time to time), and identification card. The failure of the insuring party to timely supply any of the above items to the other party which results in the claim for treatment being denied by the insurance company in whole or in part will result in the amount which would have been paid by the insurance policy being paid by the insuring party.
- Reimbursement For Out-of-Pocket Expenses: e. party who receives a written request contribution for an out-of-pocket health care expense incurred by the other party must pay his or her share of the out-of-pocket expense to the paying party within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written request for contribution. The court much informal encourages as documentation as possible such as a handwritten note with copies of the bills and proof of payment attached. The requesting party shall make a copy of all papers submitted to the other party and substantiation for the request. The party receiving the request for contribution must raise questions about the correctness of the request contribution within the thirty (30) day period after the request for contribution is received.

objection to the request for contribution must be made in writing with a copy made for later reference by the court. The parties have stipulated that if the party receiving a request for contribution does not respond to the request within the thirty (30) day period, that party may be assessed attorney's fees if a contempt proceeding or court action is required as a result of the party's failure to pay or timely objection. If the party who owes contribution for a health care expense of the minor child of the parties does not pay the amount due within the thirty (30) day period and fails to respond to the request within the thirty (30) days and if that party is the recipient of periodic payments for child support (if such an obligation arises in the future), the requesting party is authorized to deduct the amount due from the other party from any periodic payments due and payable thirty (30) days after the request for contribution was made in writing subject to the limitation that the maximum recovery by deduction from monthly periodic payments will be no more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per month.

- f Sharing Insurance Reimbursement: If either party receives a payment from an insurance company or medical provider which reimburses payments made out-of-pocket previously by both parties or the other party only, the party receiving the payment must give the other party's share of the payment to the other party within seven (7) days of receipt of the payment.
- g. Timely Submission of Claims to Insurance Company: If either party is permitted under the insurance contract to submit a claim for payment to the insurance company directly, that party must do so in a timely manner. If the claim must be submitted only by one party, that party must

 submit the claim in a timely manner. Failure of a party to comply with this timely submission requirement will result in that party being required to pay the entire amount of the claim which would have been paid by insurance if timely submitted and one-half of that amount which would have been paid by insurance.

h. Effect of Not Obtaining or Maintaining Required Health Insurance Coverage: If a party is required to provide health insurance for a child of the parties and fails to do so when such insurance is available, that party shall be responsible for that portion of any medical expense that would have been paid by a reasonably priced insurance policy available at the time. Should both parties, who are obligated to provide health insurance for the minor child, lose that ability, the parties shall jointly choose and pay for an alternative policy. The court shall reserve jurisdiction to resolve any dispute relating to alternative insurance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parties shall alternate the dependent child tax deduction such that DAVID JOHN ROSE will claim the dependent child tax deduction for the child DAVID JAMES ROSE on his income taxes beginning with 2018, and every year thereafter, and SARAH JANEEN ROSE will claim the dependent child tax deduction for the child CARSON DAVID ROSE on her income taxes beginning with 2018, and every year thereafter. The parties shall alternate the dependent child tax deduction for the child

LILY PAIGE ROSE, such that DAVID JOHN ROSE will claim LILY PAIGE ROSE in odd years and SARAH JANEEN ROSE will claim LILY PAIGE ROSE in even years.

AND DECREED that the Court shall retain jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter hereof for the purpose of making such other and further orders as relates to the support and maintenance of the minor children of the parties as to the Court may seem meet and proper from time to time hereafter during the minority of said children.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following statutory notices relating to child support are applicable to DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE:

- 1) Pursuant to NRS 125B.095, if an installment of an obligation to pay support for a child becomes delinquent in the amount owed for 1 month's support, a 10% per annum penalty must be added to the delinquent amount.
- 2) Pursuant to NRS 125B.140, if an installment of an obligation to pay support for a child becomes delinquent, the court shall determine interest upon the arrearages at a rate established pursuant to NRS 99.040, from the time each amount became due. Interest shall

continue to accrue on the amount ordered until it is paid, and additional attorney's fees must be allowed if required for collection.

- 3) Pursuant to NRS 125B.145, an award of child support shall be reviewed by the court at least every three (3) years to determine whether the award should be modified. The review will be conducted upon the filing of a request by a (1) parent or legal guardian of the child; or (2) the Nevada State Welfare Division or the District Attorney's Office, if the Division of the District Attorney has jurisdiction over the case.
 - 1. An order for the support of a child must, upon the filing of a request for review by:
 - (a) The welfare division of the department of human resources, its designated representative or the district attorney, fi the welfare division or the district attorney has jurisdiction in the case; or
 - (b) A parent of legal guardian of the child, be reviewed by the court at least every 3 years pursuant to this section to determine whether the order should be modified or adjusted. Each review conducted pursuant to this section must be in response to a separate request.
 - 4. An order for the support of a child may be reviewed at any time upon the basis of changed circumstances.
- 4) Pursuant to NRS 125.450(2), the wages and commissions of the parent responsible for paying support shall be subject to assignment or withholding for the purpose of payment of the foregoing obligation of support as provided in NRS 31A.020 through 31A.240, inclusive.

- 5) Pursuant to NRS 125B.055(3), each party must, within ten (10) days after the entry of this Order, file with the Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Division, 601 North Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, and with the State of Nevada, Department of Human Resources, Welfare Division, a Child Support and Welfare Party Identification Sheet setting forth:
 - (a) The names, dates of birth, social security numbers and driver's license numbers of the parents of the child;
 - (b) The name and social security number of the child;
 - (c) The case identification number assigned by the court; and
 - (d) Such other information as the welfare department determines is necessary to carry out the provisions of 42 U.S.C. Section 654a.

C. Community Property:

Awarded to Plaintiff, DAVID JOHN ROSE:

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE is hereby awarded as her sole and separate property, free of any claims of SARAH JANEEN ROSE, sole ownership of the following:

a) The sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) from the approximate \$55,585.95 (Fifty-five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents) from the proceeds from the sale of the Marital Residence located at 7705 Young

Harbor Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, within five (5) days of executing the Decree of Divorce. The parties acknowledge that the proceeds from the sale of the Marital Residence are currently being held in the trust account of Regina M. McConnell.

One-half of the community portion, as defined within b) Nevada law as articulated in Gemma v. Gemma, 105 Nev. 458 (1989), and Fondi v. Fondi, 106 Nev. 856 (1990), in DAVID JOHN ROSE's Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada Pension benefits, said pension benefits to be divided pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order ("QDRO"), based upon a selection of Option 2 being made at the time of retirement so as to name SARAH JANEEN ROSE as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary of DAVID JOHN ROSE' pension benefits upon death, to divide said retirement account. The parties shall engage the services of Shann D. Winesett, of Las Vegas QDRO, located at 8925 South Pecos Road, Suite 14C, Henderson, Nevada 89074, Telephone: (702) 263-8438, E-Mail: customerservice@lasvegasqdro.com, for the preparation of the QDRO immediately after both parties and their respective counsel duly execute the Stipulated Decree of Divorce. SARAH JANEEN ROSE and DAVID JOHN ROSE shall equally bear the cost associated with preparing said QDRO (approximately \$800.00). Both parties are authorized to communicate with the preparer of the QDRO with regard to preparation of the QDRO. Both parties understand that The Cooley Law Firm and McConnell Law Group, Ltd. are not responsible for the preparation of the QDRO.

- c) All right, title and interest in the furniture and furnishings in his possession.
- d) All right, title and interest in the 2015 Dodge Challenger automobile in her possession, if any, subject to any encumbrances thereon. Both parties names are associated with the loan on said automobile. As such, DAVID JOHN ROSE shall have six (6) months to refinance said loan, removing SARAH JANEEN ROSE's name from said loan obligation.
- e) Any and all bank or financial institution accounts in his name alone.
- g) All personal property and jewelry in his possession.

- h) All of his personalties.
- Awarded to Defendant, SARAH JANEEN ROSE:

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that SARAH JANEEN ROSE is hereby awarded as her sole and separate property, free of any claims of DAVID JOHN ROSE, sole ownership of the following:

- a) The sum of \$27,792.98 (Twenty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents) from the approximate \$55,585.95 (Fifty-five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents) from the proceeds from the sale of the Marital Residence located at 7705 Young Harbor Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, to be paid within five (5) days of executing the Decree of Divorce. The parties acknowledge that the proceeds from the sale of the Marital Residence are currently being held in the trust account of Regina M. McConnell.
- b) One-half of the community portion, as defined within Nevada law as articulated in <u>Gemma v. Gemma</u>, 105 Nev. 458 (1989), and <u>Fondi v. Fondi</u>, 106 Nev. 856 (1990), in DAVID JOHN ROSE's Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada Pension benefits, said pension benefits to be divided pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order ("QDRO"), based upon a selection of Option 2 being made at the time of retirement so as to name SARAH JANEEN ROSE as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary of DAVID JOHN ROSE' pension benefits upon death, to divide said retirement account. The parties shall engage the services of Shann D. Winesett, of Las Vegas QDRO, located at 8925 South Pecos Road, Suite 14C. Henderson, Nevada 89074, Telephone: (702) 263-8438, E-Mail: customerservice@lasvegasqdro.com, for the preparation of the QDRO immediately after both parties and their respective counsel duly execute the Stipulated Decree of Divorce. SARAH JANEEN ROSE and DAVID JOHN ROSE shall equally bear the cost associated with preparing said QDRO (approximately \$800.00). Both parties are authorized to communicate with the preparer of the QDRO with regard to preparation of the QDRO. Both parties understand that The Cooley Law Firm and McConnell Law Group, Ltd. are not responsible for the preparation of the QDRO.

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2 3	automobile, subject to the encumbrance thereon.						
4	d) All right, title and interest in the furniture and						
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6	furnishings in her possession.						
7	e) Any and all bank or financial institution accounts in her						
8	name alone.						
9	f) All personal property and jewelry in her possession.						
11	gh) All of her personalties.						
12	D. Community Debt:						
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15	IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED						
16 17	AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE shall assume and pay the						
18	following debts, and he shall further indemnify and hold SARAH JANEEN						
19	ROSE harmless therefrom:						
20	a) Any and all debts associated with the assets awarded to						
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	him herein.						
23 24	b) Any and all debts in his name alone.						
25	c) Any and all credit cards in his name alone.						
26	d) Any and all debts in suggest solely by DAVID IOUN POSE						
27	d) Any and all debts incurred solely by DAVID JOHN ROSE						
28	as of the parties separation, which occurred on 02/21/2017.						

2. To be Paid by Defendant, SARAH JANEEN ROSE:

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that SARAH JANEEN ROSE shall assume and pay the following debts, and she shall further indemnify and hold DAVID JOHN ROSE harmless therefrom:

- a) Any and all debts associated with the assets awarded to her.
- b) Any and all debts in her name alone.
- c) Any and all credit cards in her name alone.
- d) Any and all debts incurred solely by SARAH JANEEN ROSE as of the parties separation, which occurred on 02/21/2017.

E. Alimony:

The Court FINDS that DAVID JOHN ROSE is age 32, and is employed on a full-time basis with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department as a Sergeant. SARAH JANEEEN ROSE is age 29, and is employed on a full-time basis with Academica-Doral Academy Pebble Campus.

The Court FURTHER FINDS that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH

JANEEN ROSE have been married for 11 years 9 months.

Accordingly, IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that David shall pay SARAH JANEEN ROSE the sum of \$22,792.97 (Twenty-two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents) as and for lump sum, non-modifiable alimony, to be paid within five (5) days of executing the Decree of Divorce. The parties acknowledge that DAVID JOHN ROSE shall be utilizing his share of the proceeds from the Marital Residence, currently held in trust with Regina M. McConnell, to satisfy the alimony obligation.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that said lump sum alimony payment received by SARAH JANEEN ROSE shall be included as income to SARAH JANEEN ROSE and deductible to DAVID JOHN ROSE on the parties' respective federal income tax returns.

F. Attorneys' Fees:

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that each party shall bear their own attorneys' fees and costs incurved relative to this matter.

G. Change of Name of Defendant, SARAH JANEEN ROSE:

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that SARAH JANEEN ROSE shall be permitted to either

restore her maiden name: SARAH JANEEN WOODALL, and/or retain her married name: SARAH JANEEN ROSE.

H. Tax Provisions:

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that SARAH JANEEN ROSE and DAVID JOHN ROSE shall file separate tax returns beginning with the calendar year of 2018. Each party will report their own individual employment earnings, income, gains and/or deductions arising from the assets and debts awarded to them herein, and the parties agree to indemnify and hold harmless the other from any tax penalties or interest related to their individual tax obligation. Should there be any corrections to any previous tax returns, then each respective party shall be solely responsible for any portion of any liability resulting from that party's respective income.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE hereby elect to have the division of their marital estate treated as a non-taxable transfer between spouses.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that under Circular 230 Disclosure:

To ensure compliance with United States Treasury Department
Regulations, the parties are advised that, unless otherwise expressly

indicated, any federal tax advice that may be in this Decree of Divorce, or which otherwise may pertain to this Decree of Divorce and/or any issue that may be incident to the parties' divorce or their marriage to each other, including any documents attached to this Decree of Divorce, is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, by anyone for the purpose of avoiding penalties under the Internal Revenue Code or promoting, marketing or recommending to another party any tax-related matters that may be addressed in this Decree of Divorce or otherwise.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the parties further admit and agree that each of them has had the opportunity to discuss with independent tax counselors, other than the attorney of record in the divorce action filed pertaining to the parties, concerning the income tax and estate tax implications and consequences with respect to the agreed upon division of properties and indebtedness, and SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, and THE COOLEY LAW FIRM and REGINA M. MCCONNELL and MCCONNELL LAW, LTD., were not expected to provide and, in fact, did not provide tax advice concerning this Decree of Divorce.

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I. PROPERTY ACQUIRED IN FUTURE TO BE SEPARATE PROPERTY

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that except as otherwise specified herein, any and all property acquired, income received or liabilities incurred by either of the parties hereto, shall be the sole and separate property of the one so acquiring the same, or the sole liability of the one so incurring the same. Each of the parties hereto respectively grants to the other all such future acquisitions of property as the sole and separate property of the one so acquiring the same and holds harmless and agrees to indemnify the other party from any and all liabilities incurred.

J. RIGHT TO DISPOSE OF PROPERTY BY WILL

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE shall each have an immediate right to dispose of or bequeath by will his or her respective interests in and to any and all property belonging to him or her from and after the date hereof, and that such right shall extend to all of the aforesaid future acquisitions of property as well as to all property set over to either of the parties hereto under this Decree of Divorce.

K. WAIVER OF INHERITANCE RIGHTS

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED. AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE, except as hereinafter provided, each hereby waive any and all right to the estate of the other left at his or her death and forever quitclaim any and all right to share in the estate of the other by the laws of succession, and said parties hereby release one to the other all rights to inherit from the other. Furthermore, said parties hereby renounce, one to the other, all right to be administrator or administratrix, executor or executrix, of the estate of the other, and said parties hereby waive any and all right to the estate or any interest in the estate of the other by way of inheritance, or otherwise, for family allowance therein or therefrom, to a probate or other homestead upon any property of the other, and to have set aside to him or her any property of the other exempt from execution, and from the date of this Decree of Divorce to the end of the world, said waiver by each in the estate of the other party shall be effective, and said parties shall have all the rights of single persons and maintain the relationship of such toward each other.

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L. MUTUAL RELEASE OF OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED. AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE understand and agree that this Decree of Divorce is deemed to be a final and conclusive and integrated agreement between the parties, and that except as herein specified, each party hereto is hereby released and absolved from any and all liabilities and obligations for the future acts and duties of the other, and that each of said parties hereby releases the other from any and all liabilities, future accounts, alimony and support or otherwise, or debts or obligations of any kind or character incurred by the other except as hereinbefore provided, it being understood that this instrument is intended to settle finally and conclusively the rights of the parties hereto in all respects arising out of their marital relationship except as hereinbefore provided.

M. EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED,
AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE
shall execute any and all legal documents, certificates of title, bills of sale,
stock transfers, deeds or other instruments or documents necessary in
order to effectuate transfer of any and all interest either may have in and

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to the said property hereby conveyed and/or transferred to the other as herein above specified in this Decree of Divorce within ten (10) days of presentation of same for such signature. Should either party fail to execute any of said documents to transfer interest to other, then it is agreed that this Decree of Divorce shall constitute a full and complete transfer of the interest of one to the other, as herein above provided, it is further agreed that pursuant to NRCP 70, the Clerk of the Court, shall be deemed to have hereby been appointed and empowered to sign, on behalf of the non-signing party, any of the said documents of transfer which have not been executed by the party otherwise responsible for such, and it is further agreed that this Agreement shall constitute and operate as such properly executed document and the County Assessor and County Recorder and any and all other public and private officials are hereby authorized and directed to accept this Decree of Divorce, or a properly certified copy thereof, in lieu of the document regularly required for such conveyance or transfer.

N. ACCEPTANCE OF DECREE AND ADVICE OF COUNSEL

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED

AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE

agree that they each have had a reasonable opportunity to seek the advice

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of independent counsel and to obtain adequate and sufficient knowledge of the extent and approximate present value of the community property and separate property of the other, and to the extent of having declined to examine and/or investigate further, have thereby waived and do hereby waive and relinquish the right to do so.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE further acknowledge that each party has become sufficiently acquainted with the other's earnings, property and financial obligations listed herein. and, to the extent requested, have had a reasonable opportunity to obtain knowledge of the property and financial obligations of the community and/or of the other party, and to the extent that they have not availed themselves of the opportunity to obtain such knowledge, each party expressly waives the right to further disclosure thereof; that they each have ascertained and weighed all of the facts, conditions and circumstances likely to influence their judgement herein; that all matter embodied herein, as well as all questions pertinent hereto have been satisfactorily explained; they that have individually given due consideration to such matters and questions; that, individually, each party clearly understands and consents to all of the provisions herein; that each

party freely, voluntarily, without duress, and with full knowledge of the consequences thereof, have waived their rights as described herein; and that each party voluntarily and expressly waives any right to further disclosure of the property, earnings and financial obligation of the community or the other party beyond the disclosures already provided and contained herein.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE further acknowledge that the parties' counsel have undertaken neither discovery nor investigation to determine or confirm the nature, extent, or valuation of the assets and obligations of the community and/or of each party. DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE agree to indemnify and hold Counsel harmless from liability relating to the valuation of community and/or separate property, debts and/or the herein division of property and debts. DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE also acknowledge and agree that each of them has independently obtained sufficient information necessary for them to individually determine, to their satisfaction, the nature, extent, and/or valuation of the subject property and debts. SARAH JANEEN ROSE further acknowledges and agrees that he has not relied on any

representation by Counsel as to the nature, extent, and/or valuation of the subject property and debts and/or with respect to the division of the property and debts herein.

O. OMITTED PROPERTY:

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED. AND DECREED that in the event any community property has been omitted from this Decree of Divorce that would have been community property or otherwise jointly-held property under the law applicable as of the date hereof, the concealing or possessory party will transfer or convey to the other party, at the other party's election: (a) the full market value of the other party's interest on the date of this Decree of Divorce, plus statutory interest through and including the date of transfer or conveyance; (b) the full market value of the other party's interest at the time that party discovers that he or she has an interest in such property, plus statutory interest through and including the date of transfer or conveyance; or (c) an amount of the omitted property equal to the other party's interest therein, if it is reasonably susceptible to division.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED,
AND DECREED that if any claim, action or proceeding is brought seeking
to hold the one of the parties hereto liable on account of any debt,

obligation, liability, act or omission assumed by the other party, the responsible party will, at his or her sole expense, defend the innocent party against any such claim or demand, and he or she will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the innocent party.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that if any joint debt, obligation, liability, act or omission creating such liability has been omitted from this Decree of Divorce and is subsequently discovered, either party may petition the Court for an allocation of that debt, obligation, liability, or liability arising from such act or omission.

P. KNOWLEDGE AND DISCLOSURE

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED,
AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE
each acknowledge that he or she has full knowledge of the assets, financial
status and possibilities of inheritance of the other at the time of this
Decree of Divorce.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED,
AND DECREED that DAVID JOHNROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE
each warrant that he or she has made full disclosure of all the assets of
the parties hereto. Should it be found that there exist other community

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assets which have not been disclosed and stated in this Decree of Divorce, either party may move the court for a partition of such asset(s) at any time hereafter. With respect to this paragraph, each party hereto specifically waives any and all limitation periods for the bringing of an action to partition such undisclosed asset(s) and further specifically stipulates that the failure to disclose such asset(s) constitutes extrinsic fraud, which will invoke the jurisdiction of the court to partition such undisclosed asset(s) at any future time.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT \mathbf{Q} .

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED. AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE expressly agree that this Decree of Divorce constitutes a just and equal distribution of the community assets and liabilities as they are known today and amply addresses the contingencies should there exist assets omitted herefrom. DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE further expressly agree that this Decree of Divorce contains the entire agreement of the parties on these matters, superseding any previous agreement between them. No other agreement, statement, or promise made on or before the effective date of this Decree of Divorce by or to either party or his or her agent or representative will be binding on the

1	parties unless (a) made in writing	g and signed by both parties, or (b)
2 3	contained in an order of a Court of	competent jurisdiction.
4	DATED this day of	, 2018.
5	STR.	
6 7	SARAH JANEEN ROSE	DAVID JOHN ROSE
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15	SARAH JANEEN ROSE	DAVID JOHN ROSE
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Exhibit "A"

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DISTRICT COURT FAMILY DIVISION CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

> Case No. D-17-547250 Dept No. I

COME NOW the parents, SARAH ROSE ("MOTHER") and DAVID ROSE ("FATHER") (hereinafter collectively sometimes referred to as the "parents" or the "parties," and individually sometimes referred to as a "parent" or a "party"), personally, and hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

STIPULATED PARENTING AGREEMENT

The parents have discussed between themselves and have agreed to this Parenting Agreement. The parents further recognize that it may be necessary for the terms and conditions of this Parenting Agreement to be supplemented or revised as the needs of the children and/or the circumstances of the parents change. The parents agree that any such revisions shall be in writing, signed, and dated by both parents. However, the parents understand that such agreed upon revisions and changes do not modify this Court Order. In the event a controversy arises, and until this Order is modified by the Court, this Order of the Court shall remain in full force,

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and effect, and the parents are encouraged to resolve the controversy themselves or seek mediation prior to initiating further Court proceedings and hearings.

It is the intent of the parents, SARAH ROSE, the natural mother, and DAVID ROSE, the natural father, to make every effort to maintain free access and unhampered contact between their minor children, DAVID JAMES ROSE, date of birth: 04/12/2007; CARSON DAVID ROSE, date of birth: 04/12/20017; and LILY PAIGE ROSE, date of birth: 05/24/2011, and the other parent. Neither parent shall do anything which may estrange the children from the other parent or impair the natural development of the children's love and respect for the other parent. Both parents understand that parenting requires the acceptance of mutual responsibilities and rights insofar as the children are concerned. Each parent agrees to communicate and cooperate with the other parent with respect to all matters relating to their children. The parents understand and agree that the best interests of their children will be served by the parents continuing to openly and freely communicate with each other in a civil manner and to cooperate with each other in raising their children.

The parents further agree that it is their intent to be and serve as "co-parents" insofar as the raising of their children are concerned. In establishing such a co-parenting arrangement, the parents acknowledge and agree to comply with and abide by the following key principles of co-parenting:

- 1. Both parents will continue to be fully involved in making major decisions about their children's health, education, welfare, and religion.
- 2. The parents will not place their children between them and their conflicts. The children are to be raised jointly by the parents and the parents agree to do so as two business-like partners. As such business partners, when it comes to the children, they agree to be cordial with each other and work out their differences in a fair and equitable manner.

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- 3. Both parents view themselves as having a family. Neither shall be deemed to have a lesser relationship with the children due to any labels this Agreement may establish concerning custody and visitation. Each has a family home and each is entitled to make decisions and have a lifestyle of which the children will be a part when they are in that home. Neither parent shall interfere with the other parent's lifestyle and home life, and to the contrary, each parent agrees to support the other in relation to the children.
- 4. The parents agree that the children shall never be put between the two parents in making a joint decision. Decisions shall be made by the parents together and handed down to the children. The children shall not be permitted to play one parent against the other.
- 5. The parents agree that communication between them regarding their children is essential. The parents will regularly discuss their children's needs, activities and conditions. The parents also will keep each other fully informed about significant events in their children's lives.
- 6. The parents will be jointly responsible for raising their children and will work together to share fairly in their children's expenses (which does not necessarily mean 50-50), living arrangements (which does not necessarily mean 50-50), and care. Both parents will take part in school conferences, doctor's appointments, religious education, etc.
- 7. Both parents acknowledge that they each value and respect the other parent as a co-parent, regardless of their other differences. Each parent also agrees that it is essential for the children to have access to and involvement with both parents.
- 8. Finally, both parents agree that should differences arise between them, every attempt will be made to work such differences out in a fair and equitable manner, before resorting to legal action.

I. LEGAL CUSTODY PROVISIONS:

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parents shall have joint legal custody of the minor children, which, in addition to the "co-parenting" principles set forth above, entails the following:

The parents shall consult and cooperate with each other in substantial questions relating to educational programs, significant changes in social environment, and health care of the children.

The parents shall have access to medical and school records pertaining to the children and be permitted to independently consult with any and all professionals involved with them.

All schools, health care providers, day care providers, and counselors shall be selected by the parents jointly. In the event that the parents cannot agree to the selection of a school, the children shall be maintained in the present school pending mediation and/or further Order of the Court.

Each parent shall be empowered to obtain emergency health care for the children without the consent of the other parent. Each parent is to notify the other parent as soon as reasonably possible of any illness requiring medical attention, or any emergency involving the children.

Each parent shall be responsible for keeping themselves apprised with information of the well-being of the children, including, but not limited to copies of report cards, school meeting notices, vacation schedules, class programs, requests for conferences, results of standardized or diagnostic tests, notices of activities involving the children, samples of school work, order forms for school pictures, all communications from health care providers, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all schools, health care providers, regular day care providers and counselors.

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Each parent shall be responsible for keeping themselves apprised of school, athletic, and social events in which the children participate. Neither parent shall prevent the children's participation in extra-curricular activities. Both parents may participate in school activities for the children such as open house, attendance at an athletic event, etc.

Each parent is to provide the other parent with the address and telephone number at which the minor children reside, and to notify the other parent within 30 days prior to any change of address and provide the telephone number as soon as it is assigned.

Each parent is to provide the other parent with a travel itinerary and telephone numbers at which the children can be reached whenever they will be away from the parent's home for a period of 48 hours or more.

Each parent shall be entitled to daily, reasonable telephone communication with the children on any day that the parent does not have custody of the children. Said calls shall be initiated by the parent seeking to contact the children. Each parent is restrained from unreasonably interfering with the children's right to privacy during such telephone conversations. Moreover, during each parent's custodial time periods, the minor children may initiate and shall have unhampered contact and access to the other parent and all extended family members, including but not limited to telephone calls, correspondence and notices.

