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DISTRICT COURT FAMILY DIVISION CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

CATERINA ANGELA BYRD,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO.: D-18-577701-Z

DEPT. NO.: G

Vs.

GRADY EDWARD BYRD,

Defendant.

### CASE APPEAL STATEMENT

1. Name of appellant filing this statement:

**GRADY EDWARD BYRD** 

2. Identify the Judge issuing the order appealed from:

The Honorable RHONDA K. FORSBERG, 8<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COURT, Family Division, Department G

3. Identify all parties to the proceedings in the District Court:

CATERINA ANGELA BYRD, Plaintiff

GRADY EDWARD BYRD, Defendant

Identify all parties to this appeal.
 GRADY EDWARD BYRD, Appellant.
 CATERINA ANGELA BYRD, Respondent.

5. Counsel for parties on appeal:

DANIEL W. ANDERSON, ESQ., and BYRON L. MILLS, ESQ. 703 South Eighth Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. Counsel for Grady Edward Byrd.

ANITA W. WEBSTER, ESQ. and JEANNE F. LAMBERSEN, ESQ., 6882 Edna Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89146. Counsel for Caterina Byrd in the Family Court Case. It is unknown whether counsel will represent Respondent on appeal.

- 6. Appellant was represented by retained counsel at district court.
- 7. Appellant is represented by retained counsel on appeal.
- 8. Appellant has not been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.
- 9. Nature of Action: This is an appeal from the post-divorce decision entered January 23, 2020, for modification and enforcement of the Decree of Divorce filed June 5, 2014, regarding the award of alimony, benefits, and attorney fees.
- 10. This case has not been the subject of a prior appeal or writ proceeding.
- 11. This case does not involve the custody or visitation of a minor.
- 12. There is no possibility of settlement.

DATED this _	3_	day of February	η 2 <u>0</u> 20.
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# DISTRICT COURT FAMILY DIVISION CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

CATERINA ANGELA BYRD,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO.: D-18-577701-Z

DEPT. NO.: G

Vs.

GRADY EDWARD BYRD,

Defendant.

### POSTING OF COST ON APPEAL BOND

Pursuant to NRCP 7, Daniel W. Anderson, Esq. of Mills, Mills & Anderson posted a check in the amount of \$500 (check no.2185) with the District Court for the appeal filed on behalf of GRADY EDWARD BYRD representing appeal bond costs.

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## CASE SUMMARY CASE No. D-18-577701-Z

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Divorce of: Caterina Byrd and Grady E Byrd

Filed on: 09/27/2018

Location: Department G Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.

Case Number History:

**CASE INFORMATION** 

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Case Type: Divorce - Joint Petition Subtype: Joint Petition No Minor(s)

> 09/27/2018 Open Status:

Case Flags: Order After Hearing Required

**Appealed to Supreme Court** 

**CASE ASSIGNMENT** DATE

**Current Case Assignment** 

Case Number D-18-577701-Z Court Department G Date Assigned 05/06/2019 Judicial Officer Forsberg, Rhonda K.

**PARTY INFORMATION** 

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Webster, Anita A, ESQ

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**EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT** 

**EVENTS** 

02/03/2020

🔼 Cost on Appeal Bond

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Case Appeal Statement

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02/03/2020

Notice of Appeal

Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Notice of Appeal

01/23/2020

Notice of Entry

Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina

Notice of Entry of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order

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01/23/2020	Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment Party: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order
01/09/2020	Reply to Opposition Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Plaintiff's Reply to Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs During the Appeal
01/03/2020	Certificate of Service  Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  Certificate of Electronic Service
01/02/2020	Notice of Hearing  Notice of Hearing
01/02/2020	Opposition to Motion  Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs for the Appeal
12/17/2019	Certificate of Service  Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Certificate of Service
12/17/2019	Notice of Hearing  Notice of Hearing
12/16/2019	Motion Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs for the Appeal
12/16/2019	Reply Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Plaintiff's Reply to Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Second Memorandum of Fees and Costs from July 19, 2019 through the Date of the Evidentiary Hearing on October 21, 2019
12/10/2019	Certificate of Service  Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  Certificate of Electronic Service
12/05/2019	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Notice of Entry of Order on Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations
12/04/2019	Notice of Hearing  Notice of Hearing
12/04/2019	Opposition  Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Memorandum of Fees and Costs
12/03/2019	Order  Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Order on Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendations
11/25/2019	Memorandum  Plaintiff's Memorandum of Fees and Costs from July 19, 2019, through the date of the Evidentiary Hearing on October 21, 2019
11/04/2019	Discovery Commissioners Report and Recommendations  DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS from 10/11/2019
10/22/2019	Notice of Entry Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina

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Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order regarding Veterans Group Life Insurance 10/22/2019 🔼 Stipulation and Order Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Stipulation and Order regarding the Veterans Group Life Insurance Plan 10/20/2019 🔼 Reply Plaintiff's Reply to Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, Summary Judgement, Joinder and to Continue the Evidentiary Hearing 10/18/2019 Exhibits Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Exhibit Appendix to Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, ET AL. 10/18/2019 Opposition and Countermotion Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and Countermotion for Fees 10/17/2019 Receipt of Copy Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Receipt of Copy - Plaintiff's Trial Notebook 10/16/2019 🔼 Pre-trial Memorandum Plaintiff's Pretrial Memorandum 10/16/2019 Notice of Hearing Notice of Hearing 10/16/2019 **Exhibits** Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Exhibit Appendix 10/16/2019 Marition [Marition] Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion on Order Shortening Time to Reconsider Denial of Defendant's Audiovisual Appearance Request and Countermotion for Attorney Fees and 10/16/2019 🔼 Pre-trial Memorandum Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Defendant's Pre-Trial Memorandum 10/16/2019 List of Witnesses Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Defendant's List of Witnesses and Exhibits 10/16/2019 Receipt of Copy Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Receipt of Copy 10/16/2019 Certificate of Service Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Certificate of Electronic Service 10/16/2019 Notice of Hearing Notice of Hearing 10/15/2019 Ex Parte Application for Order Party: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Ex Parte Application for an Order Shortening Time on the Motion to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual Appearance Request 10/15/2019 Motion Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E