The parents will consult with each other before enrolling the minor children in any extracurricular activities. For those activities that would require the minor children to participate in them during the other parent's custodial time, those activities must be agreed to in advance by the parents, before enrolling the children in the extra-curricular activity.

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II. PHYSICAL CUSTODY PROVISIONS:

PHYSICAL CUSTODY: IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parties shall share Joint Physical Custody of the children. MOTHER shall have custody of the children from Wednesday after school (or at 3:00 p.m. if school is no in session) through Sunday at 11:00 a.m. FATHER shall have custody of the children from Sunday at 11:00 a.m. through Wednesday after school (or at 3:00 p.m. if school is not in session). The parents agree to be flexible and to cooperate in good faith with each other with regard to their custodial time with the children.

III. HOLIDAY PROVISIONS:

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parents shall abide by the following holiday visitation schedule, which shall take precedence over, but not break the continuity of, the regular visitation schedule and shall be defined as follows:

HOLIDAY	ODD YEAR	EVEN YEAR
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday: This holiday shall be defined as the third Monday in January and shall begin at 3:00 p.m. (or recess of school) on the Friday preceding the holiday weekend and continues until 9:00 a.m. (or return to school) on the first weekday following the holiday.	Father	Mother
Presidents' Day: This holiday shall be defined as the third Monday in February and shall begin at 3:00 p.m. (or recess of school) on the Friday preceding the holiday weekend and continues until 9:00 a.m. (or return to school) on the first weekday following the holiday.	Mother	Father
Easter Sunday: This holiday shall be begin the Saturday prior to Easter Sunday at 7:00 p.m. and shall conclude the following Monday at 9:00 a.m.	Father	Mother
Mother's Day: Mother's Day shall be defined as the second Sunday in May and shall begin Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and conclude the morning following Mother's Day at 9:00 a.m. (or return to school).	Mother	Mother
Memorial Day: This holiday shall be defined as the last Monday in May and shall begin at 3:00 p.m.	Mother	Father

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1 2 3	(or recess of school) on the Friday preceding the holiday weekend and continues until 9:00 a.m. (or return to school) on the first weekday following the holiday.		
4	Father's Day: Father's Day shall be defined as the third Sunday in June and shall begin Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and conclude the morning following Father's Day at 9:00 a.m. (or return to school).	Father	Father
6 7 8 9	Independence Day: This holiday shall be defined as July 4th and the holiday will include the weekend if the holiday occurs on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday of any given year. In the event the holiday occurs on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, it will be treated as a one day holiday and shall begin at 9:00 a.m. on July 4th and continue until July 5th at 9:00 a.m.	Mother	Father
10 11 12 13	Labor Day: This holiday shall be defined as the first Monday in September and shall begin at 3:00 p.m. (or recess of school) on the Friday preceding the holiday weekend and continues until 9:00 a.m. (or return to school) on the first weekday following the holiday.	Father	Mother
14 15 16	Nevada Day: This holiday shall be defined as the last Friday in October and shall begin at 3:00 p.m. (or recess of school) on the Thursday preceding the holiday weekend and continues until 9:00 a.m. (or return to school) on the first weekday following the holiday.	Father	Mother
17 18	Halloween: Halloween shall be defined as beginning on October 31st at 9:00 a.m. and concludes November 1st at 9:00 a.m.	Father	Mother
19 20 21 22 23	Veterans' Day: This holiday shall be defined as November 11 th and the holiday will include the weekend if the holiday occurs on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday of any given year. In the event the holiday occurs on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, it will be treated as a one day holiday and shall begin at 9:00 a.m. on November 11 th and continue until November 12 th at 9:00 a.m.	Father	Mother
24 25 26 27	Thanksgiving and Family Day: This holiday shall be defined as the fourth Thursday in November and the Friday following the fourth Thursday in November and shall begin at 3:00 p.m. on the day school recesses preceding the holiday and concludes at 9:00 a.m. (or return to school) on the first weekday following the holiday.	Mother	Father
28	Winter Break: Winter Break shall be divided into two (2) periods with the first period commencing		

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2	when school recesses for Winter Break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school) and continue until the midpoint of Winter Break. If the midpoint		
3	falls on December 25 th , the parties shall exchange the children on December 26 th at 10:00 a.m. The		
4	second period shall commence on the midpoint of Winter Break at 10:00 a.m. and continues until		
5	school is scheduled to resume (or 9:00 a.m. if the children are not in school).		
6	First Period/Christmas Day (December 25th)	Mother	Father
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8	Second Period/New Year's Day (January 1st)	Father	Mother
9	Children's Birthdays: The children's birthdays shall be defined as beginning on the day of the	Mother	Father
10	birthday at 9:00 a.m. and concludes the following day at 9:00 a.m.		
11	Parents' Birthdays: The children shall reside with each parent on his/her birthday on the individual		
12	day at 9:00 a.m. and concludes the morning following the individual day at 9:00 a.m. Father's		
13	birthday is May 26th. Mother's birthday is August 17th.		
14	Vacations: Each parent shall be entitled to 14 days		
15	of vacation time annually, upon 30 days written notice to the other parent. In the event that the		
16	minor child, Mother's plans shall be given priority		
17	in even-numbered years and Father's plans shall be given priority in odd-numbered years. Neither		
18	parent shall schedule vacation time during the other parent's holiday time or during time the child		
19	is scheduled to be in school.		

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that any holiday, break or special occasion not specifically mentioned in this Decree shall be celebrated with the parent who is regularly scheduled to be with the minor children on that day.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that if either parent is required to work during their designated holiday visitation time, the other parent will be entitled to have the children during the time the other parent is working, without penalty to the working parent.

 IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the parents shall be flexible and act in good faith so that the children may participate in social activities (i.e., weddings, funerals, family reunions, birthday parties, etc.) during the other parent's custodial time.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parents understand and agree that the custody and holiday visitation schedule may be modified at any time by mutual agreement of the parents, and the parents will endeavor to work together with respect to custody of the minor children in a manner which best serves the children's interests. Such revisions shall be in writing, signed and dated by both parents. However, both parents understand that the agreed upon changes do not modify this Court Order. In the event of controversy, this Order of the Court will remain in full force and effect until modified by the Court.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parties understand and agree that the children shall continue to be able to participate in all extra curricular and sports activities in which they have already been participating. The parents will cooperate regarding transportation to ensure that their children will continue to participate in all extra curricular and sports activities in which they have already been participating.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that neither parent will sign the children up for any new extra-curricular activities that will infringe upon the other parent's scheduled time with the children, without the written consent of the other parent, before enrolling the children in the extra-curricular activity.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parents agree that they will consider the children's wishes and input with regard to the children's participation in extra-curricular activities.

State that is at such a distance that would substantially impair the the child, and the relocating parent desires to take the child with him or her, the relocating parent shall, before relocating:

(a) Attempt to obtain the written consent of the non-relocating parent to relocate with the child; and

(b) If the non-relocating parent refuses to give that consent

If the non-relocating parent refuses to give that consent, petition the court for primary physical custody for the purpose of relocating.

2. The court may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the relocating parent if the court finds that the non-relocating parent refused to consent to the relocating parent's relocation with the child:

Without having reasonable grounds for such refusal; or

(b) For the purpose of harassing the relocating parent.3. A parent who relocates with a child pursuant to this section before the court enters an order granting the parent primary physical custody of the child and permission to relocate with the child is subject to the provisions of NRS 200.359.

Pursuant to chapters 125A of NRS and NRS 125C.0601 to 125C.0693, D. the parties, and each of them, are hereby placed on notice of the following:

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ORDER: THE ABDUCTION, CONCEALMENT OR DETENTION OF A CHILD IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS PUNISHABLE AS A CATEGORY D FELONY AS PROVIDED IN NRS 193.130. NRS 200.359 provides that every person having a limited right of custody to a child or any parent having no right of custody to the child who willfully detains, conceals, or removes the child from a parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or a right of visitation of the child in violation of an order of this court, or removes the child from the jurisdiction of the court without the consent of either the court or all persons who have the right to custody or visitation is subject to being punished for a category D felony as provided in NRS 193.130.

E. Pursuant to provisions of NRS 125C.0045(7), the parties, and each of them, are hereby placed on notice that the terms of the Hague Convention of October 25, 1980, adopted by the 14th Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law apply if a parent abducts or wrongfully retains a child in a foreign country as follows:

Section 8: If a parent of the child lives in a foreign country or has significant commitments in a foreign country:

(a) The parties may agree, and the court shall include in the order for custody of the child, that the United States is the country of habitual residence of the child for the purposes of applying the terms of the Hague Convention as set forth in Subsection 7.

- F. The parents understand and acknowledge that, pursuant to the terms of the Parental Kidnaping Prevention Act, 28 U.S.C. §1738A, and the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, NRS 125A.005, et seq., the courts of Nevada have exclusive modification jurisdiction of the custody, visitation, and child support terms relating to the child at issue in this case so long as either of the parents, or the child, continue to reside in Nevada.
- G. The parents acknowledge that the United States is the country and Nevada is the State of habitual residence of the minor child herein.

The above STIPULATED PARENTING AGREEMENT reflects the rights and obligations of each parent as they pertain to the legal and physical custody of the parents' minor children. The parents hereby agree to fully comply with the same; and in witness whereof, the parents hereto have hereunto set their hands to this STIPULATED PARENTING AGREEMENT the year and date written below each parents' respective signature.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, by and between the parties hereto, that the above and foregoing STIPULATED PARENTING AGREEMENT is acceptable to the parents, is fair, is in the children's best interest; and the parents respectfully request the Court to adopt

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1	and ratify the same, and to enter the said STIPULATED PARENTING
2	AGREEMENT as the Order of this Court in any divorce proceeding filed to
3	terminate the parties' marriage.
4	IT IS SO AGREED by the undersigned this day of July, 2017.
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6	SARAH ROSE PAVID ROSE
7	Defendant Plaintiff
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12	SARAH ROSE DAVID ROSE
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15	IT IS SO ORDERED this day ofOCT 25 2017 , 2017.
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18	District Court Judge
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Exhibit "B"

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The parties, David Rose ("David") and Sarah Rose ("Sarah"), have met in mediation to resolve certain disputes and entered into an agreement in case Number D-17-547250-D in Dept. I of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, on March 23, 2018. By this memorandum, the parties desire to memorialize their agreement resolving all issues in the above referenced case. The memorandum addresses the material terms of the agreement, and is intended to bind the parties to those terms. The parties agree, however, that counsel for Sarah shall draft a final formal agreement incorporating the terms herein. That agreement shall be ratified by the Court, but shall not merge and shall retain its separate nature as a contract.

1. The parties agree to the following:

SARAH shall receive as her sole and separate property, free of all claims of David, the following:

- (1) 2012 Scion;
- (2) Any and all furniture and furnishings in her possession;
- (3) Her interest in his Nevada PERS pursuant to Gemma v. Gemma;
- (4) All bank accounts in her name;

David shall receive as his sole and separate property, free of all claims of Sarah, the following:

- (1) 2015 Dodge Challenger;
- (2) Any and all furniture and furnishings in his possession;
- (3) His interest in his Nevada PERS pursuant to Gemma v. Gemma;
- (4) All bank accounts in his name;
- 2. David shall receive \$5,000 from the approximate \$54,868.45 in proceeds of the marital home and Sarah shall receive the remainder. Of the remainder of the sale proceeds, \$22,434.22 shall be as and for lump sum non-modifiable alimony. The parties agree that the alimony amount shall be tax deductible to David and taxed as income to Sarah.

- 3. David shall pay \$1,886.00 per month for child support effective April 1, 2018. David Shall also pay \$13,000 in constructive child support arrears. The arrears shall be payable in monthly payments of \$270.00 for 48 months commencing April 1, 2018.
- 4. The parties dog shall travel with the children between homes once Sarah has her own home. If either party no longer wants the dog there is a "free" right of first refusal to the other party.
- 5. Each party shall be responsible for their separate debt including the debt on their respective vehicles and any and all credit card debt.
 - 6. The parties shall follow and be subject to Department I's Behavior Order.
 - 7. Sarah is waiving her community waste claim.

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- 8. Each party shall be responsible for their own respective attorney's fees.
- 9. Each party acknowledges that they have been represented by counsel in the negotiation and preparation of this agreement, and voluntarily enters the agreement with full understanding of its terms. This agreement may be executed in counterparts.

AFFIRMED AND AGREED DAVID ROSE Dated: 3-23-15	SARAH ROSE Dated: 02/83/2018
Approved as to Form and Content: White Council Council Council Council Council Response Approved as to Form and Content:	SHELLY BOOTH COC Counsel for Sarah Rose
STATE OF NEVADA)) ss: COUNTY OF CLARK)	

DAVID ROSE did appear before me on the date set forth below, provided appropriate identification, and did sign the foregoing Marital Settlement Agreement as acknowledgement and agreement with its terms.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day of 11, 2018

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SARAH ROSE did appear before me on the date set forth below, provided appropriate identification, and did sign the foregoing Marital Settlement Agreement as acknowledgement and agreement with its terms.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me

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Exhibit "C"

1 DISTRICT COURT 2 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 3 **FAMILY DIVISION** 4 5 6 Plaintiff, 7 Case No: 8 Dept No: I VS. 9 10 11 Defendant. 12 13 **BEHAVIOR ORDER** 14 The parties are hereby ORDERED to do, or not to do the following, as stated 15 in this Order: 16 1. No abusive contact (foul language, name calling, etc.) including 17 18 telephone calls, voicemails, letters, email, texts, all forms of social media, etc., to 19 the other party or to the child(ren). 20 2. Avoid any unnecessary contact with the other party's "significant other" 21 22 and friends not in common with you and do not initiate conflicts with them 23 3. No unnecessary contact with other people associated with or to the 24 other party for purposes of discussing court proceedings or making 25 26 negative/disparaging allegations against the other party (this includes all forms of 27

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- 4. You will advise all of your friends, relatives and "significant other" not to disparage, criticize or harass the other party, and that co-parenting requires facilitating a positive relationship with the other party; that you could have your parenting time limited if you are unable to stop their negative behavior, and that you may be sanctioned if the Court finds that you are knowingly allowing them to violate the Behavior Order.
- 5. No harassment at the other party's place(s) of employment, including contacting the employer to make negative or disparaging allegations; or to send or drop off evidence as it relates to these court proceedings that appears reasonably designed to put them, or likely to put them in a bad light or to get them fired, or to have them suffer negative consequences as a result.
- 6. No providing copies of unsolicited documents (personal letters, court pleadings, emails, texts, etc.) to anyone associated with a party (significant others, family members, neighbors, employers, etc.) for the intended purpose of shedding the other party in a negative light.
- 7. Neither party shall post, nor shall you allow significant others or family members on social media to post, including, but not limited to, FaceBook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, LinkedIn, Tumblr, and Google+, any negative or disparaging allegation against or negative image of the other party or anyone associated with the other party.

- 8. Pursuant to EDCR 5.301, you will not discuss any of the court issues or proceedings with the minor children; this includes showing them any part of the pleadings or attachments/exhibits (including audio and video) thereto; you will take every precaution to secure copies of pleadings safely away from the eyes of the children at all times. This means all evidence of litigation generated *on your side* and from the other party's side.
- 9. Neither party shall interrogate the child(ren) as to the activities or events at the other parent's residence, etc., and shall try to respect and not interfere with the child(ren)'s privacy and relationship with the other parent; do not place your child(ren) in a loyalty bind between yourself and the other parent; your child(ren) need to be able to love both of you freely in both of your homes for healthy child development.
- 10. Neither party shall interfere with the other party's contact with the minor children, including but not limited to telephone, email, social networking contacts, etc.; where telephone/video conferencing is part of your parent contact you many not take a smart phone or iPad from a child as a means of discipline when a child uses this technology to contact the non-residential parent. You must maintain a device accessible to the child(ren) charged or with accessible charger at all times, absent a Court Order otherwise.

- 11. Neither party shall threaten to commit or actually commit an act of violence upon the other party, upon the child(ren) in common of the parties, upon child(ren) not in common of a party, or upon the significant other, friend, relative, employer, employee, neighbor, etc. of a party.
- 12. Child custody exchanges, visitations, etc., shall be done in a civil, law abiding manner and reasonably close to the times specified by the Court. In the event of an emergency or unforeseen circumstance that could affect an exchange of the child or the time of the exchange, a party shall call or contact the other party as soon as is reasonably possible.
- 13. In the event of an emergency or unforeseen circumstance that could affect an exchange of the child or the time of the exchange, the party experiencing the emergency shall contact the other party as soon as reasonably possible.
- 14. There shall be no spoliation, destruction, alteration or modification of electronic evidence such as emails, texts, social media of all forms, or voicemails, audio recordings, video recordings, or phones, iPads, etc., with any information that either party or the Court may deem relevant to the current court proceedings.
- 15. There shall be no invasion of the electronic devices, email accounts, social media accounts, separate bank accounts, safe deposit boxes, separate residences or separate vehicles, etc. of the other party.

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1 2	16. Except as modified herein, all other court orders remain in full force			
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7	VIOLATION of this order, if admitted to, or if found after evidentiary hearing to			
8	have committed an act that violates this Order, may result in the party being held			
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DAVID ROSE,

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Plaintiff,

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DISTRICT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

CASE NO: D-17-547250-D

DEPT NO:

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Date of Hearing: 07/23/2018

Time of Hearing:10:30 am

ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED: YES

MOTION TO SET ASIDE THE PARAGRAPH REGARDING SURVIVOR BENEFITS IN THE DECREE OF DIVORCE BASED UPON MISTAKE

NOTICE: YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS MOTION WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT AND TO PROVIDE THE UNDERSIGNED WITH A COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS MOTION. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS MOTION MAY RESULT IN THE REQUESTED RELIEF BEING GRANTED BY THE COURT WITHOUT HEARING PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED HEARING DATE.

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, DAVID ROSE, by and through his attorney of record, REGINA M. McCONNELL, ESQ., of McCONNELL LAW, LTD., and hereby files this Motion to Set Aside the Paragraph Regarding Survivor Benefits in the Decree of Divorce Based Upon Mistake. Plaintiff seeks the following relief: 1) that the Court grants Plaintiff's motion in its entirety and order the survivor beneficiary language be removed from the Decree of Divorce based upon mistake; 2) that Plaintiff be awarded attorney's fees; and 3) any and all additional relief the Court deems necessary.

1	This Motion is based on all pleadings, exhibits, points, and authorities, Affidavit of DAVID		
2	ROSE and any arguments at the time of said hearing.		
3	DATED this 25" day of April, 2018.		
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6	REGINA M. McCONNELL, ESO.		
7	Nevada Bar No. 8029 9017 S. Pecos Road, Suite 4445		
8	Henderson, Nevada 89074 Attorneys for Plaintiff		
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10	NOTICE OF MOTION		
11	TO: SARAH ROSE, Defendant; and		
12	TO: SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ., her Attorney.		
13	YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will bring the above and foregoing		
14 15	Motion on for hearing on the 23 day of July 2018, at the hour of o'clock a_m. in		
16	Dept. I of the Family Court Division of District Court, which is located at 601 N. Pecos Road, Las		
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18	Vegas, Nevada or as soon thereafter as Counsel may be heard.		
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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Plaintiff ("David") and Defendant ("Sarah") were ordered to attend mediation with an attorney settlement master on November 1, 2017 at the Case Management Conference. As a result, the parties attended mediation with Rhonda K. Forsberg on March 23, 2018 and the parties reached an agreement. At the outset of the mediation, when all parties were sitting together, Ms. Forsberg discussed how the process would work and the issues that would be addressed to try to get the case settled. The parties both actively participated in the mediation and it and the parties agreed that David's Nevada PERS pension would be divided per Gemma, that David would pay Sarah a lump sum payment from his share of the house proceeds as taxable alimony and they agreed upon child Defendant's counsel began working on a Decree during the mediation but support arrears. unfortunately, her computer ran out of battery. As such, a Memorandum of Understanding ("Memorandum") was drafted setting forth the full terms of the agreement. (<u>See</u> Memorandum of Understanding, Exhibit 1, attached to Plaintiff's Appendix of Exhibits.) The Memorandum, which was attached to the Decree, did not specify that Sarah would receive any survivor benefits from David's pension because David did not agree to any such term. Further, there was no agreement that David would be solely responsible for the children's healthcare premiums. After leaving the mediation, Sarah's counsel was able to get to a computer locally (near the mediator's office) so as to get the Decree finalized and signed. Unfortunately, upon a later reading of the Decree, it came to undersigned counsel's attention that Sarah had included an award of the PERS survivor benefit option, even though it was never agreed upon. To this end, the Decree has indicated that David will be responsible for providing insurance for the children, without giving him the benefit of the cost, which was not in the Memorandum. Further, the Decree states that David is awarded one-half of the community portion of his LVMPD pension pursuant to Gemma v Gemma and Fondi v Fondi and

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based upon a selection of Option 2 being made at the time of retirement so as to name Sarah as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary. This was not included in the Memorandum because it was not agreed upon by the parties at the time of the mediation. Therefore, David requests that this paragraph be set aside as it was not agreed upon and it was mistakenly included and not noticed upon signing.

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. THE DECREE MUST BE SET ASIDE BASED UPON MISTAKE BECAUSE THE PARTIES DID NOT AGREE

As discussed above, the agreements that were made at the mediation were reflected in a fully signed and notarized Memorandum but were not correctly reflected in the Decree of Divorce. The Decree was signed by mistake according to NRCP 60 (b) which states in pertinent part as follows:

NRCP 60 (b) Mistakes; Inadvertence; Excusable Neglect; Newly Discovered Evidence; Fraud, Etc. On motion and upon such terms as are just, the court may relieve a party or a party's legal representative from a final judgment order, or proceeding for the following reasons: (1) mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect; (2) newly discovered evidence which by due diligence could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule 59(b); (3) fraud (whether, heretofore denominated intrinsic misrepresentation or other misconduct of an adverse party; (4) the judgment is void; or, (5) the judgment has been satisfied, released, or discharged, or a prior judgment upon which it is based has been reversed or otherwise vacated, or it is no longer equitable that an injunction should have prospective application. The motion shall be made within a reasonable time, and for reasons (1), (2), and (3) not more than 6 months after the proceeding was taken or the date that written notice of entry of the judgment or order was served. A motion under this subdivision (b) does not affect finality of a judgment or suspend its operation. This rule does not limit the power of a court to entertain an independent action to relieve a party from a judgment, order, or proceeding, or to set aside a judgement for fraud upon the court. Writs of coram nobis, coram vobis, audita querela, and bills of review and bills in the nature of a bill of review, are abolished, and the procedure for obtaining any relief from a judgment shall be by motion as prescribed in these rules or by an independent action. (Emphasis added).

As this court is aware, the Nevada Supreme Court in *Carlson v. Carlson*, 108 Nev. 358, 832 P.2d 380 (1992); which noted that the purpose of Rule 60 (b) was to redress any injustices that may have resulted because of excusable neglect or the wrongs of an opposing party, and should be liberally construed to do so, citing to *Nevada Indus. Dev. v. Benedetti*, 103 Nev. 360, 741 P.2d 802 (1987). *Lesley v. Lesley*, 113 Nev. 727, 941 P.2d 451 (1997), the Nevada court reiterated that under NRCP 60(b), the district court has "wide discretion in deciding whether to grant or deny a motion to set aside a judgment," but added that "this legal discretion cannot be sustained where there is no competent evidence to justify the court's action." The factors to be applied by the court in an NRCP 60(b)(1) motion are "whether the movant: (1) promptly applied to remove the judgment; (2) lacked intent to delay the proceedings; (3) demonstrated good faith; (4) lacked knowledge of procedural requirements; and (5) tendered a meritorious defense to the claim for relief." Id. at 732, citing to *Bauwens v. Evans*, 109 Nev. 537, 853 P.2d 121 (1993).

The Court announced that when it reviewed district court decisions on NRCP 60(b) motions, it also examined whether the case "should be tried on the merits for policy reasons," Id. at 734 citing to Kahn v. Orme, 108 Nev. 510, 835 P.2d 790 (1992). The Court expanded on that holding, stating that: "This court has held that Nevada has a basic underlying policy that cases should be decided on the merits. . . . Our policy is heightened in cases involving domestic relations matters," Id. at 734 to citing Hotel Last Frontier Corp. v. Frontier Properties, Inc., 79 Nev. 150, 380 P.2d 293 (1963), and Price v. Dunn, 106 Nev. 100, 787 (1990).

The Decree of Divorce that was entered by this Court warrants a set aside only as it relates to the particular portion regarding the award of David's survivor benefit to Sarah. As stated above, the terms of the parties' agreement at mediation were put in writing in the Memorandum and signed by the parties. Sarah knew that the parties did not agree that she was to receive his survivor benefits and she is only basing it on the fact that he had indicated that he wanted his children taken care of in the

future – this does not translate into giving her any survivor benefits. In total disregard of what was agreed upon and set forth in the Memorandum, the Decree awarded Sarah David's survivor benefits.

Unfortunately, when reviewing the Decree, counsel inadvertently did not see that the option for survivor benefits was listed and awarded to Sarah. Further, David believed, and had no reason not to believe, that the Decree was going to mirror the Memorandum, since that is what the parties agreed to at the mediation. He would not have signed the Decree, had he realized the survivor benefits were now being awarded to Sarah. This is a "bait and switch" because the intent as set forth in the Memorandum was that there was no award of survivor benefits. However, that was stripped away during the drafting of the Decree; which sadly, and by mistake, David had missed. In Nevada, unless the parties specifically agree to an award of survivor benefits, it is not considered a part of the pension. In the case at hand, David did not specifically agree to the award of survivor benefits and it was mistakenly placed in the Decree in complete disregard to the terms agreed upon and set forth in the Memorandum.

David's request is certainly timely made to this court. David believed that the parties were still under the considerations of mediation, again, under the intent of waiving the survivor benefit option. It seems rather questionable that Defendant's attorney would disregard the agreements made, then enter into an agreement with the decisions dismissed.

B. DAVID SHOULD BE AWARDED ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR HAVING TO BRING THIS MOTION

David respectfully requests an award of attorney's fees for having to bring this motion. To this end, NRS 18.010 states in pertinent part:

- 2. In addition to the cases where an allowance is authorized by specific statue, the court may make an allowance of attorney's fees to a prevailing party:
 - (a) When he has not recovered more than \$20,000; or

(b) Without regard to the recovery sought, when the court find that the claim, counterclaim, cross-claim or third party complaint or defense of the opposing party was brought without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing party.

Further, in *Halbrook v Halbrook*, 114 Nev. 1455, 971 P.2d 1262 (1998), the Nevada Supreme Court held that the power of the court to award attorney fees in divorce actions remain parts of the continuing jurisdiction of the court in appropriate post-judgment motions relating to support and child custody. Moreover, in *Love v Love*, 114 Nev. 572, 959 P.2d 523 (1998), the court reaffirmed NRS 18.010(2)(b) and NRS 125.150(3), holding that the district court can award fees in a post-judgment motion in a divorce case, citing with approval *Leeming v Leeming*, 87 Nev. 530, 490 P.2d 342 (1971); *Korbel v Korbel*, 101 Nev. 140, 696 P2d 993 (1985); *Fletcher v Fletcher*, 89 Nev. 540, 516 P.2d 103 (1973).

Finally, David respectfully requests the Court award him attorney's fees and costs incurred in having to file this motion. Sarah knows that David did not agree to give her any survivor benefits to his pension and it was not included in the Memorandum, but she refused to agree to make the change. Under *Brunzell v Golden Gate National Bank*, 85 Nev. 345 (1969), the Court should take into consideration the following factors when determining an award of attorney's fees: (1) the qualities of the advocate, (2) the character and difficulty of the work performed; (3) the work actually performed by the attorney; and (4) the result obtained. The undersigned has been practicing law over fifteen years, with approximately 95% of her practice dedicated to all aspects of family law for over ten years. The character and difficulty of the work performed in this matter is moderate, with the main issues being Sarah's actions in including language in the Decree awarding her survivor benefits to David's pension when it was not agreed upon nor included in the Memorandum because it was not agreed upon between the parties. To date, the work performed on this matter includes researching the issue of survivor benefits when not agreed upon, trying to resolve the issue, reviewing e-mails, drafting the Motion and conversations with the client regarding the motion. Counsel will provide an Affidavit of Fees upon request by the Court, following the hearing.

III. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, David requests that this Court grant his Motion in its entirety and order that the paragraph awarding Sarah any survivor benefits to David's pension be removed and that she not be awarded any benefits from his pension. Finally, David requests that he be awarded his attorney's fees in having to file this Motion.

DATED this 25 day of April, 2018.

McCONNELL LAW, LTD.

REGINA M. McCONNELL, ESQ

Nevada Bar No. 8029

9017 S. Pecos Road, Suite 4445 Henderson, Nevada 89074 E-mail: Regina@MLVegas.com

Attorneys for Plaintiff

DECLARATION OF DAVID ROSE

- I, DAVID ROSE, declare under penalty of perjury that the following statements are true and correct:
 - 1. That I am the Plaintiff in the above-entitled matter.
- 2. That I have read the above and foregoing Motion and know the contents thereof and that the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.
- That I attended mediation and the agreed upon terms were set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding.
- 4. That I never agreed to give Sarah any portion of my survivor benefits from my pension.

Pursuant to NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 25 day of April, 2018.

DAVID ROSE

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DISTRICT COURT FAMILY DIVISION CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

DAVID ROSE				
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vs.	Dept. <u>I</u>			
SARAH ROSE Defendant/Respondent	MOTION/OPPOSITION FEE INFORMATION SHEET			
Notice: Motions and Oppositions filed after entry of a final order issued pursuant to NRS 125, 125B or 125C are subject to the reopen filing fee of \$25, unless specifically excluded by NRS 19.0312. Additionally, Motions and Oppositions filed in cases initiated by joint petition may be subject to an additional filing fee of \$129 or \$57 in accordance with Senate Bill 388 of the 2015 Legislative Session.				
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CASE NO: A-20-815750-C

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REGINA MCCONNELL, ESQ.; ET AL

Defendant

DEPT NO: 11

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

DAVID JOHN ROSE, an individual,

Plaintiff,

VS.

REGINA MCCONNELL, ESQ., an individual; MCCONNELL LAW, LTD., a Nevada law firm; SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ., an

individual; THE COOLEY LAW FIRM, a Nevada law firm; SARAH JANEEN ROSE, an individual; DOE INDIVIDUALS I through X and ROE CORPORATIONS XI through XX,

Defendants

Case No.: A-20-815750-C

Dept No.: XI

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DAVID JOHN ROSE, an individual,

DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Plaintiff,
v.

REGINA MCCONNELL, ESQ., an individual,
MCCONNELL LAW LTD., a Nevada limited
liability company; SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY,
ESQ., an individual; THE COOLEY LAW
FIRM, a Nevada Professional Limited Liability
Company; SARAH JANEEN ROSE, an
individual; DOE INDIVIDUALS I through X and
ROE CORPORATIONS XI through XX,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: A-20-815750-C DEPT. NO.: 11

DEFENDANTS MCCONNELL LAW LTD., AND REGINA MCCONNELL, ESQ.'S ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO PLAINTIFF DAVID JOHN ROSE'S THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

Defendants McConnell Law Ltd. and Regina McConnell, Esq. (collectively "Answering Defendants"), by and through their counsel, LIPSON NEILSON P.C., hereby hereby answer Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint as follows:

I.

INTRODUCTION

- 1. As to paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Answering Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief of the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore, deny.
- 2. As to paragraphs 2 and 3, Answering Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.

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3. As to paragraph 8, Answering Defendants state the allegations purport to contain conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent the allegations require a response, Answering Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief of the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore deny.

II.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 4. As to paragraphs 9, Answering Defendants admit that Plaintiff DAVID JOHN ROSE retained Answering Defendants to represent him in a marital dissolution action (Case No. D-17-547250-D), as to remainder of the allegations contained therein, Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief of the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore, deny.
- 5. As to paragraph 10, Answering Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 6. As to paragraphs 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19, Answering Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief of the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore deny.
- As to paragraphs 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, to the extent the allegations 7. contained therein seek to quote, paraphrase or characterize the contents of written documents, the documents speaks for themselves and Defendants deny the allegations to the extent that they are inconsistent with that document. As to the remaining allegations in said paragraphs, Answering Defendants deny.

III.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Negligence)

8. As to paragraph 23, Answering Defendants incorporate their answers to paragraphs 1 through 22 as if fully set forth herein.

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- 9. As to paragraph 24, Answering Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief of the truth of the allegations contained therein and, therefore deny.
- 10. As to paragraphs 25, 25a, 25b, 25c, 26, 27 and 28, Answering Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

IV.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of Fiduciary Duty/Breach of Duty and Loyalty)

- 11. As to paragraph 29, Answering Defendants incorporate their answers to paragraphs 1 through 28 as if fully set forth herein.
- 12. As to paragraphs 30 and 32, Answering Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief of the truth of the remainder of the allegations contained therein and, therefore, deny.
- 13. As to paragraph 31, Answering Defendants state the allegations contained therein are legal conclusion which do not require a response. To the extent a response is required, Answering Defendants deny.
- As to paragraphs 33 and 34, Answering Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

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THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of Contract)

- 15. As to paragraph 35, Answering Defendants incorporate their answers to paragraphs 1 through 34 as if fully set forth herein.
- 16. As to paragraph 36, to the extent the allegations contained therein seek to quote, paraphrase or characterize the contents of written documents, the documents speaks for themselves and Defendants deny the allegations to the extent that they are inconsistent with that document. As to the remaining allegations in said paragraph,

Plaintiff has not suffered a cognizable legal injury.

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THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff failed to mitigate her damages, if any.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Answering Defendants state that Plaintiff's claims are barred by the Statute of Frauds, Laches, Waiver, and/or Statue of Limitations.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the Doctrine of Unclean Hands.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's causes of action for breach of fiduciary duty are duplicative and subject to a legal malpractice cause of action's statute of limitations.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is estopped from pursuing her claims as a result of her own conduct, and/or misconduct.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

As to all causes of action alleged, Answering Defendants allege that by reason of the acts and omissions of Plaintiff, Plaintiff has waived any entitlement to any recovery, for any breach of any duty, or for any other cause.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any conduct and/or actions of Answering Defendants were engaged in good faith and for legitimate business reasons.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If Plaintiff has sustained injuries and damages, it has been the result of Plaintiff's negligence and/or failure to properly defend the underlying action and/or inappropriate behavior.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Answering Defendants assert as an affirmative defense that Plaintiff's alleged injuries and damages may have been caused or contributed to by the acts or omissions

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of Plaintiff and/or other persons or parties, thereby eliminating or reducing liability of the Answering Defendants under comparative fault principles.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Attorney's fees in prosecuting this action are barred and may not be recovered under the "American" rule.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff failed to comply with the written terms of the retainer agreement.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Answering Defendants performed no acts or omissions that would warrant the imposition of any damages.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That it has been necessary for Answering Defendants to employ the services of an attorney to defend this action and a reasonable sum should be allowed as and for Answering Defendants' attorney's fees, together with their costs expended in this action.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any recovery by Plaintiff must be offset by the unpaid legal fees and costs still due and owing to Answering Defendants.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is barred from asserting any claim against Answering Defendants because the alleged injuries and damages, if any, were the result of the intervening, superseding conduct of others, over whom Answering Defendants had no control.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred because she breached her duty to act in good faith.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Answering Defendants were not a proximate cause or legal cause of Plaintiff's injuries or damages, if any.

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TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's injuries and damages, if any, were the result of Plaintiff's negligence, comparative negligence, and misconduct.

TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Answering Defendants committed no wrongful or negligent acts.

TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims relating to the conduct of the underlying matters should be dismissed for the reason that any alleged failure and/or omission of Answering Defendants did not constitute a "but for" cause in fact or a "proximate cause of any alleged injury or damage to Plaintiff. Further, to the extent that there are intervening and superseding causes, Plaintiff's claims are barred.

TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are reduced, modified, and/or barred by the doctrine of collateral estoppel and/or issue preclusion.

TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claim of negligence is without legal merit for the reason that Answering Defendants, at all times, exercised the reasonable skill, care, and diligence usually exercised by lawyers and otherwise conducted themselves with honesty, good faith, integrity, and fidelity to Plaintiff at all time during their representation of Plaintiff in the underlying matter.

TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to NRCP 8 and 11, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of this Answer to Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint, and the Answering Defendants reserve the right to amend their Answer to allege additional affirmative defenses as subsequent investigation warrants.

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WHEREFORE, Answering Defendants pray for judgment as follows:

- 1. That the Court find no cause of action in favor of Plaintiff and Plaintiff takes nothing by virtue of the Third Amended Complaint;
- 2. That Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint be dismissed with prejudice and that Answering Defendants be dismissed from this action;
- 3. That the Court award Answering Defendants reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit; and,
 - 4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. DATED this 2nd day of July, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b) and Administrative Order 14-2, on the 2nd day of July, 2020, I electronically served the foregoing **DEFENDANTS MCCONNELL LAW LTD., AND REGINA MCCONNELL, ESQ.'S ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO PLAINTIFF DAVID JOHN ROSE'S THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT** through the Clerk's Office using the E-File & ServeNV system for transmittal to the following parties:

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK	COUNT	Y, NEV	'ADA

)	(PURSUANT TO NRS 12.015)
Defendant.)	REPRESENTATION
·)	STATEMENT OF LEGAL AID
SARAH ROSE,)	•
)	DEPT. ₁₁
vs.)	
)	CASE NO. A-20-815750-C
Plaintiff,)	
)	
DAVID ROSE,)	

Party Filing Statement: □ Plaintiff/Petitioner □ Defendant/Respondent

STATEMENT

<u>SARAH ROSE</u>, has qualified and has been accepted for placement as a Pro Bono client or as a direct client of <u>LEGAL AID CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA</u>, a nonprofit organization providing free legal assistance to indigents, and is entitled to pursue or defend this action without costs, including filing fees and fees for service of writ, process, pleading or paper without charge, as set forth in NRS 12.015.

Dated: June 16, 2020 .

BARBARA BUCKLEY, ESQ.

/s/ Barbara E. Buckley

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada Preparer

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Court (the "Family Court"). Claims arising	g from settlement negotiations, drafting of settlement
agreements, and submission of settlement a	agreements are subject to Nevada's Anti-SLAPP statute
and thus the burden shifts to David to demo	onstrate, with "prima facie evidence," that he has a
"probability of prevailing on [his] claim[s]"	which he cannot do. See NRS 41.660(3)(c). In the
alternative, Sarah moves to dismiss David's	s claims pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(1) because this Court
lacks subject-matter jurisdiction and under	NRCP 12(b)(5) because his claims fail as pled.
This Motion is made and based upo	n the papers and pleadings on file; the following
Memorandum of Points and Authorities; th	e exhibits attached hereto; and any oral argument as may
be heard by the Court.	
DATED this 6 th day of July, 2020.	
	BAILEY * KENNEDY
	By: /s/ Paul C. Williams DENNIS L. KENNEDY PAUL C. WILLIAMS Attorneys for Defendant Sarah Janeen Rose in Conjunction with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada Pro Bono Project

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

David's strategy in filing this premature lawsuit against Sarah is transparent. David wants to create leverage against Sarah in their *pending* Divorce Action and to intimidate Sarah's former counsel Shelly Booth Cooley, Esq. ("Cooley"), who is anticipated to testify in an evidentiary hearing in the Divorce Action currently scheduled for July 22, 2020. The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is to address David's efforts to set aside a term contained in a Stipulated Decree of Divorce (the "Divorce Decree") providing Sarah with survivor benefits under David's Public Employees Retirement System ("PERS") pension—i.e. the basis of David's claims against Sarah in this action. If David obtains the relief he seeks in the Divorce Matter, his claims against Sarah are moot. David's decision to file this unripe lawsuit at this time is an unmistakable attempt to wrongfully pressure Sarah into agreeing to his desired result in the Divorce Action and to intimidate a witness (Cooley). Nevada law does not tolerate such misconduct.

In 1993, the Nevada legislature enacted an anti-SLAPP statute to protect against such abusive litigation. As explained below, David's claims are "based upon a good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech in direct connection with an issue of public concern," making them subject to a special motion to dismiss under Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute. David's claims are based on statements made in the course of a judicial proceeding (the Divorce Matter); specifically: (1) an alleged oral agreement made during mediation; (2) a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") signed by the parties; and (3) Sarah's drafting and submission (through her counsel) of the Divorce Decree to the Family Court. Indeed, the California Supreme Court has interpreted its anti-SLAPP statute—a statute upon which Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute is modeled—to apply to claims such as breach of contract and fraud arising from the negotiation and execution of settlement documents.

Because David's claims are subject to a special motion to dismiss under Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute, the burden of proof shifts to David to demonstrate, with prima facie evidence, a

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¹ NRS 41.660(3)(a).

probability of prevailing on his claims. David cannot meet this burden. Even accepting David's allegations as true, his claims fail as a matter of Nevada law.

First, this Court lacks subject-matter jurisdiction to address David's claims. The Family Court has exclusive jurisdiction over divorce matters. The Nevada Supreme Court has repeatedly held that where a divorce decree does not directly provide for the survival of a pre-decree agreement merged into the decree (like the MOU), that pre-decree agreement is destroyed and the parties' remedies are limited to those available on the decree itself (e.g., a motion to set aside the decree). Stated differently, David cannot collaterally attack the Divorce Decree with claims for fraud and breach of contract because the MOU and any alleged oral agreement were unequivocally merged into the Divorce Decree. Accordingly, this Court lacks subject-matter jurisdiction to address the Divorce Decree which is pending in the Family Court.

Second, even assuming this Court had subject-matter jurisdiction, David's claims fail as a matter of law. Specifically:

- David's claims are unripe because they are contingent upon the outcome of the Divorce Matter, which remains pending.
- David's conspiracy claim fails because Sarah cannot conspire with Cooley—who was at all times acting within the scope of the attorney-client relationship—as a matter of law.
- David's conspiracy claim also fails because the alleged object of the conspiracy, to defraud David, is contradicted by an express provision of the Divorce Decree.
- ➤ David's breach of contract claim is barred by the parol evidence rule because the Divorce Decree is the final integrated agreement and supersedes any prior agreements (including the MOU and any other alleged oral agreements).

In sum, David's claims are subject to special motion to dismiss and he cannot meet his burden of establishing a probability of prevailing on any of them. Accordingly, Sarah respectfully requests that this Court grant her Motion and award her, pursuant to NRS 41.670(1), her reasonable attorney's fees and costs, plus \$10,000.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. The Divorce Action.

Sarah and David were married on June 17, 2006. (Compl. for Divorce, Case No. D-17-547250-D, filed on June 22, 2017, at 1; Ex. A, Decl. of Sarah Janeen Rose ["Sarah Decl."] ¶ 4.) On February 22, 2017, David filed a Complaint for Divorce against Sarah (the Divorce Action). (See generally id.; Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 5.)

B. The Mediation.

On March 23, 2018, Sarah and David, along with their respective counsel, participated in a mediation with the Honorable Rhonda K. Forsberg² in an effort to resolve the Divorce Action. (Compl. ¶¶ 10, 14; Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 6.) At that time, David was represented by co-defendant Regina McConnell, Esq. ("McConnell") and Sarah was represented by co-defendant Cooley. (Compl. ¶ 10; Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 7.)

David alleges, and Sarah denies, that during the course of the mediation Sarah requested that David name her as the survivor beneficiary of David's PERS pension. (Compl. ¶ 12; Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 8.) David alleges, and Sarah denies, that David refused to grant survivor benefits to Sarah. (Compl. ¶¶ 13-14; Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 8.)

C. The Memorandum of Understanding.

The mediation was successful. (Compl. ¶ 14; Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 9.) Judge Forsberg drafted a three-page memorandum of understanding (the MOU), which memorialized the material terms of Sarah and David's agreement. (Compl. ¶ 15; *id.*, Ex. 1, MOU; Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 10.) The MOU provided that its purpose was "to memorialize" the parties' agreement. (Compl., Ex. 1, MOU, at 1.) The MOU stated it included the "material terms" of their agreement and was intended to bind the parties to those material terms. (*Id.*) The MOU provided "that counsel for Sarah shall draft a *final formal agreement* incorporating the terms herein," and "[t]hat [final formal] agreement shall be ratified by the Court, but shall not merge and shall retain its separate nature as a contract." (*Id.* (emphasis added).) The MOU did <u>not</u> address survivor benefits. (*See generally id.*)

Judge Forsburg was appointed to Department G of the Family Division of the Eighth Judicial District Court after the mediation.

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After Sarah and David executed the MOU, Sarah (through her counsel) drafted a 39-page Stipulated Decree of Divorce (the Divorce Decree). (Compl. ¶ 15; id., Ex. 1, Divorce Decree; Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 11.) David and his counsel (McConnell) were given a copy of the Divorce Decree for their review. (Compl. ¶ 18; Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 12.) McConnell advised David to execute the Divorce Decree, which he did. (Compl. ¶ 18; id., Ex. 2, Divorce Decree, at 39.)

The Divorce Decree unambiguously provided that David would name Sarah as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary of David's PERS pension. (Id., Ex. 2, Divorce Decree, at 21, 24.) Further, the Divorce Decree contained many other terms that were not addressed by the MOU, including:

- Certain details concerning child support (id. at 11:20 12:1);
- Health insurance coverage for their minor children (id. at 12:11 13:20);
- Unreimbursed medical expenses for their minor children (id. at 13:20-17:16);
- The allocation of the dependent child tax credit (id. at 17:14 18:4);
- The division of furniture and furnishings (id. at 22:14-16, 25:4-6);
- The division of personal property and jewelry (id. at 22:28, 25:9-10);
- Directions for the division of the PERS pension though a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO) (id. at 21:22 – 22:13, 24:10-28);
- The division of their community debts (id. at 25:12 26:17);
- The filing of tax returns (id. at 28:4 29:25);
- Treatment of future-acquired property (id. at 30:1-15);
- Waiver of inheritance rights (id. at 31:1-25);
- Mutual release of obligations and liabilities (id. at 32:1-20); and
- Handling of omitted community property and debts (*id.* at 36:36 37:14).
- Simply put, the Divorce Decree contains many terms necessary to resolve a divorce that were not addressed by the MOU. (Compare id. with id., Ex. 1, MOU.)
 - The Divorce Decree also, contains an integration/merger clause, providing that the "Decree of Divorce contains the entire agreement of the parties on these matters, superseding any previous

agreement between them." (Id. at 38 (emphasis added).) Additionally, the parties agreed that "[n]o other agreement, statement, or promise made on or before the effective date of this Decree of Divorce by or to either party or his or her agent or representative will be binding on the parties unless (a) made in writing and signed by both parties, or (b) contained in an order of a Court of competent jurisdiction. (Id. at 38-39.) There is no other agreement, statement, or promise—either in a writing signed by both parties or in an order of a Court—addressing survivor benefits. (Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 13.)

Sarah (through her counsel) submitted the Divorce Decree to the judge assigned to the Divorce Action. (Compl. ¶ 19; Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 14.) The Divorce Decree was entered on April 11, 2018. (Compl., Ex. 2, Divorce Decree.)

E. David Moves to Set Aside the Divorce Decree, in Part.

On April 25, 2018, David filed a Motion to Set Aside the Paragraph Regarding Survivor Benefits in the Decree of Divorce Based Upon Mistake (the "Motion to Set Aside"). (*See* Motion to Set Aside, Case No. D-17-547250-D, filed on April 25, 2018.) In essence, David contends that he did not agree to designate Sarah as the survivor beneficiary and the inclusion of that term in the Divorce Decree was a mistake. (*See generally id.*) The Family Court initially granted David's Motion to Set Aside, removing the award of survivor benefits to Sarah from the Divorce Decree. (*See* Order, Case No. D-17-547250-D, filed on Sept. 25, 2018.)

F. Sarah Moves to Alter or Amend Judgment.

On October 9, 2018, Sarah filed a Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment, or, in the Alternative, for New Trial Pursuant to NRCP 59(a)(7). (*See* Motion to Alter/Amend, Case No. D-17-547250-D, filed on Oct. 9, 2018.) On January 16, 2019, the Family Court entered an order setting aside its prior order granting David's Motion to Set Aside and set the matter (including David's Motion to Set Aside) for an evidentiary hearing. (*See* Order, Case No. D-17-547250-D, filed on Jan. 16, 2019.)

The Court began the evidentiary hearing on the Motion to Set Aside (and other motions) on January 27, 2020. (*See* Minutes, Case No. D-17-547250-D, filed on Jan. 27, 2020.) As of the submission of this Motion, the Family Court has continued the evidentiary hearing to July 22, 2020.

(See Amended Order Setting Evidentiary Hearing, Case No. D-17-547250-D, filed on April 10, 2020.) It is anticipated that Cooley will testify as a witness at the continued evidentiary hearing. (Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 16.)

G. David Initiates this Lawsuit While the Divorce Action Remains Pending.

On May 29, 2020, David initiated this lawsuit against McConnell (and her law firm), Cooley (and her law firm), and Sarah.

David contends that McConnell, his prior counsel in the Divorce Action, committed legal malpractice by "a. Failing to actively participate in drafting the Decree to ensure the agreed upon terms are properly reflected in the final draft; b. Failing to properly read, review, and object to the Decree that contained unfavorable terms that [David] did not agree to; and c. Advising [David] to sign the Decree that contained unfavorable terms that [David] did not agree to." (Compl. ¶ 25.)

David asserts two causes of action against Sarah and Cooley (Sarah's former counsel in the Divorce Action). First, David asserts a claim for civil conspiracy against Sarah and Cooley, alleging they "acted in concert to intentionally defraud [David] into signing the legally binding Decree of Divorce with terms that were not agreed to" and that they "had no intention of abiding to the agreed upon terms as outlined in the MOU." (*Id.* ¶¶ 41-42.) Second, David asserts that Sarah and Cooley breached an agreement that Sarah would not receive survivor benefits (which he alleges is reflected in the MOU even though it does not address survivor benefits) by: "a. Drafting the Decree of Divorce, which contained terms that SARAH would be entitled to survivorship benefits under Plaintiff's PERS account; b. Submitting the Decree of Divorce so that its terms become legally enforceable; c. Seeking to enforce the survivorship benefit from the Decree, despite being contradictory to the agreed upon terms of the MOU." (*Id.* ¶ 47.)³

The conspiracy claim does not state the amount of damages sought by David and the breach of contract claim states that David seeks damages in excess of \$10,000—presumably based on the prior jurisdictional amount for district court actions. (*Id.* ¶ 43, 47.)

III. ANTI-SLAPP

A. Procedure Under Nevada's Anti-SLAPP Statute.

In 1993, the Nevada legislature adopted an anti-SLAPP statute based upon California's anti-SLAPP statute. *John v. Douglas Cty. Sch. Dist.*, 125 Nev. 746, 752, 219 P.3d 1276, 1281 (2009). "A SLAPP lawsuit is characterized as a meritless suit filed primarily to chill the defendant's exercise of First Amendment rights." *Id.* at 752, 219 P.3d at 1280 (internal quotation marks omitted). "SLAPP lawsuits abuse the judicial process by chilling, intimidating, and punishing individuals for their involvement in public affairs." *Id.* at 752, 219 P.3d at 1281.

Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute provides that a defendant may file a special motion to dismiss within 60 days after service of the complaint. NRS 41.660(1)-(2). Initially, a defendant filing a special motion to dismiss has the initial burden of demonstrating, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the claims at issue are "based upon a good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech in direct connection with an issue of public concern." NRS 41.660(3)(a). Then, if the moving defendant meets her initial burden, the burden shifts to the plaintiff to demonstrate, with "prima facie evidence," that he has a "probability of prevailing on the claim." NRS 41.660(3)(c). If the plaintiff fails to meet his burden, the matter must be dismissed and "the dismissal operates as an adjudication on the merits." NRS 41.660(5).

Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute is modeled on California's anti-SLAPP statute. *John*, 125

Nev. at 752, 219 P.3d at 1281. Accordingly, the Nevada Supreme Court generally relies upon

California case law when interpreting Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute. *Id* at 756, 219 P.3d at 1283

("When determining whether Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute falls within this category, we consider

California case law because California's anti-SLAPP statute is similar in purpose and language to

Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute."); *Coker v. Sassone*, 135 Nev. 8, 11, 432 P.3d 746, 749 (2019) ("This court has repeatedly recognized the similarities between California's and Nevada's anti-SLAPP statutes, routinely looking to California courts for guidance in this area.").4

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⁴ Indeed, the Nevada legislature, when amending the anti-SLAPP statute in 2015, directly referenced its reliance upon California's interpretation of its anti-SLAPP statute. *See* NRS 41.665(2) ("[T]he plaintiff must meet the same burden of proof that a plaintiff has been required to meet

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B. David's Claims Against Sarah are Based Upon a Good Faith Communication in Furtherance of the Right to Free Speech in Direct Connection with an Issue of Public Concern.

Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute defines a "[g]ood faith communication in furtherance of the right to free speech in direct connection with an issue of public concern" by four categories of communication. See NRS 41.637. One such category protects "[w]ritten or oral statement[s] made in direct connection with an issue under consideration by a ... judicial body "NRS 41.637(3) (emphasis added); see also Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 425.16(e)(2). To qualify for this category, "the statement must (1) relate to the substantive issues in the litigation and (2) be directed to persons having some interest in the litigation." Patin v. Ton Vinh Lee, 134 Nev. 722, 726, 429 P.3d 1248, 1251 (2018). Finally, the communication must be "truthful or . . . made without knowledge of its falsehood." NRS 41.637.