Appendix to Defendant's Motion for Order Time to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual

**Appearance** 

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10/15/2019 Motion Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Motion on Order Shortening Time to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual Appearance Request 10/14/2019 Objection Plaintiff's Objection to Defendant's Notice to Appear by Audiovisual Transmission Equipment at the Trial Scheduled for October 21, 2019 10/11/2019 Notice N Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Notice of change in Requested Relief in Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, et. al. filed on 9/30/19 10/11/2019 Certificate of Service Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Certificate of Electronic Service 10/10/2019 Mudiovisual Transmission Equipment Appearance Consent Party: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Audiovisual Transmission Equipment Appearance Consent 10/10/2019 Audiovisual Transmission Equipment Appearance Request Party: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Request to Appear by Audiovisual Transmission Equipment 10/09/2019 Schedule of Arrearages Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Schedule of Arrearages for Support 10/07/2019 Certificate of Service Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Certificate of Electronic Service 10/04/2019 Notice of Entry Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Notice of Entry of Order Shortening Time for Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration 10/04/2019 Order Shortening Time Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Order Shortening Time - Motion for Reconsideration 10/04/2019 **Exhibits** Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Exhibit Appendix to Plaintiff's Reply to Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney Fees 10/04/2019 Reply to Opposition Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Plaintiff's Reply to Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney Fees 10/03/2019 Reply Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Defendant's Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Protective Order and Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery 10/01/2019 Certificate of Service Certificate of Service of Notice of Hearing on December 26, 2019 at 11:00 AM 10/01/2019 Ex Parte Application for Order Party: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina PLAINTIFF'S EX-PARTE REQUEST FOR AN ORDER SHORTENING TIME ON THE PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION, SUMMARY JUDGMENT, JOINDER AND TO CONTINUE THE EVIDENTIARY HEARING

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	CASE NO. D-10-377701-2
10/01/2019	Notice of Hearing  Notice of Hearing
09/30/2019	Exhibits  Exhibit Appendix to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, Summary Judgment, Joinder and to Continue the Evidentiary Hearing
09/30/2019	Motion to Reconsider  Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, Summary Judgment, Joinder and to Continue the Evidentiary Hearing
09/23/2019	Exhibits  Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Exhibit Index to Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion for Protection
09/23/2019	Opposition and Countermotion  Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Protective Order Pursuant to NRCP 26(c) and for Attorney Fees and Plaintiff's Countermotion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery, and Sanctions and Attorney Fees
09/23/2019	Notice of Entry  Notice of Entry of Order Shortening Time for Plaintiff's Motion to Compel
09/23/2019	Order Shortening Time Order Shortening Time for Plaintiff's Motion to Compel
09/18/2019	Request  Plaintiff's Ex Parte Request for an Order Shortening Time on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel  Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney Fees
09/18/2019	Certificate of Service  Certificate of Service of the ReNotice of Motion to Compel
09/18/2019	Motion Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Pltf's Re-Notice of Motion to Compel Deft's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Atty's Fees
09/17/2019	Opposition to Motion  Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery
09/13/2019	Stricken Document Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina ***STRICKEN PER MINUTE ORDER 9/13/19***
09/13/2019	Certificate of Service Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  Certificate of Electronic Service
09/12/2019	Notice of Hearing  Notice of Hearing
09/12/2019	Notice of Hearing  Notice of Hearing
09/12/2019	Motion for Protective Order  Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  Defendant's Motion for Protective OrderPursuant to NRCP 26(C) and for Attorney's Fees
09/10/2019	Ex Parte Application for Order Party: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Ex Parte Application for an Order Shortening Time on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery
09/10/2019	Notice of Hearing

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	Notice of Hearing
09/10/2019	Exhibits  Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Exhibit Index to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery
09/10/2019	Motion to Compel Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney Fees
08/09/2019	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Notice of Entry of Order
08/09/2019	Order Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Order from the July 18 2019 Hearing
07/29/2019	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Notice of Entry of OSC
07/26/2019	Order to Show Cause  Order to Show Cause
07/15/2019	Financial Disclosure Form Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  AMENDED Financial Disclosure Form
07/12/2019	Financial Disclosure Form Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina FDF
07/10/2019	Certificate of Service Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina COS of Notice of Rescheduling of the Calendar Call
07/10/2019	Notice of Rescheduling of Hearing  Notice of Rescheduling of Hearing
07/01/2019	Amended Notice Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  AMENDED NOTICE TO APPEAR TELEPHONICALLY
06/27/2019	Notice Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  NOTICE TO APPEAR TELEPHONICALLY
06/26/2019	Order Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Order from 5/22/19 hearing
06/20/2019	Certificate of Service Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE
06/18/2019	Financial Disclosure Form Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  GENERAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM
06/18/2019	Ex Parte Application  Filed by Positionar Pand Catarina

Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina

Ex Parte Application for an Order to Show Cause

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06/18/2019	Ex Parte Application  Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Ex Parte Application for OST
06/18/2019	Certificate of Service Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Certificate of Service of Notice of Hearing on July 18, 2019
06/17/2019	Notice of Hearing  Notice of Hearing
06/17/2019	Motion for Order to Show Cause  Plaintiff's Emergency Motion for an Order to Show Cause why the Defendant Should not be  Held in Contempt of Court and for Attorney Fees and Costs
05/28/2019	Notice of Entry  Notice of Entry of Order from the May 2, 2019 Hearing
05/24/2019	Order  Order from the May 2, 2019 Hearing
05/21/2019	Exhibits  Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  AMENDED EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S REPLY
05/17/2019	Exhibits  Exhibit Appendix to Plaintiff's Reply to Defendant's Opposition
05/17/2019	Reply to Opposition  Plaintiff's Reply to Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Countermotion
05/14/2019	Stricken Document  ***STRICKEN PER MINUTE ORDER OF 05-17-2019***
05/14/2019	Reply Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  DEFENDANT'S REPLY AND OPPOSITION
05/10/2019	Supplement Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  DEFENDANT'S FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES PURSUANT TO NRCP 16.2
05/10/2019	Supplemental List of Witnesses and Production of Documents  Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  DEFENDANT'S SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
05/10/2019	Supplemental  Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  DEFENDANT'S SUPPLEMENTAL ANSWERS TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF  INTERROGATORIES
05/06/2019	Administrative Reassignment - Judicial Officer Change From Judge Cynthia Dianne Steel to Judge Rhonda K. Forsberg
04/23/2019	Memorandum Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Memorandum of Fees and Costs
04/23/2019	Opposition and Countermotion  Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Opposition and Countermotion
04/23/2019	Exhibits Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina

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04/23/2019 Ex Parte Application

Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina

Ex Parte application for an Order for Defendant to Appear in Person

04/23/2019 Exhibits

Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina

Exhibit Index for Ex Parte

04/12/2019 Notice

Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E

Notice to Appear Telephonically (Request to Appear Telephonically DENIED on 5/2/19)

04/11/2019 Notice of Hearing

Notice of Hearing

04/10/2019 Re-Notice of Motion

Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E

DEFENDANT'S RE-NOTICE OF MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

04/10/2019 Certificate of Service

Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE

04/09/2019 Notice of Hearing

Notice of Hearing

04/08/2019 Exhibits

Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E

APPENDIX TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

04/08/2019 Motion

Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E

DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

04/05/2019 Notice of Entry

Notice of Entry of Order from the January 23, 2019 Hearing

04/05/2019 Order

Order from the January 23, 2019 Hearing

03/27/2019 Certificate of Mailing

Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

03/25/2019 Certificate of Mailing

Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

02/06/2019 Notice of Appearance

Party: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E

Notice of Appearance

01/18/2019 Reply

Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E

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and countermotion for attorney fees and costs

01/18/2019 Certificate of Service

Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E

 $Certificate\ of\ Service$ 

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01/18/2019 Financial Disclosure Form Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Financial Disclosure Form 01/15/2019 Exhibits Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina First Supplement to Exhibit Index to Reply 01/15/2019 Reply Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Plaintiff's Reply to Defendants reply to Plaintiff's opposition 01/02/2019 Certificate of Service Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Certificate of Service 01/02/2019 Financial Disclosure Form Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Financial Disclosure Form 12/28/2018 Certificate of Service Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Certificate of Service 12/28/2018 🔼 Reply Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Reply To Opposition And/Or Countermotion 12/27/2018 Notice of Entry Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Notice of Entry of Order Shortening Time 12/27/2018 Order Shortening Time Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Order Shortening Time 12/19/2018 Opposition and Countermotion Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Pltf's Opposition to Dft's Ex Parte Motion for A Continuance of Pltf's Motion to Enforce the Decree of Divorce, for An Order to Show Cause, to Divide a Newly Discovered Asset. tp Execute QDRO's and for Attorney's Fees and Costs and Countermotion for Attorney Fees and 12/19/2018 Ex Parte Application Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Application for OST 12/18/2018 Order Granting Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Order Granting Continuance 12/17/2018 Schedule of Arrearages Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Schedule of Arrearages for Support 12/17/2018 Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Notice of Entry of Order 12/17/2018 Order Order Striking Exhibits 12/17/2018 Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina

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	Order from the November 27, 2018 Hearing
12/13/2018	Stricken Document Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E
	***STRICKEN PER ORDER FILED 12/17/18***
12/13/2018	Ex Parte Motion
	Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  Ex Parte Motion for Continuance
12/12/2018	Notice of Change of Address
	Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E  Notice of Change of Address
12/10/2018	Stricken Document
10/10/2010	***STRICKEN PER ORDER FILED 12/17/18***
12/10/2018	☑Ex Parte Motion Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E
	Ex Parte Motion for Continuance
11/27/2018	Order
11/16/2018	Order Preparation (Pursuant to EDCR 7.21)
11/10/2018	Request Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E
	Request for Continuance or New Court Date
11/16/2018	Amended Certificate of Mailing  Amended Certificate of Service
11/14/2018	Order
10/20/2010	Order Striking Exhibits
10/29/2018	Errata  Plaintiff's Errata to Motion to Enforce the Decree of Divorce, for an Order to Show Cause, to Divide a Newly Discovered Asset, to Execute QDROs, and for Attorney Fees
10/29/2018	Schedule of Arrearages  Amended Schedule of Arrearages for Support
10/18/2018	Schedule of Arrearages  Schedule of Arrears
10/18/2018	Financial Disclosure Form
	Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Plaintiff's Financial Disclosure Form
10/17/2018	Amended Certificate of Mailing  Amended Certificate of Mailing of Motion to Enforce
10/16/2018	Exhibits
	Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Exhibit Appendix for Motion to Enforce
10/16/2018	Motion to Enforce
	Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Motion to Enforce the Decree of Divorce
10/16/2018	Notice
	Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Notice of Unavailability of Plaintiff
10/12/2018	Notice of Entry
	Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina

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	CASE 110. D-10-3/1/101-2
	Notice of Entry of Order for Change of Venue
09/17/2018	Order Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Order For Change Of Venue
09/17/2018	Affidavit of Mailing Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Affidavit Of Mailing
08/27/2018	Request Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Request For Submission
08/27/2018	Declaration of Service  Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Declaration Of Service
08/27/2018	Motion Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Party 2: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Petitioner Caterina Byrd's Motion To Change Venue
06/05/2014	Decree of Divorce  Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Decree of Divorce
06/04/2014	Request Filed By: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Request for Submission of Decree of Divorce
06/04/2014	Affidavit of Resident Witness  Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina  Affidavit of Resident Witness
06/04/2014	Joint Petition for Summary Decree of Divorce  Joint Petition for Summary Decree of Divorce
01/23/2020	DISPOSITIONS Judgment (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.) Judgment (\$1,000.00, In Full, Contempt of Court Sanctions) Judgment (\$42,000.00, In Full, Alimony Arrears) Judgment (\$13,500.00, In Full, Attorney's Fees and Costs)
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02/27/2020	HEARINGS  Hearing (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)  Plaintiff's Reply to Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs  During the Appeal
02/27/2020	Opposition (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)  Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs for the Appeal
02/27/2020	Motion (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)  Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs for the Appeal
12/30/2019	CANCELED Opposition (8:45 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)  Vacated  Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Memorandum of Fees and Costs
11/01/2019	CANCELED Status Check (1:30 PM) (Judicial Officer: Fic, Holly)  Vacated  Submission of Report and Recommendation
10/21/2019	Hearing (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Hardcastle, Kathy)  Plaintiff's Reply to Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, Summary  Judgement, Joinder and to Continue the Evidentiary Hearing

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All Pending Motions (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Hardcastle, Kathy)

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Journal Entry Details:

EVIDENTIARY HEARING RE: PROPERTY DIVISION AND MILITARY RETIREMENT PAYMENT...HEARING ON ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE...PETITIONER CATERINA BYRD'S (PLAINTIFF) MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION, SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND TO CONTINUE THE EVIDENTIARY HEARING...PETITIONER GRADY BYRD'S (DEFENDANT) OPPOSITION TO PETITIONER CATERINA BYRD'S (PLAINTIFF) MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION; AND COUNTERMOTION FOR FEES...GRADY BYRD'S (DEFENDANT) MOTION ON ORDER SHORTENING TIME TO RECONSIDER DENIAL OF AUDIOVISUAL APPEARANCE REQUEST...PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION ON ORDER SHORTENING TIME TO RECONSIDER DENIAL OF DEFENDANT'S AUDIOVISUAL APPEARANCE REQUEST; AND COUNTERMOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS Anita Webster, Bar #1221, present as co-counsel on behalf of Plaintiff. Argument by Ms. Webster regarding Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual Appearance. Upon a review of the Medical Certificates submitted by Defendant, Court notes Defendant is on military disability; and the certificates submitted are from doctors from the Phillipines. Defendant was referred to the Department of Veteran's Affairs for follow-up, and Defendant failed to do so. The Court finds it somewhat suspicious that he did not follow-up with the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Further argument by Ms. Webster regarding Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment on the Order to Show Cause, to Set Aside the Decree, and Motion to join Defendant's wife as a party to this action. Argument by Mr. Mills regarding the Order to Show Cause. Further argument by Ms. Webster regarding sanctions for Defendant's failure to appear today. COURT ORDERED, Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual Appearance Request is DENIED. Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment is DENIED. The Evidentiary Hearing will proceed today in Defendant's absence. Plaintiff's request to set aside the decree and a determination as to whether the language in the contract constituted a waiver of alimony shall be decided after testimony and evidence is presented. Plaintiff's request that Defendant's wife be joined and ordered to sign a waiver is DENIED as this Court has no personal jurisdiction. Plaintiff sworn. Testimony of Plaintiff presented. Plaintiff's Exhibits 1 through 11, 13 through 18, 20 through 23, 25 through 28, 30 through 36, 38, 43, 63, and 64 admitted into evidence. Defendant's Exhibits A through L admitted into evidence. Closing arguments by Ms. Webster and Mr. Mills. COURT STATED ITS FINDINGS AND ORDERED as follows, The \$1,508.00 per month Defendant agreed to pay to Plaintiff as her share of Defendant's military retirement money, in addition to any increases, is ALIMONY and subject to upward modification. The additional \$1,500.00 Defendant agreed to pay on the house is also designated as alimony. As Defendant agreed to keep the health insurance intact, the \$102.00 per month Plaintiff pays for health insurance shall be added to the monthly alimony amount retroactive to the time Defendant stopped paying for health insurance. All of the above amounts shall be designated as ALIMONY AND SUPPORT and are REDUCED TO JUDGMENT, collectible by all lawful means. Effective 11/1/19, Defendant shall pay Plaintiff ALIMONY AND SUPPORT in the amount of \$3,110.00 per month, payable on or before the first day of each month. The ATTORNEY'S FEES that were previously awarded to Plaintiff shall be REDUCED TO JUDGMENT, collectible by all lawful means. Plaintiff is entitled to additional fees not previously awarded. Counsel for Plaintiff shall submit a Memorandum of Fees and Costs for the additional amount. Mr. Mills shall have an opportunity to file an objection. Should Plaintiff find it necessary to obtain an annuity or other vehicle for income, that can go towards Plaintiff's need when she seeks to modify alimony. Defendant is in contempt for failure to pay the \$1,500.00 monthly house payment. Defendant is in arrears for ALIMONY AND SUPPORT in the amount of \$42,000.00, plus the attorney's fees previously awarded, and sanctions in the amount of \$1,000.00 (\$500.00 per month x two months). Should Defendant file an appeal, there will be no stay until Defendant posts a supersedeas bond in an amount of no less than \$64,000.00. Ms. Lambertsen shall prepare the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order from today's hearing; Mr. Mills shall review and sign off. Mr. Mills may propose additional findings he believes are appropriate.;

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10/21/2019 **Opposition & Countermotion** (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Hardcastle, Kathy)

Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideraion and Countermotion for Fees Denied;

Denied

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10/21/2019 Opposition & Countermotion (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Hardcastle, Kathy)

> Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion on Order Shortening Time to Reconsider Denial of Defendant's Audiovisual Appearance Request and Countermotion for Attorney Fees and

Costs

Granted: Granted

10/21/2019 Motion (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Hardcastle, Kathy)

Grady Byrd's Motion on Order Shortening Time to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual

Appearance Request

Denied; Denied

10/21/2019 **Motion** (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Hardcastle, Kathy)

Caterina Byrd's Motion for Reconsideration, Summary Judgment, Joinder and to Continue the

Evidentiary Hearing

Denied; Denied

10/21/2019 Hearing (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Hardcastle, Kathy)

Order to Show Cause

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10/21/2019 Non-Jury Trial (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Hardcastle, Kathy)

EH (HD, #1) RE: Property Division and Military Retirement Payment.