The anti-SLAPP statute applies to "communicative conduct such as the filing, funding, and prosecution of a civil action." See Rusheen v. Cohen, 128 P.3d 713, 718 (Cal. 2006) (emphasis added); see also Allstate Ins. Co. v. Belsky, No. 2:15-cv-02265-MMD-CWH, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 224167, at *10 (D. Nev. Mar. 31, 2017) (finding party's "petition[ing] a court for redress" was "an activity which California courts interpreting California's corresponding statute have found qualifies as a good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition," and was thus subject to Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute) (internal quotation marks omitted); accord John, 125 Nev. at 761, 219 P.3d at 1286 (affirming district court's application of Nevada's Anti-SLAPP statute where it found defendants' "actions were protected activity under the anti-SLAPP statute") (emphasis added).

Here, David's claims against Sarah are based on her "[w]ritten or oral statement[s] made in direct connection with an issue under consideration by a . . . judicial body," and are thus subject to Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute. NRS 41.637(3). Specifically, the gravamen of David's claims

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pursuant to California's anti-Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation law ") (emphasis added); see also Coker, 135 Nev. at 11 n.3, 432 P.3d at 749 n.3 (finding "reliance on California caselaw is warranted" given "the similarity in structure, language, and the *legislative mandate* to adopt California's standard for the requisite burden of proof ") (emphasis added).

against Sarah is that she breached an alleged agreement and defrauded him by "drafting the Decree of a Divorce" with a term entitling her to survivor benefits and "[s]ubmitted the Decree of Divorce [to the court] so that its terms become legally enforceable." (Compl. ¶ 46.) Sarah's negotiations with David, her drafting of the Divorce Decree (through her counsel), and her submission of the Divorce Decree to the Family Court (through her counsel) are all written and alleged oral statements made in direct connection with an issue (the Divorce Action) under consideration by a judicial body (the family court). The statements contained in the Divorce Decree and the alleged oral statements obviously "relate to the substantive issues in the litigation" and are "directed to persons having some interest in the litigation,"—specifically, to David and the Family Court. *See Patin*, 134 Nev. at 726, 429 P.3d at 1251.

The California Supreme Court has ruled—in an opinion that has been cited twice by the Nevada Supreme Court with approval⁵—that claims such as breach of contract and fraud arising from the negotiation and execution of settlement documents are subject to anti-SLAPP. *See Navellier v. Sletten*, 52 P.3d 703, 709 (Cal. 2002) (finding plaintiffs' claims for breach of contract and fraud were subject to anti-SLAPP because defendant's "negotiation and execution of' the settlement agreement "involved 'statement[s] or writing[s] made in connection with an issue under consideration or review by a . . . judicial body") (alterations in original) (emphasis added) (quoting Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 425.16(e)(2)); *Navarro v. IHOP Props.*, Inc., 36 Cal. Rptr. 3d 385, 391-92 (Cal. Ct. App. 2005) (finding claim that defendant defrauded plaintiff into signing stipulated judgment was subject to anti-SLAPP); *Dowling v. Zimmerman*, 103 Cal. Rptr. 2d 174, 190 (Cal. Ct. App. 2001) (finding anti-SLAPP applied to plaintiff's claims, including a claim for fraud, where "complaint arose from [defendant's] acts of negotiating a stipulated settlement").

Finally, none of the alleged statements are false. (Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 15.) Even assuming Sarah and David had orally agreed that Sarah would not receive survivor benefits at the mediation (they did not), neither their alleged agreement nor the inclusion of the survivor benefits in the Divorce Decree are false statements. Sarah and David had the right to propose and alter terms until

See Abrams v. Sanson, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 9, 458 P.3d 1062, 1069 (2020); Omerza v. Fore Stars, No. 76273, 2020 Nev. Unpub. Lexis 96, at *3-4 (Nev. Jan. 23, 2020).

the execution of their final integrated agreement (the Divorce Decree). Moreover, as further detailed below, because the Divorce Decree is the final integrated agreement, David cannot use parol evidence (such as the alleged oral agreement) to contradict the Divorce Decree's express terms. (Compl., Ex. 2, Divorce Decree, at 38.)

Accordingly, because Sarah has met her initial burden of demonstrating, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the claims at issue are subject to the anti-SLAPP statute, the burden of proof shifts to David to demonstrate, with "prima facie evidence," that he has a "probability of prevailing on" his claims. *See* NRS 41.660(3)(a), (3)(c). As explained below, David cannot demonstrate a probability of prevailing on his claims because they all fail as matter of law, and therefore this matter must be dismissed. *See* NRS 41.4660(5).

IV. DAVID'S CLAIMS FAIL

In the alternative to seeking dismissal under Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute, Sarah seeks dismissal of David's claims under NRCP 12(b)(1) and NRCP 12(b)(5). Because an analysis of David's claims under the second prong of Nevada's anti-SLAPP is partially⁶ co-extensive with an analysis of his claims under NRCP 12(b)(1) and NRCP 12(b)(5), the analysis is addressed jointly below—i.e. anti-SLAPP/NRCP 12(b)(1), and anti-SLAPP/NRCP 12(b)(5).

A. This Court Lacks Subject Matter Jurisdiction.

"Subject matter jurisdiction is the court's authority to render a judgment in a particular category of case." *Landreth v. Malik*, 127 Nev. 175, 183, 251 P.3d 163, 168 (2011). A defendant may move to dismiss a complaint on the basis of a "lack of subject-matter jurisdiction." NRCP 12(b)(1). Further, a court must dismiss an action, *sua sponte*, if it "determines at any time that it lacks subject-matter jurisdiction" NRCP 12(h)(3).

To be clear, David must do more than establish this Court has subject matter jurisdiction and that he has alleged viable claims in order to survive a special motion to dismiss—he must adduce "prima facie evidence," that demonstrates that he has a "probability of prevailing on" his claims. *See* NRS 41.660(3)(a), (3)(c). That Sarah can demonstrate that this Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction and that David's claims fail as a matter of law, does not alleviate David's burden of adducing prima facie evidence. *See id*.

The "family court division has *original and exclusive jurisdiction* over matters affecting the familial unit including *divorce*" *Landreth*, 127 Nev. at 184, 251 P.3d at 169 (emphasis added); NRS 3.223(1)(a) (stating that, in judicial districts where established, family courts have original and exclusive jurisdiction over all proceedings brought pursuant to NRS Chapter 125).

The Nevada Supreme Court has repeatedly held that a divorce decree destroys the independent contractual nature of a merged pre-decree agreement unless the agreement and the divorce decree direct that the agreement is to survive. See Day v. Day, 80 Nev. 386, 389-90, 395 P.2d 321, 322-23 (1964) (holding the "survival provision of a [pre-decree] agreement is ineffective unless the court decree specifically directs survival."); Vaile v. Porsboll, 128 Nev. 27, 33 n.7, 268 P.3d 1272, 1276 n.7 (2012) ("[W]hen a support agreement is merged into a divorce decree, the agreement loses its character as an independent agreement, unless both the agreement and the decree direct the agreement's survival"). Under such circumstances, a party may not seek to modify, rescind, or enforce the merged agreement under contract principles. See Vaile, 128 Nev. at 33 n.7, 268 P.3d at 1276 n.7 ("Because the parties' agreement was merged into the divorce decree, to the extent that the district court purported to apply contract principles, specifically, rescission, reformation, and partial performance . . . to support its decision . . . any application of contract principles to resolve the issue [addressed] . . . was improper.").8 Instead, the parties' remedies are limited to those available to address the divorce decree itself—e.g., the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure and NRS Chapter 125. See Lin v. Lin, No. 77351-COA, 2020 Nev. App. Unpub. LEXIS 241, at *6 n.4 (Nev. Ct. App. March 30, 2020) ("We note that although the parties agreed to the

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Accord Viallet-Volk v. Volk, No. 62261, 2014 Nev. Unpub. LEXIS 1661, at *2-3 (Nev. Oct. 13, 2014) ("[T]he merger of an agreement into a divorce decree destroys the independent existence of the agreement.").

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⁸ Accord Viallet-Volk, No. 62261, 2014 Nev. Unpub. LEXIS 1661, at *3 ("[B]ecause the marital settlement agreement and memorandum of agreement were incorporated and merged into the divorce decree, any attempt to enforce these agreements under contract principles is improper."); *Friedman v. Friedman*, Nos. 56265, 56616, 57424, 57480, 2012 Nev. Unpub. LEXIS 1812, at *6-7 (Nev. Dec. 20, 2012) ("A clear and direct expression of merger in the decree of divorce destroys the independent contractual nature of the marital settlement agreement, and parties may no longer seek to enforce the agreement under contract principles.").

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distribution of property in the MOU, because the agreement was merged into the decree, the parties' rights stem from the decree and are subject to the provisions of NRS Chapter 125.").

For example, in *Day*, the Nevada Supreme Court held that a divorce decree destroyed a predecree agreement concerning alimony even though the pre-decree agreement "expressly stated that the agreement was not to be merged into any decree of divorce entered later." 80 Nev. at 387, 395 P.2d at 321. There, a wife and husband executed a written agreement concerning the husband's payment of alimony to the wife and expressly provided that it would not merge into any subsequent divorce decree. *Id.* Later, the court entered a divorce decree that adopted the written agreement, but "did not itself state that the agreement was not merged, nor did it expressly provide that the agreement survive the decree." Id.

The wife subsequently sought a judgment for the husband's non-payment of alimony under NRS 125.180, and the husband argued that the wife's sole remedy was a breach of contract action on the pre-decree agreement. Id. at 387-88, 395 P.2d at 322. The Nevada Supreme Court rejected the husband's argument, finding that the pre-decree agreement's survival provision was ineffective because the divorce decree itself did not direct survival. *Id.* at 389, 395 P.2d at 322-23. The Court explained that absent "a clear and direct expression [of survival] in the decree we shall presume that the court rejected the contract provision for survival by using words of merger in its decree " Id. at 389-90, 395 P.2d at 323. As such, the Court held that the wife's remedy was through enforcement of the divorce decree via NRS 125.180. Id. at 390, 395 P.2d at 323.

Here, any prior agreements between Sarah and David (including the MOU and the alleged oral agreement) were merged into and destroyed by the Divorce Decree. The Divorce Decree contains an integration/merger clause, providing that David and Sarah "expressly agree that *this* Decree of Divorce contains the entire agreement of the parties on these matters, superseding any previous agreement between them." (Compl., Ex. 2, Divorce Decree, at 38 (emphasis added).) Moreover, the Divorce Decree expressly references the MOU (which is attached to the Divorce Decree) but does not specifically direct the survival of the MOU or any other agreements. (See

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generally id.) Thus, the MOU and any other agreements were merged into the Divorce Decree and did not survive. Day, 80 Nev. at 389-90, 395 P.2d at 323.

Because the MOU and any other agreements were merged into the Divorce Decree, David's remedies are limited to those available to address the Divorce Decree itself—such as his Motion to Set Aside currently pending in the Divorce Action. See Lin, No. 77351-COA, 2020 Nev. App. Unpub. LEXIS 241, at *6 n.4. The Family Court has exclusive jurisdiction to address the Divorce Decree. See NRS 3.223(1)(a); Landreth, 127 Nev. at 184, 251 P.3d at 169. Accordingly, this Court lacks subject-matter jurisdiction to address David's claims against Sarah.

Because this Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction, David cannot meet his burden to demonstrate a "probability of prevailing" on his claims and this Court should grant the Motion. See NRS 41.660(3)(c); see also Barry v. State Bar of Cal., 386 P.3d 788, 792 (Cal. 2017) ("The pertinent question under the [anti-SLAPP] statute is simply whether the plaintiff has established a probability of prevailing on a claim . . . alleged to justify a remedy. . . . While lack of substantive merit is one reason a plaintiff might fail to make the requisite showing, *lack of subject matter jurisdiction is another*. A plaintiff cannot prevail on her claim unless the court has the power to grant the remedy she seeks.") (emphasis added).

- B. Even Assuming this Court had Subject Matter Jurisdiction, David Cannot Adduce Prima Facie Evidence to Demonstrate that he has a Probability of Prevailing on his Claims Because they Fail as a Matter of Law.
 - 1. Standard of Decision under NRCP 12(b)(5).

Under NRCP 12(b)(5), "[d]ismissal is proper where the allegations are insufficient to establish the elements of a claim for relief." Stockmeier v. Nev. Dept. of Corrections, 124 Nev. 313, 316, 183 P.3d 133, 135 (2008) (internal quotation marks omitted). A complaint shall be dismissed "if it appears beyond a doubt that [the plaintiff] could prove no set of facts, which, if true, would

In fact, the MOU itself does not state that it (the MOU) would survive the entry of a divorce decree. Instead, the MOU contemplated that the parties would draft a "final formal agreement" that would "not merge" and "retain its separate nature as a contract." (Compl., Ex. 1, MOU, at 1.) The Parties never drafted a "final formal agreement," apart from the Divorce Decree. (Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 15.) Regardless, the Divorce Decree does not direct the survival of the MOU or any other agreement and that ends the inquiry. See Day, 80 Nev. at 389-90, 395 P.2d at 323.

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entitle it to relief." Buzz Stew, LLC, 124 Nev. at 228, 181 P.3d at 672; see also Morris v. Bank of Am. Nev., 110 Nev. 1274, 1276, 886 P.2d 454, 456 (1994) (providing that dismissal under Rule 12(b)(5) is appropriate where the allegations "fail to state a cognizable claim for relief").

When deciding a motion to dismiss, the Court need not accept legal conclusions as true, even if they are cast in the form of factual allegations. Clegg v. Cult Awareness Network, 18 F.3d 752, 754-55 (9th Cir. 1994); ¹⁰ Flowers v. Carville, 266 F. Supp. 2d 1245, 1249 (D. Nev. 2003); see also Conway v. Circus Circus Casinos, Inc., 116 Nev. 870, 875, 8 P.3d 837, 840 (2000) (stating that "[a] bare allegation is not enough" and that a complaint "must set forth sufficient facts to establish all necessary elements of a claim for relief").

Also, in deciding a motion to dismiss, the court may consider materials outside the pleadings if those materials are attached to the complaint, Hal Roach Studios v. Richard Feiner & Co., 896 F.2d 1542, 1555 (9th Cir. 1990), are referenced by the complaint, Durning v. First Boston Corp., 815 F.2d 1265, 1267 (9th Cir. 1987), or are properly subject to judicial notice—such as matters of public record, MGIC Indem. Corp. v. Weisman, 803 F.2d 500, 504 (9th Cir. 1986).

2. David's Claims are Unripe.

In order for a claim to be justiciable, it must be ripe for review. See Doe v. Bryan, 102 Nev. 523, 525, 728 P.2d 443, 444 (1986). A dispute is not ripe "if it rests upon contingent future events that may not occur as anticipated, or indeed may not occur at all." Texas v. United States, 523 U.S. 296, 300 (1998).

Here, David's claims are plainly unripe. Specifically, David's claims are contingent on the outcome of the Divorce Matter. David's Motion to Set Aside the Divorce Decree remains pending in the Divorce Matter and, if he prevails on it, then the claims asserted in this matter will be moot—he will have suffered no damages. Indeed, as explained above, an evidentiary hearing in the Divorce Matter is currently set for July 22, 2020.

Because David's claims are contingent upon the Divorce Matter, they are unripe and must be dismissed. See Texas, 523 U.S. at 300; Doe, 102 Nev. at 525, 728 P.2d at 444.

Federal cases interpreting the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are strong persuasive authority in Nevada courts. See Exec. Mgmt. Ltd. v. Ticor Title Ins. Co., 118 Nev. 46, 53, 38 P.3d 872, 876 (2002).

3. David's Conspiracy Claim Fails as a Matter of Law.

Civil conspiracy involves a "combination of two or more persons who, by some concerted action, intend to accomplish some unlawful objective for the purpose of harming another which results in damage." *Collins v. Union Fed. Sav. & Loan Assn.*, 99 Nev. 284, 303, 662 P.2d 610, 622 (1983). Additionally, an actionable civil conspiracy requires "the commission of an underlying tort; and an agreement between the defendants to commit that tort." *Vo v. Am. Brokers Conduit*, No. 3:09-CV-00654-LRH, 2010 WL 2696407, at *2 (D. Nev. July 2, 2010); *Paul Steelman Ltd. v. HKS*, *Inc.*, No. 2:05-CV-01330-BES-RJJ, 2007 WL 295610, at *3 (D. Nev. Jan. 26, 2007) ("Civil conspiracy is not an independent cause of action – it must arise from some underlying wrong.").

Here, David asserts a claim for civil conspiracy against Sarah and her former legal counsel (Cooley), alleging they "acted in concert to intentionally defraud Plaintiff into signing the legally binding Decree of Divorce with terms that were not agreed to" and "had no intention of abiding to the agreed upon terms as outlined in the MOU." (Compl. ¶¶ 41-42.) David's civil conspiracy claim fails for two independent reasons.

a. Sarah Cannot Conspire with Cooley as a Matter of Law.

David's civil conspiracy claim is based on an alleged conspiracy between an attorney (Cooley) and a client (Sarah) concerning a matter plainly within the scope of their attorney-client relationship (the Divorce Matter). As a matter of law, no such conspiracy can exist.

A client cannot conspire with her legal counsel who is acting within the scope of attorney-client relationship. *See Crossroads Partners v. Utah Crossing, Ltd.*, Nos. 98-15673, 98-15674, 1999 U.S. App. LEXIS 22721, at *10 (9th Cir. Sep. 9, 1999) (finding, under Nevada law, a civil conspiracy between a client and a lawyer was barred because "[t]here can be no conspiracy between an agent and its principal when the agent acts only in the agent's official capacity on behalf of the principal, and not for the agent's private benefit."); *Fraidin v. Weitzman*, 611 A.2d 1046, 1079 (Md. 1992) ("There can be no conspiracy when an attorney acts within the scope of his employment."); *Macke Laundry Serv. Ltd. Pshp. v. Jetz Serv. Co.*, 931 S.W.2d 166, 176 (Mo. Ct. App. 1996) ("As an agent of the client, an attorney acts as the client's alter ego and not for the attorney," and thus "an identity between agent and principal leads to a legal impossibility in the context of conspiracy,"

because "[t]wo entities which are not legally distinct cannot conspire with one another."); accord Collins v. Union Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 99 Nev. 284, 303, 662 P.2d 610, 622 (1983) ("Agents and employees of a corporation cannot conspire with their corporate principal or employer where they act in their official capacities on behalf of the corporation and not as individuals for their individual advantage.").

Here, David's alleged conspiracy between Sarah and her legal counsel fails as a matter of law because Cooley was (at all times relevant to David's claims) acting in her capacity as Sarah's attorney/agent. (Compl. ¶ 41; Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶ 17.) Specifically, in attending the mediation, negotiating on behalf of Sarah, reviewing the MOU, and drafting the Divorce Decree, Cooley was acting within the scope of her representation of Sarah in the Divorce Matter. (Compl. ¶ 41; Ex. A, Sarah Decl. ¶¶ 7, 11, 12, 14, 17.) Indeed, David does not allege—and cannot allege—that Cooley was acting outside the scope of the attorney-client relationship concerning the alleged conspiracy. (See generally Compl.)

Because Cooley's actions were all within the scope of her representation of Sarah in the Divorce Action, a civil conspiracy cannot exist between them (principal/client and agent/attorney) as a matter of law. *See Crossroads Partners*, Nos. 98-15673, 98-15674, 1999 U.S. App. LEXIS 22721, at *10; *Macke Laundry Serv. Ltd. Pshp.*, 931 S.W.2d at 176.

b. <u>David Cannot Allege Fraud Based on a Parol Agreement that is Contradicted by an Express Term of Divorce Decree.</u>

David's claimed conspiracy is that Sarah and Cooley conspired to defraud him "into signing the legally binding Decree of Divorce with terms that were not agreed to," and that Sarah "had no intention of abiding to the agreed upon terms outlined in the MOU." (Compl. ¶¶ 41-42.) Even assuming these allegations as true, they are not viable claims for fraud¹¹ as a matter of law.

First, David cannot assert fraud based on an alleged term (the survivor benefits) that is contradicted by the unambiguous terms of a written agreement (the Divorce Decree). *See Rd.* &

David's claim is a "civil conspiracy-to-defraud claim," to which "an underlying cause of action for fraud is a necessary predicate" *Jordan v. State ex rel. DMV & Pub. Safety*, 121 Nev. 44, 74-75, 110 P.3d 30, 51 (2005).

2 for fraud cannot be premised upon "parol agreements at variance with a written instrument") 3 (internal quotation marks omitted). Stated differently, when a "plaintiff pleads that the writing . . . does not express the intentions of the parties to it at the time, he pleads something which the law 4 5 will not permit him to prove." *Id.* at 381 (internal citations and quotation marks omitted). Thus, 6 David's allegation that the Divorce Decree "does not express the intentions of the parties to it at the time" cannot constitute fraud as a matter of Nevada law. See id. 12 7 8 Second, David cannot assert fraud based solely on Sarah's alleged failure to perform (as to 9 an alleged term that is contradicted by the Divorce Decree). See id. at 389, 284 P.3d at 380

In sum, David's civil conspiracy claim fails because Sarah could not conspire with her lawyer (Cooley) as a matter of law and because the alleged fraud is not cognizable under Nevada law. *See Crossroads Partners*, Nos. 98-15673, 98-15674, 1999 U.S. App. LEXIS 22721, at *10; *Rd. & Highway Builders*, 128 Nev. at 389, 284 P.3d at 380-81.

("[T]here is no inference of a fraudulent intent not to perform from the mere fact that a promise

Highway Builders v. N. Nev. Rebar, 128 Nev. 384, 390, 284 P.3d 377, 380 (2012) (holding a claim

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Further, whether David read or understood the Divorce Decree before signing it is immaterial. When an individual executes an agreement, he or she is charged with knowledge of its contents and is bound by its terms—irrespective of whether he or she reads the agreement. See Pentax Corp. v. Boyd, 111 Nev. 1296, 1299, 904 P.2d 1024, 1026 (1995) ("Under Colorado law, parties may be held to contracts which they did not read."); see also Upton v. Tribilcock, 91 U.S. 45, 50 (1875) ("It will not do for a man to enter into a contract, and, when called upon to respond to its obligations, to say that he did not read it when he signed it, or did not know what it contained. If this were permitted, contracts would not be worth the paper on which they are written."); Rosenbaum v. Tex. Energies, Inc., 736 P.2d 888, 891-92 (Kan. 1987) ("This court follows the general rule that a contracting party is under a duty to learn the contents of a written contract before signing it. . . . As a result of this duty, a person who signs a written contract is bound by its terms regardless of his or her failure to read and understand its terms."); MS Credit Ctr., Inc. v. Horton, 926 So. 2d 167, 177 (Miss. 2006) (holding, under Mississippi law, that "parties to a contract have an inherent duty to read the terms of a contract prior to signing; that is, a party may neither neglect to become familiar with the terms and conditions and then later complain of lack of knowledge, nor avoid a written contract merely because he or she failed to read it or have someone else read and explain it.").

4. David's Breach of Contract Claim is Barred by the Parol Evidence Rule as the Alleged Agreement is Contradicted by the Parties' Integrated Agreement (the Divorce Decree).

David alleges that he and Sarah (and Cooley) "entered into a contract wherein [Sarah] agreed that SARAH would NOT receive survivorship benefits under Plaintiff's PERS account, as outlined in the MOU." (Compl. ¶ 45.) David alleges Sarah breached this alleged contract by drafting the Divorce Decree to include providing survivor benefits to Sarah, submitting the Divorce Decree to the Family Court "so that its terms became legally enforceable" and by seeking to enforce the Divorce Decree. (*Id.* ¶ 46.) David's claim is barred by the parol evidence rule. ¹³

"A claim for breach of contract requires the plaintiff to demonstrate the following elements: (1) the existence of a valid contract; (2) a breach by the defendant; and (3) damages as a result of the breach." *See Cohen-Breen v. Gray Television Grp., Inc.*, 661 F. Supp. 2d 1158, 1171 (D. Nev. 2009); *see also Calloway v. City of Reno*, 116 Nev. 250, 256, 993 P.2d 1259, 1263 (2000).

"The parol evidence rule forbids the reception of evidence which would vary or contradict [an integrated agreement], since all prior negotiations and agreements are deemed to have been merged therein." *Kaldi v. Farmers Ins. Exch.*, 117 Nev. 273, 281, 21 P.3d 16, 21 (2001) (internal quotation marks omitted). "An integrated agreement is a writing or writings constituting a final expression of one or more terms of an agreement." Restatement (Second) of Contracts § 209(1) (1981). Where an agreement "which in view of its completeness and specificity reasonably appears to be a complete agreement, it is taken to be an integrated agreement unless it is established by other evidence that the writing did not constitute a final expression." *Id.* § 209(3).

Here, any prior agreement of David and Sarah (including the MOU and any alleged oral agreements) was merged into the Divorce Decree. As detailed above, the Divorce Decree contains an integration/merger clause, providing that David and Sarah "expressly agree that *this Decree of Divorce contains the entire agreement of the parties on these matters, superseding any previous*

As detailed above, the Divorce Decree destroyed the independent contractual nature of the MOU and any other pre-decree agreement between David and Sarah. As a result, David may not utilize contract principles to collaterally attack the Divorce Decree. *See Vaile*, 128 Nev. at 33 n.7, 268 P.3d at 1276 n.7. However, even assuming contract principles could be applied, David's claim is barred.

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agreement between them." (Compl., Ex. 2, Divorce Decree, at 38 (emphasis added).) Even if one were to disregard the integration/merger clause, it is evident that the 39-page Divorce Decree, "in view of its completeness and specificity reasonably appears to be a complete agreement," and thus should be presumed to be an integrated agreement—especially considering that the three-page MOU failed to address numerous terms that were necessary to resolve the Divorce Matter. See Restatement (Second) of Contracts § 209(3). Indeed, the MOU itself contemplates that it does not represent the "final formal agreement" of the parties. (Compl. Ex. 1, MOU, at 1.)

Because the Divorce Decree is an integrated agreement, David cannot use parol evidence (such as the alleged oral agreement or the MOU) to "vary or contradict [the Divorce Decree], since all prior negotiations and agreements are deemed to have been merged therein." See Kaldi, 117 Nev. at 281, 21 P.3d at 21 (internal quotation marks omitted). Accordingly, since the Divorce Decree unambiguously provides that Sarah is to receive survivor benefits, David may not assert a breach of contract action based on an alleged prior agreement that is directly contradicted by an express term of the Divorce Decree. See id.; accord Restatement (Second) of Contracts § 213(1) (1981) ("A binding integrated agreement discharges prior agreements to the extent that it is inconsistent with them.").

In sum, even if this Court were to apply contract principles, such principles dictate that David's breach of contract claim is not viable because David cannot use parol evidence to contradict the express terms of the parties' integrated agreement (the Divorce Decree). See Kaldi, 117 Nev. at 281, 21 P.3d at 21.

C. This Court Should Award Sarah her Attorney's Fees, Costs, and \$10,000 **Pursuant to NRS 41.670(1).**

Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute provides that if a court grants a special motion to dismiss, the "court shall award reasonable costs and attorney's fees to the person against whom the action was brought " NRS 41.670(1)(a). Additionally, the "court may award, in addition to reasonable costs and attorney's fees awarded . . . an amount of up to \$10,000 to the person against whom the action was brought." NRS 41.670(1)(b).

As detailed above, David's claims are subject to Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute and David cannot demonstrate, with "prima facie evidence," a "probability of prevailing on [his] claim[s]." *See* NRS 41.660(3)(c). Accordingly, this Court should grant the Motion and award Sarah her reasonable attorney's fees and costs, which will be proven by separate motion. *See* NRCP 54(d).

Further, given that David's ulterior motives in filing this lawsuit are readily transparent—an improper effort to gain leverage against her in the Divorce Action—this Court should award Sarah the maximum \$10,000 as authorized by NRS 41.670(1)(b).

V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Sarah respectfully requests that this Court grant her Motion in accordance with the anti-SLAPP statute as David's lawsuit is an improper use of litigation in an attempt to gain leverage against Sarah and to intimidate a witness (Cooley) in an upcoming evidentiary hearing in the Divorce Action. As Sarah has established, David cannot meet his burden of establishing a probability of prevailing on his claims because (i) this Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction, (ii) David's claims are unripe, and (iii) each of David's claims separately fails as a matter of law. Accordingly, this Court should grant Sarah's Motion and award her attorney's fees, costs, and \$10,000 pursuant to NRS 41.670(1).

In the alternative, Sarah respectfully requests the Court dismiss David's claims pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(1) and NRCP 12(b)(5).

DATED this 6th day of July, 2020.

Bailey **K**ENNEDY

By: /s/ Paul C. Williams
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I certify that I am an employee of BAILEY KENNEDY and that on the 6th day of July, 2020,

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Exhibit A

Exhibit A

DECLARATION OF SARAH JANEEN ROSE

- I, Sarah Janeen Rose, declare as follows:
- 1. I am over eighteen (18) years of age and a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 2. I am competent to testify to the facts stated herein, which are based upon personal knowledge unless otherwise indicated, and if called upon to testify, I could and would testify competently to the following.
- 3. I make this declaration in support of my Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to NRS 41.660 (Anti-SLAPP), or, in the Alternative, Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(1) and NRCP 12(b)(5) (the "Motion"), in the matter entitled *David John Rose v. Regina McConnell, Esq.*, et al., A-20-815750-C, which is currently pending before the Eighth Judicial District Court.
 - 4. On June 17, 2006, I married Plaintiff David John Rose ("David").
- 5. On February 22, 2017, David filed a Complaint for Divorce against me, in the matter entitled *David John Rose v. Sarah Janeen Rose*, Case No. D-17-547250-D (the "Divorce Action"), which is currently pending before the Family Division of the Eighth Judicial District Court (the "Family Court").
- 6. On March 23, 2018, David and I, along with our respective counsel, participated in a mediation with the Honorable Rhonda K. Forsberg¹ in an effort to resolve the Divorce Action.
- 7. At the time of the mediation, David was represented by Defendant Regina McConnell, Esq. ("McConnell") and I was represented by Defendant Shelly Booth Cooley, Esq. ("Cooley").
- 8. It is my understanding that David alleges that, during the mediation, I requested to be designated as the survivor beneficiary under David's Public Employees Retirement System ("PERS") pension and that David refused my request. David's allegation is incorrect. During the mediation, I did not request that David designate me as the survivor beneficiary and David

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Judge Forsburg was appointed to Department G of the Family Division of the Eighth Judicial District Court after the mediation.

did not refuse to designate me as the survivor beneficiary. David and I did not make any oral agreements concerning the survivor benefits.

- 9. Ultimately, the mediation was successful in that David and I agreed to the material terms of our divorce.
- 10. Judge Forsberg drafted a three-page memorandum of understanding (the "MOU"), which memorialized the material terms of our (David and I's) agreement.
- 11. After the MOU was executed, Cooley—acting on my behalf—drafted a Stipulated Decree of Divorce (the "Divorce Decree").
- 12. Cooley—acting on my behalf—gave David and his counsel (McConnell) a copy of the Divorce Decree for their review.
- 13. Other than the Divorce Decree, there is no other agreement, statement, or promise—either in a writing signed by both parties or in an order of a Court—addressing survivor benefits under David's PERS pension. Further, there is no other "final formal agreement" (as contemplated by the MOU) other than the Divorce Decree.
- 14. Cooley, acting on my behalf, submitted the Divorce Decree to the judge assigned to the Divorce Action.
- 15. I am not aware of any statements that I made at the mediation, in the MOU, or in the Divorce Decree that are false.
- 16. It is my understanding that there is a continued evidentiary hearing in the Divorce Action on David's Motion to Set Aside the Paragraph Regarding Survivor Benefits in the Decree of Divorce Based Upon Mistake (and other motions) scheduled for July 22, 2020. It is my understanding that Cooley is anticipated to testify as a witness at the evidentiary hearing.
- 17. At all relevant times, Cooley was acting on my behalf in her capacity as my attorney.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED this 6 day of July, 2020.

SARAH JANEEN ROSE

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Please be advised that the Defendant Sarah Janeen Rose's Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to NRS 41.660 (Anti-SLAPP), or, in the Alternative, Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(1) and NRCP 12(b)(5) in the above-entitled matter is set for hearing as follows:

July 28, 2020 Date:

Time: 9:00 AM

David Rose, Plaintiff(s)

Regina McConnell, ESQ, Defendant(s)

RJC Courtroom 03E Location:

Regional Justice Center

200 Lewis Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89101

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By: /s/ Marie Kramer Deputy Clerk of the Court

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I hereby certify that pursuant to Rule 9(b) of the Nevada Electronic Filing and Conversion Rules a copy of this Notice of Hearing was electronically served to all registered users on this case in the Eighth Judicial District Court Electronic Filing System.

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Lipson Neilson P.C. 9900 Covington Cross Drive, Suite 120 Las Vegas, Nevada 89144 (702) 382-1500 – fax (702) 382-1512 This Joinder is made and based upon the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities contained herein, the pleadings and papers filed herein, and any such oral argument presented, if any, at the time of hearing.

DATED this 13th day of July, 2020.

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LIPSON NEILSON P.C.

By:

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Attorneys for Defendants
McConnell Law Ltd. & Regina McConnell, Esq.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The underlying matter to the subject matter legal malpractice litigation involves a divorce proceeding concerning Plaintiff David John Rose ("David") and Sarah Janeen Rose ("Sarah"). The divorce proceeding went to mediation on March 23, 2018, wherein David and Sarah addressed the division of community property and other issues. One asset in particular addressed during mediation was David's Public Employees Retirement System ("PERS"), his pension earned as a member of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department ("LVMPD"). See Complaint, a true and correct copy attached hereto as Exhibit A; See also Motion.

After debating the issue of survivorship benefits to David's PERS pension, Sarah allegedly conceded that she would *not* receive survivorship benefits. The March 23, 2018 mediation was successful, and the mediator memorialized the settlement terms in a Memorandum of Understanding, which was executed by the mediator and the respective counsel for David and Sarah. See Exhibit A; See also Motion.

Following the mediation, the Decree of Divorce was drafted, which included certain language concerning the designation of survivorship benefits for David's PERS pension. All parties executed the Decree of Divorce, which included the certain

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aforementioned language, and was subsequently filed and entered on April 11, 2018. See Exhibit A; See also Motion.

On April 25, 2018, David filed a Motion to Set Aside the Paragraph Regarding Survivor Benefits in the Decree in Family Court, to which Sarah filed an Opposition. The matter still remains active in Family Court, with an Evidentiary Hearing currently scheduled. See Motion.

II. **LEGAL ARGUMENT**

In 1993, the Nevada legislature enacted statutory provisions to protect persons making "good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition" from being subjected to retaliatory litigation arising from those communications. See John v. Douglas County School Dist., 219 P.3d 1276 (Nev. 2009) (superseded by statute); see also Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.660.

The primary purpose of these retaliatory lawsuits, known as Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation or "SLAPP" suits, is "to chill the defendant's exercise of First Amendment rights." 1 Id. (internal citations omitted). In most cases, this is accomplished "by increasing litigation costs until the adversary's case is weakened or abandoned." *Id*., citing United States ex rel. Newsham v. Lockheed Missiles & Space Co., 190 F.3d 963, 969-70 (9th Cir. 1999).

Nevada's anti-SLAPP statute levels the playing field by providing defendants "with a procedural mechanism to dismiss the meritless lawsuit... before incurring the costs of litigation." Coker v. Sassone, 432 P.3d 746, 748 (Nev. 2019) (emphasis added); see also Nev. Rev. Stat. §41.660(1)(a). Specifically, if a SLAPP action is filed "based upon a good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition ... the person against whom the action is brought may file a special motion to dismiss." See Nev. Rev. Stat. §41.660(1)(a).

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^{1 &}quot;Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." First Amendment.

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In analyzing the special motion to dismiss, the Court must first "[d]etermine whether the moving party has established, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the claim is based upon a good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech in direct connection with an issue of public concern." Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.660(3)(a); see also Coker, 432 P.3d at 749. If the moving party meets this burden, the court must then "determine whether the plaintiff has demonstrated with prima facie evidence a probability of prevailing on the claim." Nev. Rev. Stat. 41.660(3)(b); see also Delucchi v. Songer, 396 P.3d 826 (Nev., 2017) (the applicable version of NRS 41.660(3)(a) is the version in effect at the time of the events in question).

Dismissal under this section operates as dismissal on the merits. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.660(4). Further, if the court grants a special motion filed pursuant to NRS 41.660, the court must award reasonable costs and attorney's fees and may award an additional amount up to \$10,000 to the person against whom the action was brought. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.670.

Despite the matter lacking ripeness, as the matter is currently pending, and undecided, in Family Court, the anti-SLAPP status is applicable as the matter concerns a "[w]ritten or oral statement[s] made...in direct connection with an issue under consideration by a . . . judicial body. See Nev. Rev. Stat § 41.637(3). More specifically, here the matter concerns the written and/or oral statement made through the negotiations for, and the resulting drafting and filing of the Decree of Divorce. See Exhibit A. Furthermore, such written and/or oral statements, which are substantively and directly connected to this litigation, are also directly related to both David and Sarah, persons of interest in the litigation. As a result of such, the Complaint should be dismissed.

CONCLUSION III.

Based upon the foregoing, Defendants respectfully submit their Joinder to Defendant Sarah Janeen Rose's Special Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to NRS 41.660

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Pursuant to NRCP 5(b) and Administrative Order 14-2, on the 13th day of July, 2020, I electronically served the foregoing **DEFENDANTS REGINA MCCONNELL**, **ESQ. AND MCCONNELL LAW LTD.'S JOINDER TO DEFENDANT SARAH JANEEN ROSE'S SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO NRS 41.660 (ANTI-SLAPP), OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO NRCP 12(B)(1) AND NRCP 12(B)(5) through the Clerk's Office using the E-File & ServeNV system for transmittal to the following parties:**

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CASE NO: A-20-8 15750-C Department 11

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

DAVID JOHN ROSE, an individual, Case No.:

Plaintiff,

vs. Dept. No.:

REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ., an individual; McCONNELL LAW LTD., a Nevada limited liability company; SHELLY BOOTH

COOLEY, ESQ., an individual; THE COOLEY LAW FIRM; a Nevada Professional Limited Liability Company; SARAH JANEEN ROSE,

an individual; DOE INDIVIDUALS I through X and ROE CORPORATIONS XI through XX,

Defendants

COMES NOW, Plaintiff DAVID JOHN ROSE by and through his attorneys of record,

COMPLAINT

James L. Edwards, Esq. of the law firm of Cohen Johnson Parker Edwards files this Complaint

against Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ., attorney at law, McCONNELL LAW LTD.,

SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ., attorney at law, THE COOLEY LAW FIRM, SARAH

JANEEN ROSE, an individual, DOE INDIVIDUALS I through X, and ROE CORPORATIONS

XI through XX, and alleges as follows:

COMPLAINT - 1

I.

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Plaintiff DAVID JOHN ROSE is a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 2. Defendant REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ., at all times pertinent hereto, was a resident of Clark County, Nevada, and a licensed attorney practicing in the State of Nevada.
- 3. Defendant McCONNELL LAW LTD. is a Nevada limited liability company, and law firm, located in Clark County, Nevada.
- 4. Defendant SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ., at all times pertinent hereto, was a resident of Clark County, Nevada, and a licensed attorney practicing in the State of Nevada.
- 5. Defendant THE COOLEY LAW FIRM is a Nevada professional limited liability company, and law firm, located in Clark County, Nevada.
 - 6. Defendant SARAH JANEEN ROSE is a resident of Clark County, Nevada.
- 7. The true identities of DOES I-X, and ROE CORPORATIONS XI-XX, are unknown to Plaintiff, but such individuals and companies were either retained or hired to represent Plaintiff in a marriage dissolution action negligently represented Plaintiff; retained or hired to represent another party in the same marriage dissolution action and acted fraudulently against Plaintiff; or were otherwise involved and tortuously damaged Plaintiff.
 - 8. Each of the defendants are the principals and/or agents of each other.

II.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

9. Plaintiff DAVID JOHN ROSE retained Defendants to represent him in a marital dissolution action (Case No. D-17-547250-D).

COMPLAINT - 2

- 10. On March 23, 2018, Plaintiff and his then wife, Defendant SARAH JANEEN ROSE ("SARAH"), participated in mediation to resolve the division of community property and other issues. Defendant McConnell attended the mediation as Plaintiff's counsel.
- 11. As a member of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department ("LVMPD"),
 Plaintiff was enrolled in the Public Employees Retirement System ("PERS"). His PERS pension
 was an asset of the community and subject to division.
- 12. During the mediation, SARAH raised the issue of survivorship benefits and asked Plaintiff to name her as the survivor beneficiary. Survivor benefits are not an asset of the community; thus, SARAH had no right to them.
 - 13. Plaintiff refused to grant survivor benefits to SARAH.
- 14. Over the course of several hours, the parties reached a resolution as to division of community assets and other issues. Plaintiff and SARAH agreed that SARAH would NOT have any survivorship benefits to Plaintiff's PERS account. Mediator Rhonda W. Forsberg, Esq., drafted a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") memorializing the terms of the agreement. A copy of the March 23, 2018, MOU is attached hereto as **Exhibit "1"** and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 15. After the parties, their attorneys, and the mediator executed the MOU, SARAH's attorney, SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, drafted a Decree of Divorce, the terms of which were to mirror those of the MOU. A copy of the Decree of Divorce is attached hereto as **Exhibit "2"** and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 16. In drafting the Decree, SARAH's attorney, SHELLEY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ., included the following language:
- b) One-half of the community portion, as defined within Nevada law as articulated in Gemma v. Gemma, 105 Nev. 458 (1989), and Fondi v. Fondi, 106
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Nev. 856 (1990), in DAVID JOHN ROSE's Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada Pension benefits, said pension benefits to be divided pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order ("QDRO"), based upon a selection of Option 2 being made at the time of retirement so as to name SARAH JANEEN ROSE as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary of DAVID JOHN ROSE' pension benefits upon death, to divide said retirement account.

[Emphasis added].

- 17. As set forth, above, in paragraphs 12, 13 and 14, the parties did not agree that SARAH would be named as Plaintiff's survivor beneficiary to his PERS pension. As such, that term was not included in the MOU.
- 18. Upon Defendant MCCONNELL's advice, Plaintiff signed the Decree of Divorce as prepared by Ms. Cooley. Defendant MCCONNELL stated she would review the Decree for accuracy before submitting it to Ms. Cooley.
 - 19. Defendant MCCONNELL signed the Decree and submitted it to Ms. COOLEY.
 - 20. The Decree of Divorce was filed, and noticed, on April 11, 2018.
- 21. Sometime thereafter, Defendant MCCONNELL realized her error in advising Plaintiff to sign the Decree of Divorce as drafted by Ms. COOLEY. Accordingly, on April 15, 2018, Defendant MCCONNELL filed a *Motion to Set Aside the Paragraph Regarding Survivor Benefits in the Decree of Divorce Based Upon Mistake*. A copy of said motion is attached hereto as **Exhibit "3"** and is incorporated herein by this reference.
- 22. Defendant MCCONNELL admitted her negligence in Exhibit "3." Specifically, she wrote,

Unfortunately, upon a later reading of the Decree, it came to undersigned counsel's attention that Sarah had included an award of the PERS survivor benefit option, even though it was never agreed upon. Page 3, lines 22 - 24.

Defendant MCCONNELL went on to write,

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Further, the Decree states that David is awarded one-half of the community portion of his LVMPD pension pursuant to Gemma v Gemma and Fondi v Fondi and based upon a selection of Option 2 being made at the time of retirement so as to name Sarah as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary. This was not included in the Memorandum because it was not agreed upon by the parties at the time of the mediation. Therefore, David requests that this paragraph be set aside as it was not agreed upon and it was mistakenly included and not noticed upon signing. Page 3, lines 27-28 and page 4, lines 1-5.

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Unfortunately, when reviewing the Decree, counsel inadvertently did not see that the option for survivor benefits was listed and awarded to Sarah. Page 6, lines 3 – 4.

III.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(negligence)

- 23. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 22 nd incorporate the same as if fully plead herein.
- 24. Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ. and McCONNELL LAW, LTD. owed a duty of care to Plaintiff to exercise reasonable judgment and diligence expected of an attorney licensed to practiced law in Nevada.
- 25. Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ. and McCONNELL LAW, LTD. breached that duty in several respects, including, but not limited to:
- a. Failing to actively participate in drafting the Decree to ensure the agreed upon terms are properly reflected in the final draft;
- b. Failing to properly read, review, and object to the Decree that contained unfavorable terms that Plaintiff did not agree to;
- c. Advising Plaintiff to sign the Decree that contained unfavorable terms that Plaintiff did not agree to.

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V.

THIRD CLAIM OF RELIEF

(breach of contract)

- 35. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 34 and incorporate them into this claim as if fully plead herein.
- Plaintiff and Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ. and McCONNELL 36. LAW, LTD. entered into a contract wherein Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ. and McCONNELL LAW, LTD. agreed to perform legal services on Plaintiff's behalf.
- 37. Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ. and McCONNELL LAW, LTD. breached the contract in several respects, including, but not limited to:
 - Failing to maintain a level of competence expected of a licensed attorney; a.
- b. Failing to properly review a legally binding document before Plaintiff signed such document; and
 - c. Failing to give informed advice to Plaintiff.
- 38. Defendants REGINA McCONNELL, ESQ. and McCONNELL LAW, LTD.s' breach of the contract has caused Plaintiff both incidental and consequential damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 39. It has become necessary for Plaintiff to retain the services of attorneys to prosecute this action.

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VI.

FOURTH CLAIM OF RELIEF

(Civil Conspiracy)

- 40. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 39 and incorporate them into this claim as if fully plead herein.
- 41. Defendant SARAH and her representatives, Defendants SHELLEY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ. and THE COOLEY LAW FIRM, acted in concert to intentionally defraud Plaintiff into signing the legally binding Decree of Divorce with terms that were not agreed to.
- 42. SARAH and her representatives, Defendants SHELLEY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ. and THE COOLEY LAW FIRM, had no intention of abiding to the agreed upon terms as outlined in the MOU.
- 43. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned conduct of SARAH and her representatives, Defendants SHELLEY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ. and THE COOLEY LAW FIRM, Plaintiff has suffered financial damages and loss, and will be forced to continue to suffer financial damages and loss in order to rescind the fraudulent terms of the Decree of Divorce.

VII.

FIFTH CLAIM OF RELIEF

(breach of contract)

- 44. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 43 and incorporate them into this claim as if fully plead herein.
- 45. Plaintiff and Defendants SARAH, SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ., and THE COOLEY LAW FIRM entered into a contract wherein Defendants agreed that SARAH would NOT receive survivorship benefits under Plaintiff's PERS account, as outlined in the MOU.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2020. COHEN|JOHNSON|PARKER|EDWARDS /s/ James L. Edwards, Esq. JAMES L. EDWARDS, ESQ. State Bar No. 4256 ADAM C. EDWARDS, ESQ. State Bar No.: 15405 375 E. Warm Springs Rd., Suite 104 Las Vegas, NV 89119 Attorneys for Plaintiffs COMPLAINT - 10

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The parties, David Rose ("David") and Sarah Rose ("Sarah"), have met in mediation to resolve certain disputes and entered into an agreement in case Number D-17-547250-D in Dept. I of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, on March 23, 2018. By this memorandum, the parties desire to memorialize their agreement resolving all issues in the above referenced case. The memorandum addresses the material terms of the agreement, and is intended to bind the parties to those terms. The parties agree, however, that counsel for Sarah shall draft a final formal agreement incorporating the terms herein. That agreement shall be ratified by the Court, but shall not merge and shall retain its separate nature as a contract.

1. The parties agree to the following:

SARAH shall receive as her sole and separate property, free of all claims of David, the following:

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- (2) Any and all furniture and furnishings in her possession;
- (3) Her interest in his Nevada PERS pursuant to Gemma v. Gemma;
- (4) All bank accounts in her name;

David shall receive as his sole and separate property, free of all claims of Sarah, the following:

- (1) 2015 Dodge Challenger;
- (2) Any and all furniture and furnishings in his possession;
- (3) His interest in his Nevada PERS pursuant to Gemma v. Gemma;
- (4) All bank accounts in his name;
- 2. David shall receive \$5,000 from the approximate \$54,868.45 in proceeds of the marital home and Sarah shall receive the remainder. Of the remainder of the sale proceeds, \$22,434.22 shall be as and for lump sum non-modifiable alimony. The parties agree that the alimony amount shall be tax deductible to David and taxed as income to Sarah.

- 3. David shall pay \$1,886.00 per month for child support effective April 1, 2018. David Shall also pay \$13,000 in constructive child support arrears. The arrears shall be payable in monthly payments of \$270.00 for 48 months commencing April 1, 2018.
- 4. The parties dog shall travel with the children between homes once Sarah has her own home. If either party no longer wants the dog there is a "free" right of first refusal to the other party.
- 5. Each party shall be responsible for their separate debt including the debt on their respective vehicles and any and all credit card debt.
 - 6. The parties shall follow and be subject to Department I's Behavior Order.
 - 7. Sarah is waiving her community waste claim.
 - 8. Each party shall be responsible for their own respective attorney's fees.
- 9. Each party acknowledges that they have been represented by counsel in the negotiation and preparation of this agreement, and voluntarily enters the agreement with full understanding of its terms. This agreement may be executed in counterparts.

AFFIRMED AND AGREED DAVID ROSE Dated: 3.23.16	SARAH ROSE Dated: 03/83/2018
Approved as to Form and Content: REGINA M. McConnell, ESQ. Counsel for David Rose	SHELLY BOOTH COO Counsel for Sarah Rose
STATE OF NEVADA)) ss: COUNTY OF CLARK)	

DAVID ROSE did appear before me on the date set forth below, provided appropriate identification, and did sign the foregoing Marital Settlement Agreement as acknowledgement and agreement with its terms.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day of 1,2018

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SARAH ROSE did appear before me on the date set forth below, provided appropriate identification, and did sign the foregoing Marital Settlement Agreement as acknowledgement and agreement with its terms.

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DISTRICT COURT FAMILY DIVISION CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

DAVID JOHN ROSE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SARAH JANEEN ROSE,

Defendant.

Case No. D-17-547250-D
Dept No. I

Date of Hearing: N/a
Time of Hearing: N/a

STIPULATED DECREE OF DIVORCE

The above captioned matter having come before this Honorable Court upon the Complaint for Divorce of the Plaintiff, DAVID JOHN ROSE, represented by his counsel of record, Regina M. McConnell, and McConnell Law Group, Ltd., and Defendant, SARAH JANEEN ROSE,

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represented by her counsel of record, Shelly Booth Cooley, and The Cooley
Law Firm, and having filed her Answer in the time allotted by law; and
the Court having considered the Stipulation of the parties and being fully
advised in the premises FINDS, ORDERS and DECREES as follows:

I. FACTS OF CASE

DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE were married on the 17th day of June, 2006, in the City of Las Vegas, County of Clark, State of Nevada. A Complaint for Divorce was filed by Plaintiff, DAVID JOHN ROSE, in this action on 02/22/2017. Defendant, SARAH JANEEN ROSE, filed her Answer and Counterclaim for Divorce on 09/26/2017. Plaintiff, DAVID JOHN ROSE, filed an Affidavit in support his residency on 03/23/2018.

DAVID JOHN ROSE's current address is 8059 Torremolinos Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. SARAH JANEEN ROSE's current address is 63 Wyoming Avenue, Henderson, Nevada.

The Court FINDS that DAVID JOHN ROSE is age 32, and is employed on a full-time basis with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department as a Sergeant. SARAH JANEEEN ROSE is age 29, and is employed on a full-time basis with Academica-Doral Academy Pebble Campus.

The parties have three (3) minor children born the issue of this marriage: DAVID JAMES ROSE, date of birth: 04/12/2007; CARSON DAVID ROSE, date of birth: 04/12/2007; and, LILY PAIGE ROSE, date of birth: 05/24/2011. The parties have no adopted children, SARAH JANEEN ROSE is not now pregnant and the parties are not Intended Parents.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDERS OF THE COURT

The Court FINDS that it has both personal jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter jurisdiction over this divorce action.

The Court FINDS that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE are incompatible in their tastes, natures, views, likes and dislikes, which have become so widely separate and divergent that the parties have been and are now incompatible to such an extent that it now appears that there is no possibility of reconciliation between DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE, and there remains such an incompatible temperament between the DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE that a happy marital relationship and status can no longer exist. The parties are entitled to a Decree of Divorce on the grounds of incompatibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing

between DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE be dissolved; that DAVID JOHN ROSE is granted an absolute Decree of Divorce; and that each of the parties hereto be restored to the status of a single, unmarried person.

THE COURT FINDS that there are three (3) minor children born the issue of this marriage: DAVID JAMES ROSE, date of birth: 04/12/2007; CARSON DAVID ROSE, date of birth: 04/12/2007; and, LILY PAIGE ROSE, date of birth: 05/24/2011. The parties have no adopted children, SARAH JANEEN ROSE is not now pregnant and the parties are not Intended Parents.

The Court FINDS that the parties' have resolved their child custody issues by its entry of the Stipulated Parenting Agreement filed 10/30/2017, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" the terms of the Stipulated Parenting Agreement are ratified, confirmed, and approved by the Court at this time, and the same is incorporated into this Decree of Divorce as though the same were set forth in this Decree in full.

The Court FINDS that there is community property and community debt to be adjudicated by this Court.

The Court FINDS that the parties' have resolved all other issues, including, but not limited to, child support, division of assets and debts,

marital waste claims, alimony and attorneys's fees and costs as is memorialized by the Memorandum of Understanding, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "B."**

A. Child Custody

The parties' have resolved their child custody issues by its entry of the Stipulated Parenting Agreement filed 10/30/2017, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." The terms of the Stipulated Parenting Agreement are ratified, confirmed, and approved by the Court at this time, and the same is incorporated into this Decree of Divorce as though the same were set forth in this Decree in full.