Decision Made; Decision Made

10/17/2019 Calendar Call (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Hardcastle, Kathy)

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Journal Entry Details:

Anita Webster, Esq., present as co-counsel for Plaintiff. Gregory Mills, Esq., present on behalf of Attorney Byron Mills for Petitioner Grady Byrd (Defendant). Upon Court's inquiry, Ms. Lambertsen confirmed Defendant has not been paying the monthly amount he was ordered to pay. Court noted, Defendant left the country a long time ago with no intent to come back. COURT ORDERED, the Evidentiary Hearing on 10/21/19 at 9:00 AM shall go forward without Defendant's appearance. Plaintiff shall be prepared to request appropriate sanctions, and the Court will issue its decision at that time.;

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All Pending Motions (1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Fic, Holly)

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Journal Entry Details:

DEFT'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO NRCP 26(C) AND FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES... PLTF'S RE-NOTICE OF MOTION TO COMPEL DEFT'S RESPONSES TO DISCOVERY AND REQUEST FOR SANCTIONS AND ATTY'S FEES...PLTF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFT'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO NRCP 26 (C) AND FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND PLTF'S COUNTERMOTION TO COMPEL DEFT'S RESPONSES TO DISCOVERY, AND SANCTIONS AND ATTORNEY FEES...DEFT'S REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFT'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER AND DEFT'S OPPOSITION TO PLTF'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY Arguments by counsel. Counsel advised they are trying to resolve life insurance issue. COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, Medical records are relevant for the month of June 2014 at the time of signing the Joint Petition because of the disability versus retirement contemplation issue. Nothing post-divorce is relevant up until September 1, 2018 forward, and that is relevant to issue of attorney's fees. Pursuant to reading of 1/23/19 minutes, financials are relevant from January 2018 forward. Accounts of the wife and/or daughter are only relevant if Defendant's name is on accounts, or if his name was on the accounts and he removed his name. Defendant's counsel is to endeavor to do his best to get everything to Plaintiff's counsel by 10/17/19. Everything may be kept for attorneys' eyes only if there are concerns about dissemination. Issue of attorneys' fees DEFERRED to the time of trial. Court FINDS both sides had valid arguments. Each side reserves the right to request attorney's fees for having to deal with today's discovery matters based on what the judge decides and looks at. Plaintiff's counsel is to

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prepare Report and Recommendation (R&R) and send it to Mr. Mills to review and sign off. Status check SET 11/1/19 at 1:30 p.m. regarding submission of R&R. Status check will be vacated if R&R is submitted by 10/30/19.;

Matter Heard

10/11/2019

Hearing (1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Fic, Holly)

Plaintiff's Reply to Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's

Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney Fees

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10/11/2019

Hearing (1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Fic, Holly)

Defendant's Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Protective Order and

Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery

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**Opposition & Countermotion** (1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Fic, Holly)

Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Protective Order Pursuant to NRCP 26(c) and

for Attorney Fees and Plaintiff's Countermotion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery, and Sanctions and Attorney Fees

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10/11/2019

Motion (1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Fic, Holly)

Pltf's Re-Notice of Motion to Compel Deft's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions

and Atty's Fees Granted in Part;

Granted in Part

10/11/2019

Motion (1:00 PM) (Judicial Officer: Fic, Holly)

Defendant's Motion for Protective Order...Pursuant to NRCP 26(C) and for Attorney's Fees

Granted in Part; Granted in Part

09/26/2019

CANCELED Motion (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)

Vacated - per Clerk

Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions

and Attorney Fees

09/13/2019

Minute Order (7:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)

Minute Order - No Hearing Held;

Journal Entry Details:

After a review of the file, an Order Shortening Time on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney's Fees was submitted to Department G and signed by Department G in error. An Order Shortening Time on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney's Fees must be submitted to Discovery (Family) instead of Department G. The hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney's Fees currently scheduled for September 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM before Department G will be vacated. It is hereby ORDERED that the Order Shortening Time filed on 09/13/2019 be STRICKEN. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney's Fees currently scheduled for September 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM before Department G be VACATED. Plaintiff must submit a new Order Shortening Time on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney's Fees to Discovery (Family). CLERK'S NOTE: On 9/13/19, a copy of this Minute Order was placed in the attorney folder of Jeanne Lambertsen and Byron Mills. (vp); Minute Order - No Hearing Held

08/12/2019

Minute Order (11:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)

Minute Order - No Hearing Held;

Journal Entry Details:

After a review of the file, the Court failed to issue deadlines for the upcoming October 21, 2019 Order to Show Cause non-jury trial scheduled for 9:00 A.M. NOW THEREFORE; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the discovery deadline for the upcoming October 21, 2019 Order to Show Cause non-jury trial at 9:00 AM will be two (2) weeks before trial, or October 7, 2019. Exhibits and pre-trial memorandums will be due at the

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time of the Calendar Call on October 17, 2019 at 10:00 AM. The clerk will send a copy of this Minute Order to both parties. CLERK'S NOTE: On 8/12/19, a copy of this Minute Order was mailed to the parties at their respective address on record and placed in the attorney folder of Jeanne Lambertsen and Byron Mills. (vp);

Minute Order - No Hearing Held

07/18/2019

Motion (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)

Plaintiff's Emergency Motion for an Order to Show Cause why the Defendant Should not be Held in Contempt of Court and for Attorney Fees and Costs