AND DECREED that the parties shall abide by Judge Moss' Mutual Behavior Order, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit** "C," the terms of which are ratified, confirmed, and approved by the Court at this time, and the same is incorporated into this Decree of Divorce as though the same were set forth in this Decree in full.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the family dog, Abby, shall travel with the children between homes, once SARAH JANEEN ROSE has her own residence. If

either party no longer wants the dog, there shall be a "free" right of first refusal to the other party.

AND DECREED that the Court retains jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter hereof for the purpose of making such other and further orders as relates to the care and custody of the minor children of the parties as to the Court may seem meet and proper from time to time hereafter during the minority of said children.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following statutory notices relating to custody are applicable to DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE:

 Pursuant to EDCR 5.301, the parties, and each of them, are hereby placed on notice of the following:

All lawyers and litigants possessing knowledge of matters being heard by the family division are prohibited from:

- (a) Discussing the issues, proceedings, pleadings, or papers on file with the court with any minor child;
- (b) Allowing any minor child to review any such proceedings, pleadings, or papers or the record of the proceedings before the court, whether in the form of transcripts, audio, or video recordings, or otherwise;
- (c) Leaving such materials in a place where it is likely or foreseeable that any child will access those materials; or
- (d) Knowingly permitting any other person to do any of the things enumerated in this rule, without written consent of the parties or the permission of the court.

to a place within this State that is at such a distance that would substantially impair the ability of the other parent to maintain a meaningful relationship with the child, and the relocating parent desires to take the child with him or her, the relocating parent shall, before relocating:

- (a) Attempt to obtain the written consent of the non-relocating parent to relocate with the child; and
- (b) If the non-relocating parent refuses to give that consent, petition the court for primary physical custody for the purpose of relocating.
- 2. The court may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the relocating parent if the court finds that the non-relocating parent refused to consent to the relocating parent's relocation with the child:
- (a) Without having reasonable grounds for such refusal; or
- (b) For the purpose of harassing the relocating parent.
- 3. A parent who relocates with a child pursuant to this section before the court enters an order granting the parent primary physical custody of the child and permission to relocate with the child is subject to the provisions of NRS 200.359.
- D. Pursuant to chapters 125A of NRS and NRS 125C.0601 to 125C.0693, the parties, and each of them, are hereby placed on notice of the following:

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ORDER: THE ABDUCTION, CONCEALMENT OR DETENTION OF A CHILD IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS PUNISHABLE AS A CATEGORY D FELONY AS PROVIDED IN NRS 193.130. NRS 200.359 provides that every person having a limited right of custody to a child or any parent having no right of custody to the child who willfully detains, conceals, or removes the child from a parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or a right of visitation of the child in violation of an order of this court, or removes the child from

the jurisdiction of the court without the consent of either the court or all persons who have the right to custody or visitation is subject to being punished for a category D felony as provided in NRS 193.130.

E. Pursuant to provisions of NRS 125C.0045(7), the parties, and each of them, are hereby placed on notice that the terms of the Hague Convention of October 25, 1980, adopted by the 14th Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law apply if a parent abducts or wrongfully retains a child in a foreign country as follows:

Section 8: If a parent of the child lives in a foreign country or has significant commitments in a foreign country:

- (a) The parties may agree, and the court shall include in the order for custody of the child, that the United States is the country of habitual residence of the child for the purposes of applying the terms of the Hague Convention as set forth in Subsection 7.
- (b) Upon motion of the parties, the court may order the parent to post a bond if the court determines that the parent poses an imminent risk of wrongfully removing or concealing the child outside the country of habitual residence. The bond must be in an amount determined by the court and may be used only to pay for the cost of locating the child and returning him to his habitual residence if the child is wrongfully removed from or concealed outside the country of habitual residence. The fact that a parent has significant commitments in a foreign country does not create a presumption that the parent poses an imminent risk of wrongfully removing or concealing the child.
- F. The parents understand and acknowledge that, pursuant to the

terms of the Parental Kidnaping Prevention Act, 28 U.S.C. §1738A, and the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, NRS 125A.005, et seq., the courts of Nevada have exclusive modification jurisdiction of the custody, visitation, and child support terms relating to the child at issue in this case so long as either of the parents, or the child, continue to reside in Nevada.

G. The parents acknowledge that the United States is the country and Nevada is the State of habitual residence of the minor child(ren) herein.

B. Child Support:

The Court FINDS that DAVID JOHN ROSE's gross monthly income is \$8,671. Twenty-nine percent (29%) of DAVID JOHN ROSE's gross monthly income is \$2,514.59. DAVID JOHN ROSE's gross monthly income falls into the fourth tier of the Presumptive Maximum Amounts of Child Support (NRS 125B.070) effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, and the presumptive maximum amount DAVID JOHN ROSE may be required to pay per month per child is \$905 (or \$2,715 for three (3) children).

The Court FINDS that SARAH JANEEN ROSE's imputed gross monthly income is \$2,166. Twenty-nine percent (29%) of SARAH

JANEEN ROSE's gross monthly income is \$628.14. SARAH JANEEN ROSE's gross monthly income falls into the first tier of the Presumptive Maximum Amounts of Child Support (NRS 125B.070) effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, and the presumptive maximum amount SARAH JANEEN ROSE may be required to pay per month per child is \$696 (or \$2,088 for three (3) children).

Twenty-nine percent of DAVID JOHN ROSE's gross monthly income (\$2,514) minus twenty-nine percent of SARAH JANEEN ROSE's gross monthly income (\$628) is \$1,886.

and DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE shall pay child support to SARAH JANEEN ROSE at the rate of \$1,886 per month, commencing April 1, 2017, pursuant to NRS 125B.070, NRS 125B.080, Wright v. Osborn, 114 Nev. 1367 (1998), and Wesley v. Foster, 119 Nev. 110 (2003), DAVID JOHN ROSE's child support payment will be due on the first day of each month. These provisions shall continue until such time as the children attain the age of eighteen (18) years, unless the children are still attending high school, and in such event until said children graduate from high school or attain the age of nineteen (19), or until such children are otherwise emancipated pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes,

 whichever occurs first.

AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE shall pay SARAH JANEEN ROSE the sum of \$13,000 (Thirteen Thousand Dollars) as and for constructive child support arrears. Said constructive child support arrears shall be payable in monthly payments of \$270.00 for a period of 48 months commencing April 1, 2018.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE shall continue to provide medical support for the child, if available as a benefit of employment and is reasonable in cost and accessible. Medical support includes, without limitation, coverage for health care under a plan of insurance that is reasonable in cost and accessible, including, without limitation, the payment of any premium, co-payment or deductible and the payment of medical expenses.

Payments of cash for medical support or the costs of coverage for health care under a plan of insurance are "reasonable in cost" if: (1) In the case of payments of cash for medical support, the cost to each parent who is responsible for providing medical support is not more than 5 percent of the gross monthly income of the parent; or (2) In the case of the costs of

coverage for health care under a plan of insurance, the cost of adding a dependent child to any existing coverage for health care or the difference between individual and family coverage, whichever is less, is not more than 5 percent of the gross monthly income of the parent.

Coverage for health care under a plan of insurance is "accessible" if the plan: (1) Is not limited to coverage within a geographical area; or (2) Is limited to coverage within a geographical area and the child resides within that geographical area.

These provisions shall continue until such time as the child attains the age of eighteen (18) years, unless the child is still attending high school, and in such event until said child graduates from high school or attains the age of nineteen (19), or until such child is otherwise emancipated pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes, whichever occurs first.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that, pursuant to NRS 125B.080(7), the parties shall equally bear all of the children's unreimbursed medical expenses, including psychiatric, orthodontic, dental and optical costs, which are not covered by said insurance. The parties will abide by the "30/30" rule for unreimbursed medical expenses as follows:

a. Documentation of Out-of-Pocket Expenses Required: A party who incurs an out-of-pocket expense for medical care is required to document that expense and proof of payment of that expense. A receipt from the health care provider is sufficient to prove the expense so long as it has the name of the child on it and shows an actual payment by the party.

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- Proof of Payment Required: A party who has paid b. a health expense for the minor child of the parties must provide a copy of the proof of payment to the other party and the insurance company within thirty (30) days of the payment being made and in no event later than the expense could have been submitted to insurance for reimbursement. The failure of a party to comply with this provision in a timely manner which causes the claim for insurance reimbursement to be denied by the insurance company as untimely will result in that party being required to pay the entire amount which would have been paid by the insurance company as well as one-half (1/2) of the expense which would not have been paid by insurance if the claim had been timely filed.
- c. Mitigation of Health Expenses Required; Use of Covered Insurance Providers: Each party has a duty to mitigate medical expenses for the minor child. Absent compelling circumstances, a party should take the minor child to a health care provider covered by the insurance in effect and use preferred providers if available in order to minimize the cost of health care as much as possible. The burden is on the party using a non-covered health care provider to demonstrate that the choice not to use a covered provider or the lowest cost option was reasonably necessary in the particular circumstances of that case. If the court

finds the choice of a non-covered or more expensive covered provider was not reasonably necessary, 2 then the court may impose a greater portion of 3 financial responsibility for the cost of that health care to the party who incurred that expense up to 4 the full amount which would have been provided by 5 the lowest cost insurance choice. 6 Sharing of Insurance Information Required: d. 7 8

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- party providing insurance coverage for the child has a continuing obligation to provide insurance information including, but not limited to, copies of policies and changes thereto as they are received, claim forms, preferred provider lists (as modified from time to time), and identification card. The failure of the insuring party to timely supply any of the above items to the other party which results in the claim for treatment being denied by the insurance company in whole or in part will result in the amount which would have been paid by the insurance policy being paid by the insuring party.
- Reimbursement For Out-of-Pocket Expenses: e. party who receives a written request contribution for an out-of-pocket health care expense incurred by the other party must pay his or her share of the out-of-pocket expense to the paying party within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written request for contribution. The court much informal written as encourages documentation as possible such as a handwritten note with copies of the bills and proof of payment attached. The requesting party shall make a copy of all papers submitted to the other party and substantiation for the request. The party receiving the request for contribution must raise questions of the request about the correctness contribution within the thirty (30) day period after the request for contribution is received.

objection to the request for contribution must be made in writing with a copy made for later reference by the court. The parties have stipulated that if the party receiving a request for contribution does not respond to the request within the thirty (30) day period, that party may be assessed attorney's fees if a contempt proceeding or court action is required as a result of the party's failure to pay or timely objection. If the party who owes contribution for a health care expense of the minor child of the parties does not pay the amount due within the thirty (30) day period and fails to respond to the request within the thirty (30) days and if that party is the recipient of periodic payments for child support (if such an obligation arises in the future), the requesting party is authorized to deduct the amount due from the other party from any periodic payments due and payable thirty (30) days after the request for contribution was made in writing subject to the limitation that the maximum recovery by deduction from monthly periodic payments will be no more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per month.

- f Sharing Insurance Reimbursement: If either party receives a payment from an insurance company or medical provider which reimburses payments made out-of-pocket previously by both parties or the other party only, the party receiving the payment must give the other party's share of the payment to the other party within seven (7) days of receipt of the payment.
- g. Timely Submission of Claims to Insurance Company: If either party is permitted under the insurance contract to submit a claim for payment to the insurance company directly, that party must do so in a timely manner. If the claim must be submitted only by one party, that party must

submit the claim in a timely manner. Failure of a party to comply with this timely submission requirement will result in that party being required to pay the entire amount of the claim which would have been paid by insurance if timely submitted and one-half of that amount which would have been paid by insurance.

h. Effect of Not Obtaining or Maintaining Required Health Insurance Coverage: If a party is required to provide health insurance for a child of the parties and fails to do so when such insurance is available, that party shall be responsible for that portion of any medical expense that would have been paid by a reasonably priced insurance policy available at the time. Should both parties, who are obligated to provide health insurance for the minor child, lose that ability, the parties shall jointly choose and pay for an alternative policy. The court shall reserve jurisdiction to resolve any dispute relating to alternative insurance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parties shall alternate the dependent child tax deduction such that DAVID JOHN ROSE will claim the dependent child tax deduction for the child DAVID JAMES ROSE on his income taxes beginning with 2018, and every year thereafter, and SARAH JANEEN ROSE will claim the dependent child tax deduction for the child CARSON DAVID ROSE on her income taxes beginning with 2018, and every year thereafter. The parties shall alternate the dependent child tax deduction for the child

LILY PAIGE ROSE, such that DAVID JOHN ROSE will claim LILY PAIGE ROSE in odd years and SARAH JANEEN ROSE will claim LILY PAIGE ROSE in even years.

AND DECREED that the Court shall retain jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter hereof for the purpose of making such other and further orders as relates to the support and maintenance of the minor children of the parties as to the Court may seem meet and proper from time to time hereafter during the minority of said children.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following statutory notices relating to child support are applicable to DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE:

- 1) Pursuant to NRS 125B.095, if an installment of an obligation to pay support for a child becomes delinquent in the amount owed for 1 month's support, a 10% per annum penalty must be added to the delinquent amount.
- 2) Pursuant to NRS 125B.140, if an installment of an obligation to pay support for a child becomes delinquent, the court shall determine interest upon the arrearages at a rate established pursuant to NRS 99.040, from the time each amount became due. Interest shall

continue to accrue on the amount ordered until it is paid, and additional attorney's fees must be allowed if required for collection.

- 3) Pursuant to NRS 125B.145, an award of child support shall be reviewed by the court at least every three (3) years to determine whether the award should be modified. The review will be conducted upon the filing of a request by a (1) parent or legal guardian of the child; or (2) the Nevada State Welfare Division or the District Attorney's Office, if the Division of the District Attorney has jurisdiction over the case.
 - 1. An order for the support of a child must, upon the filing of a request for review by:
 - (a) The welfare division of the department of human resources, its designated representative or the district attorney, fi the welfare division or the district attorney has jurisdiction in the case; or
 - (b) A parent of legal guardian of the child, be reviewed by the court at least every 3 years pursuant to this section to determine whether the order should be modified or adjusted. Each review conducted pursuant to this section must be in response to a separate request.
 - 4. An order for the support of a child may be reviewed at any time upon the basis of changed circumstances.
- 4) Pursuant to NRS 125.450(2), the wages and commissions of the parent responsible for paying support shall be subject to assignment or withholding for the purpose of payment of the foregoing obligation of support as provided in NRS 31A.020 through 31A.240, inclusive.

- 5) Pursuant to NRS 125B.055(3), each party must, within ten (10) days after the entry of this Order, file with the Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Division, 601 North Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, and with the State of Nevada, Department of Human Resources, Welfare Division, a Child Support and Welfare Party Identification Sheet setting forth:
 - (a) The names, dates of birth, social security numbers and driver's license numbers of the parents of the child;
 - (b) The name and social security number of the child;
 - (c) The case identification number assigned by the court; and
 - (d) Such other information as the welfare department determines is necessary to carry out the provisions of 42 U.S.C. Section 654a.

C. Community Property:

Awarded to Plaintiff, DAVID JOHN ROSE:

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE is hereby awarded as her sole and separate property, free of any claims of SARAH JANEEN ROSE, sole ownership of the following:

a) The sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) from the approximate \$55,585.95 (Fifty-five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents) from the proceeds from the sale of the Marital Residence located at 7705 Young

Harbor Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, within five (5) days of executing the Decree of Divorce. The parties acknowledge that the proceeds from the sale of the Marital Residence are currently being held in the trust account of Regina M. McConnell.

One-half of the community portion, as defined within b) Nevada law as articulated in Gemma v. Gemma, 105 Nev. 458 (1989), and Fondi v. Fondi, 106 Nev. 856 (1990), in DAVID JOHN ROSE's Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada Pension benefits, said pension benefits to be divided pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order ("QDRO"), based upon a selection of Option 2 being made at the time of retirement so as to name SARAH JANEEN ROSE as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary of DAVID JOHN ROSE' pension benefits upon death, to divide said retirement account. The parties shall engage the services of Shann D. Winesett, of Las Vegas QDRO, located at 8925 South Pecos Road, Suite 14C, Henderson, Nevada 89074, Telephone: (702) 263-8438, E-Mail: customerservice@lasvegasqdro.com, for the preparation of the

QDRO immediately after both parties and their respective counsel duly execute the Stipulated Decree of Divorce. SARAH JANEEN ROSE and DAVID JOHN ROSE shall equally bear the cost associated with preparing said QDRO (approximately \$800.00). Both parties are authorized to communicate with the preparer of the QDRO with regard to preparation of the QDRO. Both parties understand that The Cooley Law Firm and McConnell Law Group, Ltd. are not responsible for the preparation of the QDRO.

- c) All right, title and interest in the furniture and furnishings in his possession.
- d) All right, title and interest in the 2015 Dodge Challenger automobile in her possession, if any, subject to any encumbrances thereon. Both parties names are associated with the loan on said automobile. As such, DAVID JOHN ROSE shall have six (6) months to refinance said loan, removing SARAH JANEEN ROSE's name from said loan obligation.
- e) Any and all bank or financial institution accounts in his name alone.
- g) All personal property and jewelry in his possession.

- h) All of his personalties.
- 2. Awarded to Defendant, SARAH JANEEN ROSE:

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that SARAH JANEEN ROSE is hereby awarded as her sole and separate property, free of any claims of DAVID JOHN ROSE, sole ownership of the following:

- a) The sum of \$27,792.98 (Twenty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents) from the approximate \$55,585.95 (Fifty-five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents) from the proceeds from the sale of the Marital Residence located at 7705 Young Harbor Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, to be paid within five (5) days of executing the Decree of Divorce. The parties acknowledge that the proceeds from the sale of the Marital Residence are currently being held in the trust account of Regina M. McConnell.
- b) One-half of the community portion, as defined within Nevada law as articulated in <u>Gemma v. Gemma</u>, 105 Nev. 458 (1989), and <u>Fondi v. Fondi</u>, 106 Nev. 856 (1990), in DAVID JOHN ROSE's Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada Pension benefits, said pension benefits to be divided pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order ("QDRO"), based upon a selection of Option 2 being made at the time of retirement so as to name SARAH JANEEN ROSE as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary of DAVID JOHN ROSE' pension benefits upon death, to divide said retirement account. The parties shall engage the services of Shann D. Winesett, of Las Vegas QDRO, located at 8925 South Pecos Road, Suite 14C, Henderson, Nevada 89074, Telephone: (702) 263-8438, E-Mail: customerservice@lasvegasqdro.com, for the preparation of the QDRO immediately after both parties and their respective counsel duly execute the Stipulated Decree of Divorce. SARAH JANEEN ROSE and DAVID JOHN ROSE shall equally bear the cost associated with preparing said QDRO (approximately \$800.00). Both parties are authorized to communicate with the preparer of the QDRO with regard to preparation of the QDRO. Both parties understand that The Cooley Law Firm and McConnell Law Group, Ltd. are not responsible for the preparation of the QDRO.

1	c) All right, title and interest in the 2012 Scion XB			
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3	automobile, subject to the encumbrance thereon.			
4	d) All right, title and interest in the furniture and			
5	furnishings in her possession.			
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7	e) Any and all bank or financial institution accounts in her			
8	name alone.			
9	f) All personal property and jewelry in her possession.			
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13	D. <u>Community Debt</u> :			
14	1. To be Paid by Plaintiff, DAVID JOHN ROSE:			
15	IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED			
16	AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE shall assume and pay the			
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18	following debts, and he shall further indemnify and hold SARAH JANEEN			
19 20	ROSE harmless therefrom:			
21	a) Any and all debts associated with the assets awarded to			
22	him herein.			
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24	b) Any and all debts in his name alone.			
25	c) Any and all credit cards in his name alone.			
26	d) Any and all debts incurred solely by DAVID JOHN ROSE			
27 28	as of the parties separation, which occurred on 02/21/2017.			

2. To be Paid by Defendant, SARAH JANEEN ROSE:

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that SARAH JANEEN ROSE shall assume and pay the following debts, and she shall further indemnify and hold DAVID JOHN ROSE harmless therefrom:

- a) Any and all debts associated with the assets awarded to her.
- b) Any and all debts in her name alone.
- c) Any and all credit cards in her name alone.
- d) Any and all debts incurred solely by SARAH JANEEN ROSE as of the parties separation, which occurred on 02/21/2017.

E. Alimony:

The Court FINDS that DAVID JOHN ROSE is age 32, and is employed on a full-time basis with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department as a Sergeant. SARAH JANEEEN ROSE is age 29, and is employed on a full-time basis with Academica-Doral Academy Pebble Campus.

The Court FURTHER FINDS that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE have been married for 11 years 9 months.

Accordingly, IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that David shall pay SARAH JANEEN ROSE the sum of \$22,792.97 (Twenty-two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents) as and for lump sum, non-modifiable alimony, to be paid within five (5) days of executing the Decree of Divorce. The parties acknowledge that DAVID JOHN ROSE shall be utilizing his share of the proceeds from the Marital Residence, currently held in trust with Regina M. McConnell, to satisfy the alimony obligation.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that said lump sum alimony payment received by SARAH JANEEN ROSE shall be included as income to SARAH JANEEN ROSE and deductible to DAVID JOHN ROSE on the parties' respective federal income tax returns.

F. Attorneys' Fees:

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that each party shall bear their own attorneys' fees and costs incurved relative to this matter.

G. Change of Name of Defendant, SARAH JANEEN ROSE:

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that SARAH JANEEN ROSE shall be permitted to either

restore her maiden name: SARAH JANEEN WOODALL, and/or retain her married name: SARAH JANEEN ROSE.

H. Tax Provisions:

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that SARAH JANEEN ROSE and DAVID JOHN ROSE shall file separate tax returns beginning with the calendar year of 2018. Each party will report their own individual employment earnings, income, gains and/or deductions arising from the assets and debts awarded to them herein, and the parties agree to indemnify and hold harmless the other from any tax penalties or interest related to their individual tax obligation. Should there be any corrections to any previous tax returns, then each respective party shall be solely responsible for any portion of any liability resulting from that party's respective income.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE hereby elect to have the division of their marital estate treated as a non-taxable transfer between spouses.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that under Circular 230 Disclosure:

To ensure compliance with United States Treasury Department
Regulations, the parties are advised that, unless otherwise expressly

indicated, any federal tax advice that may be in this Decree of Divorce, or which otherwise may pertain to this Decree of Divorce and/or any issue that may be incident to the parties' divorce or their marriage to each other, including any documents attached to this Decree of Divorce, is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, by anyone for the purpose of avoiding penalties under the Internal Revenue Code or promoting, marketing or recommending to another party any tax-related matters that may be addressed in this Decree of Divorce or otherwise.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the parties further admit and agree that each of them has had the opportunity to discuss with independent tax counselors, other than the attorney of record in the divorce action filed pertaining to the parties, concerning the income tax and estate tax implications and consequences with respect to the agreed upon division of properties and indebtedness, and SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, and THE COOLEY LAW FIRM and REGINA M. MCCONNELL and MCCONNELL LAW, LTD., were not expected to provide and, in fact, did not provide tax advice concerning this Decree of Divorce.

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I. PROPERTY ACQUIRED IN FUTURE TO BE SEPARATE PROPERTY

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that except as otherwise specified herein, any and all property acquired, income received or liabilities incurred by either of the parties hereto, shall be the sole and separate property of the one so acquiring the same, or the sole liability of the one so incurring the same. Each of the parties hereto respectively grants to the other all such future acquisitions of property as the sole and separate property of the one so acquiring the same and holds harmless and agrees to indemnify the other party from any and all liabilities incurred.

J. RIGHT TO DISPOSE OF PROPERTY BY WILL

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE shall each have an immediate right to dispose of or bequeath by will his or her respective interests in and to any and all property belonging to him or her from and after the date hereof, and that such right shall extend to all of the aforesaid future acquisitions of property as well as to all property set over to either of the parties hereto under this Decree of Divorce.

K. WAIVER OF INHERITANCE RIGHTS

2 IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, 3 AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE, 4 5 except as hereinafter provided, each hereby waive any and all right to the 6 estate of the other left at his or her death and forever quitclaim any and 7 all right to share in the estate of the other by the laws of succession, and 8 9 said parties hereby release one to the other all rights to inherit from the 10 other. Furthermore, said parties hereby renounce, one to the other, all 11 12 right to be administrator or administratrix, executor or executrix, of the 13 estate of the other, and said parties hereby waive any and all right to the 14 estate or any interest in the estate of the other by way of inheritance, or 15 16 otherwise, for family allowance therein or therefrom, to a probate or other 17 homestead upon any property of the other, and to have set aside to him or 18 19 her any property of the other exempt from execution, and from the date 20 of this Decree of Divorce to the end of the world, said waiver by each in 21 the estate of the other party shall be effective, and said parties shall have 22 23 all the rights of single persons and maintain the relationship of such 24 toward each other. 25

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L. MUTUAL RELEASE OF OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE understand and agree that this Decree of Divorce is deemed to be a final and conclusive and integrated agreement between the parties, and that except as herein specified, each party hereto is hereby released and absolved from any and all liabilities and obligations for the future acts and duties of the other, and that each of said parties hereby releases the other from any and all liabilities, future accounts, alimony and support or otherwise, or debts or obligations of any kind or character incurred by the other except as hereinbefore provided, it being understood that this instrument is intended to settle finally and conclusively the rights of the parties hereto in all respects arising out of their marital relationship except as hereinbefore provided.

M. EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED,
AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE
shall execute any and all legal documents, certificates of title, bills of sale,
stock transfers, deeds or other instruments or documents necessary in
order to effectuate transfer of any and all interest either may have in and

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to the said property hereby conveyed and/or transferred to the other as herein above specified in this Decree of Divorce within ten (10) days of presentation of same for such signature. Should either party fail to execute any of said documents to transfer interest to other, then it is agreed that this Decree of Divorce shall constitute a full and complete transfer of the interest of one to the other, as herein above provided, it is further agreed that pursuant to NRCP 70, the Clerk of the Court, shall be deemed to have hereby been appointed and empowered to sign, on behalf of the non-signing party, any of the said documents of transfer which have not been executed by the party otherwise responsible for such, and it is further agreed that this Agreement shall constitute and operate as such properly executed document and the County Assessor and County Recorder and any and all other public and private officials are hereby authorized and directed to accept this Decree of Divorce, or a properly certified copy thereof, in lieu of the document regularly required for such conveyance or transfer.

N. ACCEPTANCE OF DECREE AND ADVICE OF COUNSEL

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE agree that they each have had a reasonable opportunity to seek the advice

of independent counsel and to obtain adequate and sufficient knowledge of the extent and approximate present value of the community property and separate property of the other, and to the extent of having declined to examine and/or investigate further, have thereby waived and do hereby waive and relinquish the right to do so.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE further acknowledge that each party has become sufficiently acquainted with the other's earnings, property and financial obligations listed herein, and, to the extent requested, have had a reasonable opportunity to obtain knowledge of the property and financial obligations of the community and/or of the other party, and to the extent that they have not availed themselves of the opportunity to obtain such knowledge, each party expressly waives the right to further disclosure thereof; that they each have ascertained and weighed all of the facts, conditions and circumstances likely to influence their judgement herein; that all matter embodied herein, as well as all questions pertinent hereto have been satisfactorily explained; they that have individually given due consideration to such matters and questions; that, individually, each party clearly understands and consents to all of the provisions herein; that each

party freely, voluntarily, without duress, and with full knowledge of the consequences thereof, have waived their rights as described herein; and that each party voluntarily and expressly waives any right to further disclosure of the property, earnings and financial obligation of the community or the other party beyond the disclosures already provided and contained herein.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE further acknowledge that the parties' counsel have undertaken neither discovery nor investigation to determine or confirm the nature, extent, or valuation of the assets and obligations of the community and/or of each party. DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE agree to indemnify and hold Counsel harmless from liability relating to the valuation of community and/or separate property, debts and/or the herein division of property and debts. DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE also acknowledge and agree that each of them has independently obtained sufficient information necessary for them to individually determine, to their satisfaction, the nature, extent, and/or valuation of the subject property and debts. SARAH JANEEN ROSE further acknowledges and agrees that he has not relied on any

representation by Counsel as to the nature, extent, and/or valuation of the subject property and debts and/or with respect to the division of the property and debts herein.

O. OMITTED PROPERTY:

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that in the event any community property has been omitted from this Decree of Divorce that would have been community property or otherwise jointly-held property under the law applicable as of the date hereof, the concealing or possessory party will transfer or convey to the other party, at the other party's election: (a) the full market value of the other party's interest on the date of this Decree of Divorce, plus statutory interest through and including the date of transfer or conveyance; (b) the full market value of the other party's interest at the time that party discovers that he or she has an interest in such property, plus statutory interest through and including the date of transfer or conveyance; or (c) an amount of the omitted property equal to the other party's interest therein, if it is reasonably susceptible to division.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED,
AND DECREED that if any claim, action or proceeding is brought seeking
to hold the one of the parties hereto liable on account of any debt,

obligation, liability, act or omission assumed by the other party, the responsible party will, at his or her sole expense, defend the innocent party against any such claim or demand, and he or she will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the innocent party.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that if any joint debt, obligation, liability, act or omission creating such liability has been omitted from this Decree of Divorce and is subsequently discovered, either party may petition the Court for an allocation of that debt, obligation, liability, or liability arising from such act or omission.

P. KNOWLEDGE AND DISCLOSURE

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE each acknowledge that he or she has full knowledge of the assets, financial status and possibilities of inheritance of the other at the time of this Decree of Divorce.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED,
AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE
each warrant that he or she has made full disclosure of all the assets of
the parties hereto. Should it be found that there exist other community

assets which have not been disclosed and stated in this Decree of Divorce, either party may move the court for a partition of such asset(s) at any time hereafter. With respect to this paragraph, each party hereto specifically waives any and all limitation periods for the bringing of an action to partition such undisclosed asset(s) and further specifically stipulates that the failure to disclose such asset(s) constitutes extrinsic fraud, which will invoke the jurisdiction of the court to partition such undisclosed asset(s) at any future time.

Q. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE expressly agree that this Decree of Divorce constitutes a just and equal distribution of the community assets and liabilities as they are known today and amply addresses the contingencies should there exist assets omitted herefrom. DAVID JOHN ROSE and SARAH JANEEN ROSE further expressly agree that this Decree of Divorce contains the entire agreement of the parties on these matters, superseding any previous agreement between them. No other agreement, statement, or promise made on or before the effective date of this Decree of Divorce by or to either party or his or her agent or representative will be binding on the

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13	Las Vegas, Nevada 89145	Henderson, Nevada 89074		
14	Attorneys for Defendant, SARAH JANEEN ROSE	Attorneys for Plaintiff, DAVID JOHN ROSE		
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DISTRICT COURT FAMILY DIVISION CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

DAVID ROSE,

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STIPULATED PARENTING AGREEMENT

COME NOW the parents, SARAH ROSE ("MOTHER") and DAVID ROSE ("FATHER") (hereinafter collectively sometimes referred to as the "parents" or the "parties," and individually sometimes referred to as a "parent" or a "party"), personally, and hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

The parents have discussed between themselves and have agreed to this Parenting Agreement. The parents further recognize that it may be necessary for the terms and conditions of this Parenting Agreement to be supplemented or revised as the needs of the children and/or the circumstances of the parents change. The parents agree that any such revisions shall be in writing, signed, and dated by both parents. However, the parents understand that such agreed upon revisions and changes do not modify this Court Order. In the event a controversy arises, and until this Order is modified by the Court, this Order of the Court shall remain in full force,

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and effect, and the parents are encouraged to resolve the controversy themselves or seek mediation prior to initiating further Court proceedings and hearings.

It is the intent of the parents, SARAH ROSE, the natural mother, and DAVID ROSE, the natural father, to make every effort to maintain free access and unhampered contact between their minor children, DAVID JAMES ROSE, date of birth: 04/12/2007; CARSON DAVID ROSE, date of birth: 04/12/20017; and LILY PAIGE ROSE, date of birth: 05/24/2011, and the other parent. Neither parent shall do anything which may estrange the children from the other parent or impair the natural development of the children's love and respect for the other parent. Both parents understand that parenting requires the acceptance of mutual responsibilities and rights insofar as the children are concerned. Each parent agrees to communicate and cooperate with the other parent with respect to all matters relating to their children. The parents understand and agree that the best interests of their children will be served by the parents continuing to openly and freely communicate with each other in a civil manner and to cooperate with each other in raising their children.

The parents further agree that it is their intent to be and serve as "co-parents" insofar as the raising of their children are concerned. In establishing such a co-parenting arrangement, the parents acknowledge and agree to comply with and abide by the following key principles of co-parenting:

- 1. Both parents will continue to be fully involved in making major decisions about their children's health, education, welfare, and religion.
- 2. The parents will not place their children between them and their conflicts. The children are to be raised jointly by the parents and the parents agree to do so as two business-like partners. As such business partners, when it comes to the children, they agree to be cordial with each other and work out their differences in a fair and equitable manner.

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3. Both parents view themselves as having a family. Neither shall be deemed to have a lesser relationship with the children due to any labels this Agreement may establish concerning custody and visitation. Each has a family home and each is entitled to make decisions and have a lifestyle of which the children will be a part when they are in that home. Neither parent shall interfere with the other parent's lifestyle and home life, and to the contrary, each parent agrees to support the other in relation to the children.

- 4. The parents agree that the children shall never be put between the two parents in making a joint decision. Decisions shall be made by the parents together and handed down to the children. The children shall not be permitted to play one parent against the other.
- 5. The parents agree that communication between them regarding their children is essential. The parents will regularly discuss their children's needs, activities and conditions. The parents also will keep each other fully informed about significant events in their children's lives.
- 6. The parents will be jointly responsible for raising their children and will work together to share fairly in their children's expenses (which does not necessarily mean 50-50), living arrangements (which does not necessarily mean 50-50), and care. Both parents will take part in school conferences, doctor's appointments, religious education, etc.
- 7. Both parents acknowledge that they each value and respect the other parent as a co-parent, regardless of their other differences. Each parent also agrees that it is essential for the children to have access to and involvement with both parents.
- 8. Finally, both parents agree that should differences arise between them, every attempt will be made to work such differences out in a fair and equitable manner, before resorting to legal action.

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I. LEGAL CUSTODY PROVISIONS:

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parents shall have joint legal custody of the minor children, which, in addition to the "co-parenting" principles set forth above, entails the following:

The parents shall consult and cooperate with each other in substantial questions relating to educational programs, significant changes in social environment, and health care of the children.

The parents shall have access to medical and school records pertaining to the children and be permitted to independently consult with any and all professionals involved with them.

All schools, health care providers, day care providers, and counselors shall be selected by the parents jointly. In the event that the parents cannot agree to the selection of a school, the children shall be maintained in the present school pending mediation and/or further Order of the Court.

Each parent shall be empowered to obtain emergency health care for the children without the consent of the other parent. Each parent is to notify the other parent as soon as reasonably possible of any illness requiring medical attention, or any emergency involving the children.

Each parent shall be responsible for keeping themselves apprised with information of the well-being of the children, including, but not limited to copies of report cards, school meeting notices, vacation schedules, class programs, requests for conferences, results of standardized or diagnostic tests, notices of activities involving the children, samples of school work, order forms for school pictures, all communications from health care providers, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all schools, health care providers, regular day care providers and counselors.

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Each parent shall be responsible for keeping themselves apprised of school, athletic, and social events in which the children participate. Neither parent shall prevent the children's participation in extra-curricular activities. Both parents may participate in school activities for the children such as open house, attendance at an athletic event, etc.

Each parent is to provide the other parent with the address and telephone number at which the minor children reside, and to notify the other parent within 30 days prior to any change of address and provide the telephone number as soon as it is assigned.

Each parent is to provide the other parent with a travel itinerary and telephone numbers at which the children can be reached whenever they will be away from the parent's home for a period of 48 hours or more.

Each parent shall be entitled to daily, reasonable telephone communication with the children on any day that the parent does not have custody of the children. Said calls shall be initiated by the parent seeking to contact the children. Each parent is restrained from unreasonably interfering with the children's right to privacy during such telephone conversations. Moreover, during each parent's custodial time periods, the minor children may initiate and shall have unhampered contact and access to the other parent and all extended family members, including but not limited to telephone calls, correspondence and notices.

The parents will consult with each other before enrolling the minor children in any extracurricular activities. For those activities that would require the minor children to participate in them during the other parent's custodial time, those activities must be agreed to in advance by the parents, before enrolling the children in the extra-curricular activity.

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PHYSICAL CUSTODY PROVISIONS: Π.

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IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE PHYSICAL CUSTODY: ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parties shall share Joint Physical Custody of the children. MOTHER shall have custody of the children from Wednesday after school (or at 3:00 p.m. if school is no in session) through Sunday at 11:00 a.m. FATHER shall have custody of the children from Sunday at 11:00 a.m. through Wednesday after school (or at 3:00 p.m. if school is not in session). The parents agree to be flexible and to cooperate in good faith with each other with regard to their custodial time with the children.

HOLIDAY PROVISIONS: Ш.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parents shall abide by the following holiday visitation schedule, which shall take precedence over, but not break the continuity of, the regular visitation schedule and shall be defined as follows:

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15	HOLIDAY	ODD YEAR	EVEN YEAR
16	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday: This holiday	Father	Mother
17	shall be defined as the initial Monday in January		
18	on the Friday preceding the norday weekend and continues uptil 9:00 a.m. (or return to school) on	•	
19	the first weekday following the holiday.		
20	Presidents' Day: This holiday shall be defined as the third Monday in February and shall begin at	Mother	Father
21	3:00 p.m. (or recess of school) on the Friday		
22	9:00 a.m. (or return to school) on the first weekday following the holiday.		
23	Easter Sunday: This holiday shall be begin the Saturday prior to Easter Sunday at 7:00 p.m. and	Father	Mother
24	Saturday prior to Easter Sunday at 7:00 p.m. and shall conclude the following Monday at 9:00 a.m.		
25	Mother's Day: Mother's Day shall be defined as	Mother	Mother
26	the second Sunday in May and shall begin Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and conclude the morning following Mother's Day at 9:00 a.m. (or return to school).	18	
27		Mother	Father
28	Memorial Day: This holiday shall be defined as the last Monday in May and shall begin at 3:00 p.m.	Monter	1 miles

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1 2 3	when school recesses for Winter Break (or 3:00 p.m. if the children are not in school) and continue until the midpoint of Winter Break. If the midpoint falls on December 25th, the parties shall exchange the children on December 26th at 10:00 a.m. The		
4	second period shall commence on the midpoint of Winter Break at 10:00 a.m. and continues until school is scheduled to resume (or 9:00 a.m. if the children are not in school).		
6	First Period/Christmas Day (December 25th)	Mother	Father
7	Second Period/New Year's Day (January 1st)	Father	Mother
9 10	Children's Birthdays: The children's birthdays shall be defined as beginning on the day of the birthday at 9:00 a.m. and concludes the following day at 9:00 a.m.	Mother	Father
11 12 13	Parents' Birthdays: The children shall reside with each parent on his/her birthday on the individual day at 9:00 a.m. and concludes the morning following the individual day at 9:00 a.m. Father's birthday is May 26th. Mother's birthday is August 17th.		
14 15	Vacations: Each parent shall be entitled to 14 days of vacation time annually, upon 30 days written notice to the other parent. In the event that the		
16 17	parents' schedule conflicting vacations with the minor child, Mother's plans shall be given priority in even-numbered years and Father's plans shall be		
18	given priority in odd-numbered years. Neither parent shall schedule vacation time during the other parent's holiday time or during time the child		
19	is scheduled to be in school.		1

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that any holiday, break or special occasion not specifically mentioned in this Decree shall be celebrated with the parent who is regularly scheduled to be with the minor children on that day.

 IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that if either parent is required to work during their designated holiday visitation time, the other parent will be entitled to have the children during the time the other parent is working, without penalty to the working parent.

IT IS STIPULATED AND THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the parents shall be flexible and act in good faith so that the children may participate in social activities (i.e., weddings, funerals, family reunions, birthday parties, etc.) during the other parent's custodial time.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parents understand and agree that the custody and holiday visitation schedule may be modified at any time by mutual agreement of the parents, and the parents will endeavor to work together with respect to custody of the minor children in a manner which best serves the children's interests. Such revisions shall be in writing, signed and dated by both parents. However, both parents understand that the agreed upon changes do not modify this Court Order. In the event of controversy, this Order of the Court will remain in full force and effect until modified by the Court.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parties understand and agree that the children shall continue to be able to participate in all extra curricular and sports activities in which they have already been participating. The parents will cooperate regarding transportation to ensure that their children will continue to participate in all extra curricular and sports activities in which they have already been participating.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that neither parent will sign the children up for any new extra-curricular activities that will infringe upon the other parent's scheduled time with the children, without the written consent of the other parent, before enrolling the children in the extra-curricular activity.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the parents agree that they will consider the children's wishes and input with regard to the children's participation in extra-curricular activities.

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State that is at such a distance that would substantially impair the ability of the other parent to maintain a meaningful relationship with the child, and the relocating parent desires to take the child with him or her, the relocating parent shall, before relocating:

(a) Attempt to obtain the written consent of the non-relocating

parent to relocate with the child; and

If the non-relocating parent refuses to give that consent, petition the court for primary physical custody for the purpose of relocating.

2. The court may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the relocating parent if the court finds that the non-relocating parent refused to consent to the relocating parent's relocation with the child:

(a) Without having reasonable grounds for such refusal; or

(b) For the purpose of harassing the relocating parent.

3. A parent who relocates with a child pursuant to this section before the court enters an order granting the parent primary physical custody of the child and permission to relocate with the child is subject to the provisions of NRS 200.359.

Pursuant to chapters 125A of NRS and NRS 125C.0601 to 125C.0693, the parties, and each of them, are hereby placed on notice of the following:

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ORDER: THE ABDUCTION, CONCEALMENT OR DETENTION OF A CHILD IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS PUNISHABLE AS A CATEGORY D FELONY AS PROVIDED IN NRS 193.130. NRS 200.359 provides that every person having a limited right of custody to a child or any parent having no right of custody to the child who willfully detains, conceals, or removes the child from a parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or a right of visitation of the child in violation of an order of this court, or removes the child from the invisidation of the court without the court of the court without the court of the court without the court of the court from the jurisdiction of the court without the consent of either the court or all persons who have the right to custody or visitation is subject to being punished for a category D felony as provided in NRS 193.130.

Pursuant to provisions of NRS 125C.0045(7), the parties, and each of E. them, are hereby placed on notice that the terms of the Hague Convention of October 25, 1980, adopted by the 14th Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law apply if a parent abducts or wrongfully retains a child in a foreign country as follows:

Section 8: If a parent of the child lives in a foreign country or has significant commitments in a foreign country:

(a) The parties may agree, and the court shall include in the order for custody of the child, that the United States is the country of habitual residence of the child for the purposes of applying the terms of the Hague Convention as set forth in Subsection 7.

- (b) Upon motion of the parties, the court may order the parent to post a bond if the court determines that the parent poses an imminent risk of wrongfully removing or concealing the child outside the country of habitual residence. The bond must be in an amount determined by the court and may be used only to pay for the cost of locating the child and returning him to his habitual residence if the child is wrongfully removed from or concealed outside the country of habitual residence. The fact that a parent has significant commitments in a foreign country does not create a presumption that the parent poses an imminent risk of wrongfully removing or concealing the child.
- F. The parents understand and acknowledge that, pursuant to the terms of the Parental Kidnaping Prevention Act, 28 U.S.C. §1738A, and the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, NRS 125A.005, et seq., the courts of Nevada have exclusive modification jurisdiction of the custody, visitation, and child support terms relating to the child at issue in this case so long as either of the parents, or the child, continue to reside in Nevada.
- G. The parents acknowledge that the United States is the country and Nevada is the State of habitual residence of the minor child herein.

The above STIPULATED PARENTING AGREEMENT reflects the rights and obligations of each parent as they pertain to the legal and physical custody of the parents' minor children. The parents hereby agree to fully comply with the same; and in witness whereof, the parents hereto have hereunto set their hands to this STIPULATED PARENTING AGREEMENT the year and date written below each parents' respective signature.

IT IS STIPULATED and THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, by and between the parties hereto, that the above and foregoing STIPULATED PARENTING AGREEMENT is acceptable to the parents, is fair, is in the children's best interest; and the parents respectfully request the Court to adopt

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1	and ratify the same, and to enter the said STIPULATED PARENTING
2	AGREEMENT as the Order of this Court in any divorce proceeding filed to
3	terminate the parties' marriage.
4	IT IS SO AGREED by the undersigned this day of July, 2017.
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6	SARAH ROSE BAVID ROSE
7	Defendant Plaintiff
8	THE COOLEY LAW FIRM McCONNELL LAW, LTD.
9	Shelly Booth Cooley Regina M. McConnell
10	Nevada Bar No. 8992 Nevada Bar No. 8029
11	Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 Henderson, Nevada 89074
12	Attorneys for Defendant, Attorneys for Plaintiff, DAVID ROSE
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15	IT IS SO ORDERED this day of OCT 25 2017 _, 2017.
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17	ILL B. W.
18	District Court Judge
19	Respectfully Submitted:
20	THE COOLEY LAW FIRM State of Mevad
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23	10161 Park Run Drive, Suite 150 Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 before me on oct 11, 2017 by
24	Attorneys for Defendant, SARAH ROSE SACAL ROSE
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	Page 13 of 13 STEVEN LAWRENCE SR. NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEVADA My Commission Expires: 10-3-2020 Certificate No: 16-3840-1

Exhibit "B"

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The parties, David Rose ("David") and Sarah Rose ("Sarah"), have met in mediation to resolve certain disputes and entered into an agreement in case Number D-17-547250-D in Dept. I of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, on March 23, 2018. By this memorandum, the parties desire to memorialize their agreement resolving all issues in the above referenced case. The memorandum addresses the material terms of the agreement, and is intended to bind the parties to those terms. The parties agree, however, that counsel for Sarah shall draft a final formal agreement incorporating the terms herein. That agreement shall be ratified by the Court, but shall not merge and shall retain its separate nature as a contract.

1. The parties agree to the following:

SARAH shall receive as her sole and separate property, free of all claims of David, the following:

- (1) 2012 Scion;
- (2) Any and all furniture and furnishings in her possession;
- (3) Her interest in his Nevada PERS pursuant to Gemma v. Gemma;
- (4) All bank accounts in her name;

David shall receive as his sole and separate property, free of all claims of Sarah, the following:

- (1) 2015 Dodge Challenger;
- (2) Any and all furniture and furnishings in his possession;
- (3) His interest in his Nevada PERS pursuant to Gemma v. Gemma;
- (4) All bank accounts in his name;
- 2. David shall receive \$5,000 from the approximate \$54,868.45 in proceeds of the marital home and Sarah shall receive the remainder. Of the remainder of the sale proceeds, \$22,434.22 shall be as and for lump sum non-modifiable alimony. The parties agree that the alimony amount shall be tax deductible to David and taxed as income to Sarah.

- 3. David shall pay \$1,886.00 per month for child support effective April 1, 2018. David Shall also pay \$13,000 in constructive child support arrears. The arrears shall be payable in monthly payments of \$270.00 for 48 months commencing April 1, 2018.
- 4. The parties dog shall travel with the children between homes once Sarah has her own home. If either party no longer wants the dog there is a "free" right of first refusal to the other party.
- 5. Each party shall be responsible for their separate debt including the debt on their respective vehicles and any and all credit card debt.
 - 6. The parties shall follow and be subject to Department I's Behavior Order.
 - 7. Sarah is waiving her community waste claim.

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- 8. Each party shall be responsible for their own respective attorney's fees.
- 9. Each party acknowledges that they have been represented by counsel in the negotiation and preparation of this agreement, and voluntarily enters the agreement with full understanding of its terms. This agreement may be executed in counterparts.

AFFIRMED AND AGREED DAVID ROSE Dated: 3-23-18	SARAH ROSE Dated: 02/83/20\8
Approved as to Form and Content: REGINA M. McConnell, ESQ. Counsel for David Rose	SHELLY BOOTH COOL Counsel for Sarah Rose
STATE OF NEVADA)) ss: COUNTY OF CLARK)	

DAVID ROSE did appear before me on the date set forth below, provided appropriate identification, and did sign the foregoing Marital Settlement Agreement as acknowledgement and agreement with its terms.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me
this day of 1,2018

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for said County and State



SARAH ROSE did appear before me on the date set forth below, provided appropriate identification, and did sign the foregoing Marital Settlement Agreement as acknowledgement and agreement with its terms.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me

this DB day of Magel, 2018.

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Exhibit "C"

1 DISTRICT COURT 2 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 3 **FAMILY DIVISION** 4 5 6 7 Plaintiff, Case No: 8 VS. Dept No: I 9 10 11 Defendant. 12 13 **BEHAVIOR ORDER** 14 The parties are hereby ORDERED to do, or not to do the following, as stated 15 in this Order: 16 1. No abusive contact (foul language, name calling, etc.) including 17 18 telephone calls, voicemails, letters, email, texts, all forms of social media, etc., to 19 the other party or to the child(ren). 20 2. Avoid any unnecessary contact with the other party's "significant other" 21 22 and friends not in common with you and do not initiate conflicts with them 23 3. No unnecessary contact with other people associated with or to the 24 other party for purposes of discussing court proceedings or making 25 26 negative/disparaging allegations against the other party (this includes all forms of 27 social media). 28

- 4. You will advise all of your friends, relatives and "significant other" not to disparage, criticize or harass the other party, and that co-parenting requires facilitating a positive relationship with the other party; that you could have your parenting time limited if you are unable to stop their negative behavior, and that you may be sanctioned if the Court finds that you are knowingly allowing them to violate the Behavior Order.
- 5. No harassment at the other party's place(s) of employment, including contacting the employer to make negative or disparaging allegations; or to send or drop off evidence as it relates to these court proceedings that appears reasonably designed to put them, or likely to put them in a bad light or to get them fired, or to have them suffer negative consequences as a result.
- 6. No providing copies of unsolicited documents (personal letters, court pleadings, emails, texts, etc.) to anyone associated with a party (significant others, family members, neighbors, employers, etc.) for the intended purpose of shedding the other party in a negative light.
- 7. Neither party shall post, nor shall you allow significant others or family members on social media to post, including, but not limited to, FaceBook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, LinkedIn, Tumblr, and Google+, any negative or disparaging allegation against or negative image of the other party or anyone associated with the other party.

- 8. Pursuant to EDCR 5.301, you will not discuss any of the court issues or proceedings with the minor children; this includes showing them any part of the pleadings or attachments/exhibits (including audio and video) thereto; you will take every precaution to secure copies of pleadings safely away from the eyes of the children at all times. This means all evidence of litigation generated *on your side* and from the other party's side.
- 9. Neither party shall interrogate the child(ren) as to the activities or events at the other parent's residence, etc., and shall try to respect and not interfere with the child(ren)'s privacy and relationship with the other parent; do not place your child(ren) in a loyalty bind between yourself and the other parent; your child(ren) need to be able to love both of you freely in both of your homes for healthy child development.
- 10. Neither party shall interfere with the other party's contact with the minor children, including but not limited to telephone, email, social networking contacts, etc.; where telephone/video conferencing is part of your parent contact you many not take a smart phone or iPad from a child as a means of discipline when a child uses this technology to contact the non-residential parent. You must maintain a device accessible to the child(ren) charged or with accessible charger at all times, absent a Court Order otherwise.

- 11. Neither party shall threaten to commit or actually commit an act of violence upon the other party, upon the child(ren) in common of the parties, upon child(ren) not in common of a party, or upon the significant other, friend, relative, employer, employee, neighbor, etc. of a party.
- 12. Child custody exchanges, visitations, etc., shall be done in a civil, law abiding manner and reasonably close to the times specified by the Court. In the event of an emergency or unforeseen circumstance that could affect an exchange of the child or the time of the exchange, a party shall call or contact the other party as soon as is reasonably possible.
- 13. In the event of an emergency or unforeseen circumstance that could affect an exchange of the child or the time of the exchange, the party experiencing the emergency shall contact the other party as soon as reasonably possible.
- 14. There shall be no spoliation, destruction, alteration or modification of electronic evidence such as emails, texts, social media of all forms, or voicemails, audio recordings, video recordings, or phones, iPads, etc., with any information that either party or the Court may deem relevant to the current court proceedings.
- 15. There shall be no invasion of the electronic devices, email accounts, social media accounts, separate bank accounts, safe deposit boxes, separate residences or separate vehicles, etc. of the other party.

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DISTRICT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

DAVID ROSE, CASE NO: D-17-547250-D

Plaintiff, DEPT NO: I

ll vs.

SARAH ROSE,

Defendant.

Date of Hearing:07/23/2018

Time of Hearing:10:30 am

ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED: YES

MOTION TO SET ASIDE THE PARAGRAPH REGARDING SURVIVOR BENEFITS IN THE DECREE OF DIVORCE BASED UPON MISTAKE

NOTICE: YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS MOTION WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT AND TO PROVIDE THE UNDERSIGNED WITH A COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS MOTION. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS MOTION MAY RESULT IN THE REQUESTED RELIEF BEING GRANTED BY THE COURT WITHOUT HEARING PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED HEARING DATE.

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, DAVID ROSE, by and through his attorney of record, REGINA M. McCONNELL, ESQ., of McCONNELL LAW, LTD., and hereby files this Motion to Set Aside the Paragraph Regarding Survivor Benefits in the Decree of Divorce Based Upon Mistake. Plaintiff seeks the following relief: 1) that the Court grants Plaintiff's motion in its entirety and order the survivor beneficiary language be removed from the Decree of Divorce based upon mistake; 2) that Plaintiff be awarded attorney's fees; and 3) any and all additional relief the Court deems necessary.