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Granted:

Journal Entry Details:

PLAINTIFF'S EMERGENCY MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE DEFENDANT SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS Court noted, no opposition has been filed. Court further noted, the Court Clerk attempted to reach Defendant at the phone number he provided to the Court, but the call failed to go through to the international number. Ms. Lambertsen requested an Order to Show Cause for Defendant's failure to pay Plaintiff \$3,000.00 per month pending the Evidentiary Hearing and \$5,000.00 in attorney's fees, which was due on June 6, 2019. Defendant is \$6,000.00 in arrears (\$3,000.00 for June and \$3,000.00 for July). Ms. Lambertsen requested sanctions in the amount of \$500.00 for each violation (failure to pay for June, failure to pay for July, and failure to pay attorney's fees) for a total of \$1,500.00. Ms. Lambertsen requested Defendant be ordered to pay the additional \$1,500.00 Defendant was ordered to pay towards the mortgage effective 2/1/19. Defendant is in arrears in the amount of \$6,000.00 for February, 2019 through May, 2019. Ms. Lambertsen argued the arrears the Court was deferring to the time of the Evidentiary Hearing were for the period from September, 2018 through January of 2019 (the prior Court Order). Mr. Lambertsen requested additional sanctions in the amount of \$2,000.00 for each instance of non-payment (February, March, April and May). Ms. Lambertsen requested additional fees and costs for having to bring the Motion before the Court. Ms. Mills stated Defendant informed him he is not going to pay until the Evidentiary Hearing. Further, he doesn't know if he will be staying on as counsel for Defendant as there have been some communication issues. COURT ORDERED, an Order to Show Cause is GRANTED. Defendant shall show cause as why he should not be held in Contempt of Court for his blatant disregard of the Court's Orders. Order to Show Cause shall be set for 10/21/19 at 9:00 AM to be heard at the time of the Evidentiary Hearing. If counsel can determine the bank where the annuity originates, counsel may obtain a garnishment for the totality of the arrears. In the alternative, the issue shall be DEFERRED to the time of Trial. Additional ATTORNEY'S FEES are awarded in favor of Plaintiff against Defendant in the amount of \$1,500.00. Ms. Lambertsen shall prepare the Order to Show Cause.; Granted

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All Pending Motions (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)
Matter Heard;

Journal Entry Details:

MOTION: DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION...OPPOSITION & COUNTERMOTION: PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND COUNTERMOTION...HEARING: PETITIONER GRADY BYRD, REPLY AND OPPOSITION For purposes of the Minute Order, Petitioner Caterina Byrd will be referred to as the Plaintiff and Grady Byrd as the Defendant. Court reviewed the history and the documents in the case. Attorney Mills advised the Court Mr. Bryd was not present due to a medical issue preventing him from flying, and noted, Defendant provided a Dr's note that stated he should not be traveling. Objection by Attorney Lambertsen. COURT NOTED, his presence is waived today, however, will not be waived for Evidentiary Hearing. Arguments by Counsel. COURT FINDS, Judge Hardcastle's ruling that the Parties Marital Settlement Agreement is for Alimony is incorrect. The Party's agreement is a property division. COURT ORDERED, The Motion for Reconsideration is Granted in Part and Denied in Part. Effective June 1, 2019, DEFENDANT shall make mortgage payments to PLAINTIFF in the amount of \$1,500.00 per month. DEFENDANT shall PAY \$5000.00 in attorney's fees to attorney Jeanne Lambertsen within the next TWO WEEKS. DEFENDANT has the duty and shall put PLAINTIFF on the SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN, which shall be PREPARED and SUBMITTED within 30 DAYS from today The Plaintiff's Countermotion regarding Contempt of Court shall be DEFERRED to Trial. Defendant's Arrearages of \$27,000.00 resulting from no-payment of the \$1,500.00 in Mortgage Payments to Plaintiff shall be DEFERRED to trial The Addendum Defendant added to his Life Insurance Plan to include his new wife shall be DEFERRED to trial. Attorney's Fees shall be DEFERRED to Trial. Defendant's Presence is

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WAIVED for Calendar Call. DISCOVERY is OPEN. CALENDAR CALL SET 10-17-19 at 11:00 am in Department G. NON JURY TRIAL SET 10-21-19 at 9:00 am, (HD, #1) in Department G. Attorney Mills shall prepare the Order.;

Matter Heard

05/22/2019 **Hearing** (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)

Petitioner Grady Byrd, Reply and Opposition

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05/22/2019 **Opposition & Countermotion** (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)

Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration and Countermotion

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05/22/2019 **Motion** (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)

Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration

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05/17/2019 Minute Order (10:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Forsberg, Rhonda K.)

Minute Order - No Hearing Held;

Journal Entry Details:

The Court NOTES that Defendant filed Exhibits to Defendant's Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration on May 14, 2019. The Court FURTHER NOTES that sensitive information including the dates of birth and the Social Security numbers of both parties are listed in the Exhibits without being redacted. NOW THEREFORE; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Defendant's Exhibits to Defendant's Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration is hereby STRICKEN from the record in full. Defendant must refile the Exhibits with all sensitive information redacted regarding both parties should Defendant want the Court to consider or review them in the future.;

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05/02/2019

Status Check (11:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Bixler, James)

SC RE: DISCOVERY

Matter Heard:

Journal Entry Details:

STATUS CHECK RE: DISCOVERY Ms. Lambertsen noted her concerns regarding Defendant's absence today, and that Defendant filed a Notice of Intent to Appear Telephonically for the 5/22/19 hearing. Mr. Mills noted he received notice two days ago that Defendant has a medical issue and is unable to be here today, and he advised Defendant to send him medical records. Court NOTED it is not pleased that Defendant is not present today. With regard to discovery, Mr. Mills advised he has responded to everything and discovery is being done. Mr. Mills advised he expects to respond to requests for clarification and any further requests. Statement by Ms. Lambertsen. Ms. Lambertsen advised she is seeking information from federal departments. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Mills advised he has responded to everything and if he can get more information he will. COURT ORDERED, Defendant is required to be present in person for the 5/22/19 hearing. The consequences will be grave if he is not. Request for telephonic appearance is DENIED. Court finds Defendant is making a good faith effort to comply with discovery. Mr. Mills is to accomplish what he can between now and the 5/22/19 hearing. Any issues left over with regard to discovery will be before the Court on 5/22/19.;

Matter Heard

02/19/2019 **Review** (2:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Steel, Cynthia Dianne)

CHAMBER REVIEW RE: ORDER FROM 1-23-19 HEARING

01/23/2019 Motion (10:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Hardcastle, Kathy)

Events: 12/18/2018 Order Granting

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ENFORCE THE DECREE OF DIVORCE CONTINUED FROM 11-27-18

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Order Granting

Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Grady E Order Granting Continuance

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See Order Granting Continuance filed by Deft Matter Heard; Journal Entry Details:

MOTION: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ENFORCE THE DECREE OF DIVORCE CONTINUED FROM 11-27-18 Argument by Attorney Lambertson regarding Defendant's nonpayment of the \$1,500.00 Alimony which is currently in arrears in the amount of \$7,500.00 since August of 2018, and arrearages in the amount of \$7,500.00 for Plaintiff's portion of Defendant's US Army Pension to be paid in the amount of \$1,500.00 monthly. Plaintiff's interest in insurance policies, Military Health care and long-term health care and other accounts or policies awarded to Plaintiff in the Decree that have either been lost or lapsed, or moved to different accounts by Defendant. Further Argument regarding Attorney's Fees and Costs and contempt of Court. Argument in opposition by Defendant. COURT NOTED, the Court reviewed the Motions and reviewed the Parties' Decree. Within the Decree there is language that provides for \$1,500.00 to be paid to Plaintiff for life that can be changed when her financial condition improves or if the marital house is sold. The Court deems that the \$1,500.00 to Plaintiff is and should be deemed ALIMONY. COURT FINDS, Defendant has no right to unilaterally stop the payments to Plaintiff. Even though Defendant's payment status has changed, Defendant is still responsible in the Decree to pay the Plaintiff. COURT FURTHER FINDS, Plaintiff had an obligation to follow up on some of the health care policies and other items, therefore it is not necessarily something Defendant is going to be solely responsible for and Parties may need an Evidentiary Hearing. Defendant sworn and testified. COURT ORDERED, DISCOVERY IS OPEN DEFENDANT shall make himself AVAILABLE for a DEPOSITION with PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY, DEFENDANT shall PROVIDE PLAINTIFF with the FEDERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN within 10 DAYS. DEFENDANT shall COOPERATE in any manner needed in order for the insurance company to keep Plaintiff informed that the premiums are being paid. DEFENDANT has an ONGOING OBLIGATION to PAY the INSURANCE PREMIUM and keep it UP TO DATE. DEFENDANT shall be HELD in CONTEMPT of COURT for FAILURE to do so. DEFENDANT shall PROVIDE COPIES OF STATEMENTS from the LAST YEAR OF ALL ACCOUNTS in which DEFENDANT has RECEIVED MONEY, INCLUDING ANNUITY payments. Defendant shall provide DOCUMENTS showing where MONIES ORIGINATED, where and when ANNUITIES were PURCHASED and ANY OTHER ACCOUNTS Defendant is RECEIVING MONIES from. Defendant shall PROVIDE copies of ANY INSURANCE POLICIES and DOCUMENTATION showing PAYMENT on those POLICIES. Defendant shall PROVIDE INFORMATION regarding ANY UNDISCLOSED ACCOUNTS accrued BEFORE the DIVORCE. DEFENDANT shall PROVIDE PROPER DOCUMENTATION of any other INCOME including FEDERAL RETIREMENT PLANS and any other PLANS DEFENDANT had set up at the time of the DIVORCE. DEFENDANT shall be HELD IN CONTEMPT of COURT is he does not PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION as requested by the Court and shall be placed in CUSTODY. DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS to PLAINTIFF in the DECREE of DIVORCE shall STAND. Defendant shall PAY PLAINTIFF \$1500.00 PER MONTH as PLAINTIFF'S SHARE of the Military Benefits and \$1500.00 PER MONTH in SPOUSAL SUPPORT payments. ATTORNEY FEES IN THE AMOUNT \$7,000.00 shall be PAID FROM DEFENDANT to PLAINTIFF within the next 45 DAYS. DEFENDANT'S ARREARS and ATTORNEY'S FEES shall be REDUCED TO JUDGMENT: ARREARAGES in SPOUSAL SUPPORT of \$7,500.00 from August 2018 to January 2019. ARREARAGES in PLAINTIFF'S HALF of Defendant's Military Benefits of \$7,500.00 from August 2018 to January 2019. ATTORNEY'S FEES in the amount of \$7,000.00. EFFECTIVE January 15, 2019, DEFENDANT shall PAY PLAINTIFF \$4,500.00 PER MONTH EACH MONTH on the 15th of the MONTH until DEFENDANT has the \$22,000.00 in ARREARS CAUGHT UP. DEFENDANT shall DEPOSIT the \$4,500.00 into PLAINTIFF'S Bank of America ACCOUNT which was placed on the Record. Defendant was provided a voided check IN OPEN COURT to set up automatic deposits. DEFENDANT shall be HELD in CONTEMPT of COURT if he does not PAY Plaintiff the \$4,500.00 per Month and CATCH UP on the PAYMENTS due to the PLAINTIFF. The \$3,000.00 MONTHLY OBLIGATION shall CONTINUE TO ACCRUE as the \$4,500.00 monthly payments are being made. CONTEMPT of COURT shall be DEFERRED. If DEFENDANT FAILS to PAY PLAINTIFF of if he FAILS to CATCH UP the ARREARAGES or PAY ATTORNEY'S FEES, PLAINTIFF'S Motion for Contempt of Court may be RENEWED. DEFENDANT shall NOT MISS ONE (1) more PAYMENT to Plaintiff. Should Defendant miss a Payment and the Court finds Defendant is in Contempt, the Court will incarcerate Defendant. PLAINTIFF can file a Motion for Contempt and the Court will incarcerate Defendant if found in contempt. EITHER PARTY shall NOT CHANGE anything from the BANK ACCOUNTS AND BOTH PARTIES shall have ONLINE ACCESS to the BANK ACCOUNTS; USER NAMES and PASSWORDS SHALL NOT BE CHANGED BY EITHER PARTY, PLAINTIFF shall take a copy of the Parties Divorce Decree in order to go and inquire regarding the Insurance Policies and other benefits that she may be entitled to under the Decree. DEFENDANT is to COOPERATE if a RELEASE or CONSENT is needed for Plaintiff to get the information she needs. STATUS