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1		This Motion is based on all pleadings, exhibits, points, and authorities, Affidavit of DAVID
2	ROSE	and any arguments at the time of said hearing.
3		DATED this <u>25</u> ° day of April, 2018.
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6		REGINA M. McCONNELL, ESO.
7		Nevada Bar No. 8029 9017 S. Pecos Road, Suite 4445
8		Henderson, Nevada 89074 Attorneys for Plaintiff
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		NOTICE OF MOTION
11	TO:	SARAH ROSE, Defendant; and
13	TO:	SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY, ESQ., her Attorney.
14		YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will bring the above and foregoing
15	Motio	n on for hearing on the 23 day of July , 2018, at the hour of o'clock a_m. in
16	Dept.	I of the Family Court Division of District Court, which is located at 601 N. Pecos Road, Las
17	Vegas	, Nevada or as soon thereafter as Counsel may be heard.
18		DATED this 25th day of April, 2018.
19 20		McCONNELL LAW, LTD.
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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Plaintiff ("David") and Defendant ("Sarah") were ordered to attend mediation with an attorney settlement master on November 1, 2017 at the Case Management Conference. As a result, the parties attended mediation with Rhonda K. Forsberg on March 23, 2018 and the parties reached an agreement. At the outset of the mediation, when all parties were sitting together, Ms. Forsberg discussed how the process would work and the issues that would be addressed to try to get the case settled. The parties both actively participated in the mediation and it and the parties agreed that David's Nevada PERS pension would be divided per Gemma, that David would pay Sarah a lump sum payment from his share of the house proceeds as taxable alimony and they agreed upon child Defendant's counsel began working on a Decree during the mediation but unfortunately, her computer ran out of battery. As such, a Memorandum of Understanding ("Memorandum") was drafted setting forth the full terms of the agreement. (See Memorandum of Understanding, Exhibit 1, attached to Plaintiff's Appendix of Exhibits.) The Memorandum, which was attached to the Decree, did not specify that Sarah would receive any survivor benefits from David's pension because David did not agree to any such term. Further, there was no agreement that David would be solely responsible for the children's healthcare premiums. After leaving the mediation, Sarah's counsel was able to get to a computer locally (near the mediator's office) so as to get the Decree finalized and signed. Unfortunately, upon a later reading of the Decree, it came to undersigned counsel's attention that Sarah had included an award of the PERS survivor benefit option, even though it was never agreed upon. To this end, the Decree has indicated that David will be responsible for providing insurance for the children, without giving him the benefit of the cost, which was not in the Memorandum. Further, the Decree states that David is awarded one-half of the community portion of his LVMPD pension pursuant to Gemma v Gemma and Fondi v Fondi and

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based upon a selection of Option 2 being made at the time of retirement so as to name Sarah as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary. This was not included in the Memorandum because it was not agreed upon by the parties at the time of the mediation. Therefore, David requests that this paragraph be set aside as it was not agreed upon and it was mistakenly included and not noticed upon signing.

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. THE DECREE MUST BE SET ASIDE BASED UPON MISTAKE BECAUSE THE PARTIES DID NOT AGREE

As discussed above, the agreements that were made at the mediation were reflected in a fully signed and notarized Memorandum but were not correctly reflected in the Decree of Divorce. The Decree was signed by mistake according to NRCP 60 (b) which states in pertinent part as follows:

NRCP 60 (b) Mistakes; Inadvertence; Excusable Neglect; Newly Discovered Evidence; Fraud, Etc. On motion and upon such terms as are just, the court may relieve a party or a party's legal representative from a final judgment order, or proceeding for the following reasons: (1) mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect; (2) newly discovered evidence which by due diligence could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule 59(b); (3) fraud (whether, heretofore denominated intrinsic extrinsic), misrepresentation or other misconduct of an adverse party; (4) the judgment is void; or, (5) the judgment has been satisfied, released, or discharged, or a prior judgment upon which it is based has been reversed or otherwise vacated, or it is no longer equitable that an injunction should have prospective application. The motion shall be made within a reasonable time, and for reasons (1), (2), and (3) not more than 6 months after the proceeding was taken or the date that written notice of entry of the judgment or order was served. A motion under this subdivision (b) does not affect finality of a judgment or suspend its operation. This rule does not limit the power of a court to entertain an independent action to relieve a party from a judgment, order, or proceeding, or to set aside a judgement for fraud upon the court. Writs of coram nobis, coram vobis, audita querela, and bills of review and bills in the nature of a bill of review, are abolished, and the procedure for obtaining any relief from a judgment shall be by motion as prescribed in these rules or by an independent action. (Emphasis added).

As this court is aware, the Nevada Supreme Court in *Carlson v. Carlson*, 108 Nev. 358, 832 P.2d 380 (1992); which noted that the purpose of Rule 60 (b) was to redress any injustices that may have resulted because of excusable neglect or the wrongs of an opposing party, and should be liberally construed to do so, citing to *Nevada Indus. Dev. v. Benedetti*, 103 Nev. 360, 741 P.2d 802 (1987). *Lesley v. Lesley*, 113 Nev. 727, 941 P.2d 451 (1997), the Nevada court reiterated that under NRCP 60(b), the district court has "wide discretion in deciding whether to grant or deny a motion to set aside a judgment," but added that "this legal discretion cannot be sustained where there is no competent evidence to justify the court's action." The factors to be applied by the court in an NRCP 60(b)(1) motion are "whether the movant: (1) promptly applied to remove the judgment; (2) lacked intent to delay the proceedings; (3) demonstrated good faith; (4) lacked knowledge of procedural requirements; and (5) tendered a meritorious defense to the claim for relief." Id. at 732, citing to *Bauwens v. Evans*, 109 Nev. 537, 853 P.2d 121 (1993).

The Court announced that when it reviewed district court decisions on NRCP 60(b) motions, it also examined whether the case "should be tried on the merits for policy reasons," Id. at 734 citing to *Kalın v. Orme*, 108 Nev. 510, 835 P.2d 790 (1992). The Court expanded on that holding, stating that: "This court has held that Nevada has a basic underlying policy that cases should be decided on the merits. . . .Our policy is heightened in cases involving domestic relations matters," Id. at 734 to citing *Hotel Last Frontier Corp. v. Frontier Properties, Inc.*, 79 Nev. 150, 380 P.2d 293 (1963), and *Price v. Dunn*, 106 Nev. 100, 787 (1990).

The Decree of Divorce that was entered by this Court warrants a set aside only as it relates to the particular portion regarding the award of David's survivor benefit to Sarah. As stated above, the terms of the parties' agreement at mediation were put in writing in the Memorandum and signed by the parties. Sarah knew that the parties did not agree that she was to receive his survivor benefits and she is only basing it on the fact that he had indicated that he wanted his children taken care of in the

future - this does not translate into giving her any survivor benefits. In total disregard of what was agreed upon and set forth in the Memorandum, the Decree awarded Sarah David's survivor benefits.

Unfortunately, when reviewing the Decree, counsel inadvertently did not see that the option for survivor benefits was listed and awarded to Sarah. Further, David believed, and had no reason not to believe, that the Decree was going to mirror the Memorandum, since that is what the parties agreed to at the mediation. He would not have signed the Decree, had he realized the survivor benefits were now being awarded to Sarah. This is a "bait and switch" because the intent as set forth in the Memorandum was that there was no award of survivor benefits. However, that was stripped away during the drafting of the Decree; which sadly, and by mistake, David had missed. In Nevada, unless the parties specifically agree to an award of survivor benefits, it is not considered a part of the pension. In the case at hand, David did not specifically agree to the award of survivor benefits and it was mistakenly placed in the Decree in complete disregard to the terms agreed upon and set forth in the Memorandum.

David's request is certainly timely made to this court. David believed that the parties were still under the considerations of mediation, again, under the intent of waiving the survivor benefit option. It seems rather questionable that Defendant's attorney would disregard the agreements made, then enter into an agreement with the decisions dismissed.

B. DAVID SHOULD BE AWARDED ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR HAVING TO BRING THIS MOTION

David respectfully requests an award of attorney's fees for having to bring this motion. To this end, NRS 18.010 states in pertinent part:

- 2. In addition to the cases where an allowance is authorized by specific statue, the court may make an allowance of attorney's fees to a prevailing party:
 - (a) When he has not recovered more than \$20,000; or

(b) Without regard to the recovery sought, when the court find that the claim, counterclaim, cross-claim or third party complaint or defense of the opposing party was brought without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing party.

Further, in *Halbrook v Halbrook*, 114 Nev. 1455, 971 P.2d 1262 (1998), the Nevada Supreme Court held that the power of the court to award attorney fees in divorce actions remain parts of the continuing jurisdiction of the court in appropriate post-judgment motions relating to support and child custody. Moreover, in *Love v Love*, 114 Nev. 572, 959 P.2d 523 (1998), the court reaffirmed NRS 18.010(2)(b) and NRS 125.150(3), holding that the district court can award fees in a post-judgment motion in a divorce case, citing with approval *Leeming v Leeming*, 87 Nev. 530, 490 P.2d 342 (1971); *Korbel v Korbel*, 101 Nev. 140, 696 P2d 993 (1985); *Fletcher v Fletcher*, 89 Nev. 540, 516 P.2d 103 (1973).

Finally, David respectfully requests the Court award him attorney's fees and costs incurred in having to file this motion. Sarah knows that David did not agree to give her any survivor benefits to his pension and it was not included in the Memorandum, but she refused to agree to make the change. Under *Brunzell v Golden Gate National Bank*, 85 Nev. 345 (1969), the Court should take into consideration the following factors when determining an award of attorney's fees: (1) the qualities of the advocate, (2) the character and difficulty of the work performed; (3) the work actually performed by the attorney; and (4) the result obtained. The undersigned has been practicing law over fifteen years, with approximately 95% of her practice dedicated to all aspects of family law for over ten years. The character and difficulty of the work performed in this matter is moderate, with the main issues being Sarah's actions in including language in the Decree awarding her survivor benefits to David's pension when it was not agreed upon nor included in the Memorandum because it was not agreed upon between the parties. To date, the work performed on this matter includes researching the issue of survivor benefits when not agreed upon, trying to resolve the issue, reviewing e-mails, drafting the Motion and conversations with the client regarding the motion. Counsel will provide an Affidavit of Fees upon request by the Court, following the hearing.

III. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, David requests that this Court grant his Motion in its entirety and order that the paragraph awarding Sarah any survivor benefits to David's pension be removed and that she not be awarded any benefits from his pension. Finally, David requests that he be awarded his attorney's fees in having to file this Motion.

DATED this 25^t day of April, 2018.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

DECLARATION OF DAVID ROSE

I, DAVID ROSE, declare under penalty of perjury that the following statements are true and correct:

- 1. That I am the Plaintiff in the above-entitled matter.
- 2. That I have read the above and foregoing Motion and know the contents thereof and that the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.
- 3. That I attended mediation and the agreed upon terms were set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding.
- 4. That I never agreed to give Sarah any portion of my survivor benefits from my pension.

Pursuant to NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this _____ day of April, 2018.

DAVID ROSE

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1 **OPPS** JAMES L. EDWARDS, ESO. 2 Nevada Bar No. 4256 **COHEN JOHNSON PARKER EDWARDS** 3 375 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 104 4 Las Vegas, NV 89119 702.823.3500 (Office) 5 702.823.3400(Facsimile) Attorneys for Plaintiffs 6 7 DISTRICT COURT 8 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 9 CASE NO.: A-20-815750-C DAVID JOHN ROSE, an individual, 10 DEPT. NO.: 11 Plaintiff 11 12 REGINA MCCONNELL, ESQ. an individual, MCCONNELL LAW LTD., a Nevada Limited 13 liability company; SHELLY BOOTH COOLEY. an individual; THE COOLEY LAW FIRM, a 14 Nevada Professional Limited Liability Company; SARAH JANEEN ROSE, an 15 individual; DOE INDIVIDUALS I through X 16 and ROE CORPORATIONS XI through XX, Defendants. 17 18 OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT SARAH JANEEN ROSE'S SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO NRS 41.660 (ANTI-SLAPP), OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE 19 MOTION TO DISMISS PURUSANT TO NRCP 12(b)(1) AND NRCP 12(b)(5). 20 and 21 OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS REGINA MCCONNELL, ESQ. AND MOCCONNELL 22 LAW LTD'S JOINDER TO DEFENDANT SARAH JANEEN ROSE'S SPECIAL MOTION TOD DISMISS PURSUANT TO NRS 41.660 (ANTI-SLAPP), OR IN THE 23 ALTERNATIVE MOTION TO DISMISS PURUSANT TO NRCP 12(b)(1) AND NRCP 12(b)(5). 24 25

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I.

INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff DAVID JOHN ROSE (hereinafter D. ROSE), by and though his counsel of record, COHEN JOHNSON PARKER EDWARDS, and James L. Edwards, Esq. files this OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT SARAH JANEEN ROSE'S SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO NRS 41.660 (ANTI-SLAPP), OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO NRCP 12(B)(1) AND NRCP 12(b)(5). Plaintiff D. Rose also objects to the joinder filed by the MCCONNELL parties.

This case is premised on the various defendants' legal malpractice, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, civil conspiracy and breach of contracts. The matters of issue involve matters, which admittedly are important to the parties, but have little significance to the population at large. The

II.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff DAVID JOHN ROSE retained Defendant REGINA MCCONNELL and MCCONNELL LAW, LTD. (R. MCCONNELL or the MCCONNELL DEFENDANTS) to represent him in a marital dissolution action (Case No. D-17-547250-D). His then wife, SARAH JANEEN ROSE (S. ROSE) hired fellow defendants SHELLEY BOOTH COOLEY and the COOLEY LAW FIRM.

A mediation between the parties was held on March 23, 2018. The purpose of the mediation was to divide community property, including division of the community assets arising from Plaintiff D. ROSE'S enrollment in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

During the mediation, S. ROSE raised the issue of survivorship benefits and asked Plaintiff to name her as the survivor beneficiary. Survivor benefits are not an asset of the community; thus, S. ROSE had no right to them. Plaintiff D. ROSE refused to grant survivor benefits to S. ROSE. The parties were otherwise able to reach a settlement, and the mediator memorialized the settlement in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1 to Declaration of James L. Edwards**.

After the MOU was executed, Defendant COOLEY (S. ROSE's attorney) drafted a Decree of Divorce, the terms of which were to mirror those of the MOU. A copy of the Decree of Divorce is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, **to Declaration of James L**. **Edwards**.. The terms did not match the MOU, however. The Decree added language to the division of the PERS benefits to include survivor benefits to Defendant S.ROSE if she were to outlive PLAINTIFF D. ROSE. The additional language reads:

b) One-half of the community portion, as defined within Nevada law as articulated in Gemma v. Gemma, 105 Nev. 458 (1989), and Fondi v. Fondi, 106 Nev. 856 (1990), in DAVID JOHN ROSE's Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada Pension benefits, said pension benefits to be divided pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order ("QDRO"), based upon a selection of Option 2 being made at the time of retirement so as to name S. ROSE JANEEN ROSE as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary of DAVID JOHN ROSE' pension benefits upon death, to divide said retirement account.

[Emphasis added]. The MOU was referred to in, and attached to, the Decree of Divorce as Exhibit B. *Id.*

Defendant MCCONNELL advised Plaintiff to sign it, which he did. Defendant MCCONNELL also told Plaintiff that she would review the Decree for accuracy before

returning to Defendant COOLEY. Defendant MCCONNELL signed the Decree and sent it back to Ms. COOLEY. The divorce decree was filed, and noticed, on April 11, 2018.

Sometime thereafter, Defendant MCCONNELL realized her error in advising

Plaintiff to sign the Decree of Divorce as drafted by Ms. COOLEY. Accordingly, on April

15, 2018, Defendant MCCONNELL filed a *Motion to Set Aside the Paragraph Regarding*Survivor Benefits in the Decree of Divorce Based Upon Mistake. A copy of said motion is attached hereto as Exhibit 3 to Declaration of James L. Edwards. and is incorporated herein by this reference.

Defendant MCCONNELL has admitted her negligence. Exhibit "3." Specifically, she wrote,

Unfortunately, upon a later reading of the Decree, it came to undersigned counsel's attention that Sarah had included an award of the PERS survivor benefit option, even though it was never agreed upon.

See Exhibit 3, Page 3, lines 22 – 24.

Defendant MCCONNELL went on to write,

Further, the Decree states that David is awarded one-half of the community portion of his LVMPD pension pursuant to Gemma v Gemma and Fondi v Fondi and based upon a selection of Option 2 being made at the time of retirement so as to name Sarah as the irrevocable survivor beneficiary. This was not included in the Memorandum because it was not agreed upon by the parties at the time of the mediation.

Unfortunately, when reviewing the Decree, counsel inadvertently did not see that the option for survivor benefits was listed and awarded to Sarah.

Id. at pages 6, lines 3-4.

Defendant S. ROSE admitted in court on January 27, 2020 that she and Plaintiff did not agree at mediation that she would receive survivor benefits from the pension

account. She has also stated to the Plaintiff that his "second signature" and attorneys mistake would cost him. See, Unsworn Declaration of James L. Edwards.

Plaintiff D. ROSE has set forth in a declaration under penalty of perjury that he "never agreed to give Sarah any portion of [his] survivor benefits from [his] pension."

III.

LEGAL ARGUMENT

Neither defendant S. ROSE nor the MCCONNELL defendants are entitled to the Anti-SLAPP relief or dismissal pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(1) or 12(b)(5). Defendants do not establish the "public concern" requirement for special motion Anti-SLAPP dismissal. Furthermore, the allegations in the complaint involve activities not associated with any statements involving free speech. Lastly, discovery has yet to be undertaken, and therefore, questions of fact persist.

A. NEVADA'S ANTI-SLAPP STATUTE IS NOT APPLICABLE

Defendant S. ROSE claims she is entitled to Anti-SLAPP protections pursuant to NRS 41.660. The MCCONNELL Defendants have joined the motion. Nevada Revised Statutes 41.660(2)(3) provides in pertinent part:

- 2. A special motion to dismiss must be filed within 60 days after service of the complaint, which period may be extended by the court for good cause shown.
- 3. If a special motion to dismiss is filed pursuant to subsection 2, the court shall:
 (a) Determine whether the moving party has established, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the claim is based upon a good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech in direct connection with an issue of public concern. . .

Nevada Revised Statute 41.637 gives a variety definitions of what good faith definition is. The one at play in this case is NRS 41.637(3), which reads:

"Good faith communication in furtherance of the right to petition or the right to free speech in direct connection with an issue of public concern" means any:

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3. Written or oral statement made in direct connection with an issue under consideration by a legislative, executive or judicial body, or any other official proceeding authorized by law; ...

which is truthful or is made without knowledge of its falsehood.

Defendants' motion and joinder fails for at least three reasons: (1) Defendants cannot show the communication is an issue of public concern; (2) the complaint is based on acts not communications; and (3) it is alleged that defendant knew the statement regarding the survivor benefits was false.

1. This does not involve a case of public concern.

This case is about legal malpractice, breaches of contracts, civil conspiracy and breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing. It began as a private divorce between two private citizens. An issue arose regarding whether survivor benefits would go to S. ROSE upon D. ROSE'S passing. Out of that disagreement, legal malpractice was committed, contracts were breached, parties conspired, and there was the breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

The Nevada Supreme Court adopted guidelines on determining whether something qualifies as a "public interest" under NRS 41.637. In *Coker v. Sassone*, 432 P.3d 746, 750-51 (Nev. 20190 The Supreme Court stated:

- (1) "public interest" does not equate with mere curiosity;
- (2) a matter of public interest should be something of concern to a substantial number of people; a matter of concern to a speaker and a relatively small specific audience is not a matter of public interest;

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- (3) there should be some degree of closeness between the challenged statements and the asserted public interest—the assertion of a broad and amorphous public interest is not sufficient;
- (4) the focus of the speaker's conduct should be the public interest rather than a mere effort to gather ammunition for another round of private controversy; and
- (5) a person cannot turn otherwise private information into a matter of public interest simply by communicating it to a large number of people.

Id. at 750-51. (citing Shapiro v. Welt, 133 Nev. 35, 39-40, 389 P.3d 262, 268 (2017)) (quoting Piping Rock Partners, Inc. v. David Lerner Assocs., Inc., 946 F. Supp. 2d 957, 968 (N.D. Cal. 2013)). Although this analysis refers to what a "public interest" is, it also should apply to determine whether something is a "public concern.

It is not clear what public concern that the defendants think that granting the Anti-SLAPP motion would protect, but Plaintiff submits that a private divorce dealing with survivor benefits is one.

2. Plaintiff's lawsuit seeks to recover damages for actions unrelated to communication.

Defendant MCCONNELL erred. She allowed her client, Plaintiff, to sign a a document containing language he did not agree too. She has already admitted in court.

Plaintiff seeks damages from the Defendants S.ROSE and the COOLEY defendants for their conspiracy to add language that Plaintiff had not agreed to the Decree of Divorce. Its not the words used by Defendants, rather Plaintiff's lawsuit seeks recovery form the Defendants for their actions.

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3. Defendant S. ROSE knows that her statements are not true.

It would be unreasonable construction of a statute to afford Anti-SLAPP protection to a Defendant making false statement. Plaintiff submits that is what would happen in this case if defendants' motion is granted. First, defendant has admitted in Court that she and Plaintiff never agreed to her receiving survivor benefits from Plaintiff's pension. Second, Defendant S. Rose has also told plaintiff that his attorneys carelessness and his second signature would cost him. The obvious inference is that he has fallen into her trap. She is not trying to protect he freedom of communication. Her actions and admissions indicate that S. ROSE is just trying to obtain money.

B. DEFENDANTS NOT ENTITLED TO 12(b) PROTECTION

Defendant's seek dismissal based on a variety of basis, most of which do not have merit.

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter. As state before, this case is about malpractice, breach of contract, civil conspiracy and breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Defendants have argued the family court has jurisdiction over this case. The matters listed above are not matters for the Family Court. In fact the Clark County website states:

The Family Court helps people with divorce, annulment, child custody, visitation rights, child support, spousal support, community property division, name changes, adoption, and abuse and neglect."

http://www.clarkcountycourts.us/departments/judicial/family-division/. Although the divorce case was the initial spring pad for the instant litigation, it is not the place for malpractice and breach of contract cases.

2. The Attorney/Client Relationship is not necessarily the same as Principal/Agent relationship.

Most jurisdictions recognize that the attorney/client as principal/agent issue is complex. The Nevada Supreme Court, however, did recently address this issue in *Dezzani v. Kern & Assocs.*, 412 P.3d 56, 2018 Nev. LEXIS 14, Nev. Adv. Rep. 9, 2018 WL 1103507 (2018). The Court in *Dezzani* thoroughly analyzed when the Attorney-Client (AC) relationship is and when it isn't considered an Agent-Principal (AP) relationship. In short, the Court said "Public policy does not support including attorneys as agents under NRS 116.31183." *Id.* at 61. "Considering NRS Chapter 116 as a whole and giving harmonious effect to both NRS 116.31183 and NRS 116.31164, we conclude that the Legislature did not intend to use the term "agent" to include attorneys." *Id.* at 62-63. "Based on the unique characteristics of an attorney-client relationship that distinguish it from a general agent-principal relationship, we decline to [say they are synonymous]." *Id.* at 61.

Moreover, whether the COOLEY defendants may have been acting for their own benefit is a question of fact. Discovery can address this.

3. The Parol Evidence Rule is not applicable.

The Parol Evidence Rule is not applicable here. The rule prohibits a court from considering evidence outside of the four corners of the contract in order to interpret the meaning of the contract. There are exceptions to this rule in which a court will consider outside evidence to interpret a contract:

(a) To resolve ambiguities in the contract; (Lowden Inv. Co. v. Gen. Elec. Credit Co., 103 Nev. 374, 741 P.2d 806 (1987)).

(b) When the contract is silent as to a particular matter; (Golden Press v. Pac. Freeport Warehouse, 97 Nev. 163, 625 P.2d 578 (1981)).

- (c) When the contract was fraudulent; (Sierra Diesel Injection Serv. v. Burroughs Corp., Inc., 651 F.Supp. 1371, 1377 (D. Nev. 1987)).
- (d) When the contract fails to specify what the consideration received would be; (Dixon v. Miller, 43 Nev. 280, 285, 184 P. 926, 927 (1919)).

First, the MOU was referenced and attached as an exhibit in the Decree of Divorce (DOD), so the MOU is considered to be within the four corners of the contract and should not be considered outside evidence. Second, because of the MOU is part of the DOD, the meaning of the DOD becomes ambiguous. The DOD states that Sarah Janeen Rose (SJR) has an interest in Mr. Rose's PERS account whereas the MOU states that SJR does not have an interest in the account. Because both terms are considered to be part of the same document and are contradictory, the term of the DOD is ambiguous. Therefore, under *Lowden*, the court may consider outside evidence, such as statements made during the settlement negotiations, to determine the meaning of the DOD.

4. Attorneys Fees

Plaintiff D. ROSE respectfully requests an award of reasonable attorneys fees for having to defend this unfounded Special

1	Motion to Dismiss. The Anti-SLAPP statutes were not intended to cover situations like these.			
2	DATED: July 28, 2020.			
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12	I certify that I am an employee of Cohen Johnson Parker Edwards and that on the 28th day of			
13	July, 2020, I served the foregoing opposition by mandatory electronic service through the eighth			
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UNSWORN DECLARATION OF JAMES L EDWARDS 1 2 Pursuant NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct: 1. I am over 18 years of age and competent to Test of the matters... 3 4 2. I am an attorney license to practice in the state of Nevada 5 3. I have read the memorandum of understanding attached hereto exhibit 1. I did not see any 6 indication in the memorandum of understanding that the defendant would receive any survivor benefits. 7 4. I have seen the Decree of Divorce at issue in this case. It is attached as Exhibit 2. 8 5. I have reviewed the document filed by the McCONNELL defendants entitled Motion To Set Aside the Paragraph regarding Survivor benefits in the Decree of Divorce. It is attached as Exhibit 3. 10 6. I have seen video footage of the family court proceedings where Defendant S. ROSE admits 11 that she and her then husband had not agreed on the survivor benefits. I have also heard a recording that was played in court where in a woman, who is purported to be S. ROSE, states that Plaintiff's second signature is going to cost him. 12 13 DATED: July 28, 2020. 14 **COHEN JOHNSON PARKER EDWARDS** 15 by: /s/ James L. Edwards 16 JAMES L. EDWARDS, ESQ. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of BAILEY KENNEDY and that on the 7th day of June, 2021, service of the foregoing was made by electronic service through Nevada Supreme Court's electronic filing system and/or by depositing a true and correct copy in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, and addressed to the following at their last known address:

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