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CHECK RE: DISCOVERY set on 5-2-19 at 11:00 am in Department G. Attorney Lambertson to Prepare the Order. CHAMBER REVIEW RE: ORDER from (1-23-19 hearing) set for 2-19-19:

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12/26/2018

CANCELED Review (2:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Steel, Cynthia Dianne)

Vacated - Moot

CHAMBER REVIEW RE: ORDER FROM 11-27-18 HEARING

11/27/2018

Motion (10:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Steel, Cynthia Dianne) Events: 10/16/2018 Motion to Enforce

Pltf's Motion to Enforce the Decree of Divorce

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Motion to Enforce

Filed by: Petitioner Byrd, Caterina Motion to Enforce the Decree of Divorce

Matter Heard;

Journal Entry Details:

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ENFORCE THE DECREE OF DIVORCE For purposes of the Minute Order, Petitioner Caterina Byrd will be referred to as the Plaintiff and Grady Byrd as the Defendant. The Court heard the matters on calendar today. Court noted there has been no response from Defendant. Attorney Lambertsen advised this matter was filed in Churchill County, even though parties live in Clark County and advised the Court, this is a post divorce action. Court heard the matters on calendar. Attorney Lambertsen requested temporary Orders. Court noted the exhibits filed with the Motion were stricken. COURT ORDERED, Defendant shall PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTS that SUPPORT all aspects that support his version of his INCOME; including but not limited to DFAS Statement showing monthly income, the VA Statement from the Department of Defense, and the FERS Statement. The Department of the Army. In addition, the U.S. Military health care, the long term health Insurance, and other insurance policies, and the Department of Finance and Accounting Services related to the QDRO. Request for Attorney Fees for today's hearing are RESERVED until time of the 12-28-18 hearing. Matter CONTINUED to 12-18-18 at 3:30 pm in Department G. Unbundled Order FILED IN OPEN COURT. Attorney Lambertsen shall prepare an appropriate Order, obtain approval from opposing Counsel, and submit it to the Court pursuant to Rule 7.21 and Rule 7.24. Rule 7.21 The counsel obtaining any order, judgment or decree must furnish the form of the same to the clerk or judge in charge of the court within 10 days after counsel is notified of the ruling, unless additional time is allowed by the court. Rule 7.24 Any order, judgment or decree which has been signed by a judge must be filed with the clerk of the court promptly. No attorney may withhold or delay the filing of any such order, judgment or decree for any reason, including the nonpayment of attorney s fees If there is a conflict regarding the wording of the Minute Order, the video record prevails as the official record. NRS 3.380 (6) In civil and criminal cases when the court has ordered the use of such sound recording equipment, any party to the action, at the party s own expense, may provide a certified court reporter to make a record of and transcribe all the matters of the proceeding. In such a case, the record prepared by sound recording is the official record of the proceedings, unless it fails or is incomplete because of equipment or operational failure, in which case the record prepared by the certified court reporter shall be deemed, for all purposes, the official record of the proceedings. [emphasis added] [7:52:1907; added 1949, 506; 1943 NCL 8460.01] (NRS A 1995, 1594; 2007, 1036; 2011, 673).e Preparation Order FILED IN OPEN COURT. CHAMBER REVIEW RE: Order (11-27-18 hearing) set for 12-26-18 at 2:00 AM;

Matter Heard

01/23/2018

Hearing (10:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Steel, Cynthia Dianne)

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### DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

CATERINA ANGELA BYRD	) CASE NO.: D-18-577701-Z ) DEPT NO.: G	
Plaintiff,	)	
V.	) ) > FINDINGS OF FACT	
GRADY EDWARD BYRD	) FINDINGS OF FACT, ) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AN	
Defendant	) ORDER	

This matter having come before the court on October 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., for an Evidentiary Hearing regarding the mortgage payment and the military retirement payment, hearing on the Plaintiff's Order to Show Cause why the Defendant should not be held in contempt of court, hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, Summary Judgment, and Fees; and Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and Countermotion for Fees, hearing on Defendant's Motion on Order Shortening Time to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual Appearance Request, Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion on Order Shortening Time to Reconsider Denial of Defendant's Audiovisual

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Appearance Request, and Countermotion for Fees. Plaintiff, Caterina Angela Byrd (hereinafter "Caterina" or "Plaintiff"), appearing by and through her attorneys, ANITA A. WEBSTER, ESQ., and JEANNE F. LAMBERTSEN, ESQ., of the law firm of WEBSTER & ASSOCIATES and Defendant, Grady Edward Byrd (hereinafter "Grady" or "Defendant"), not present and appearing by and through his attorney, BYRON L. MILLS, ESQ., of MILLS & ANDERSON LAW GROUP.

Argument by Ms. Lambertsen regarding Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual Appearance citing that the Defendant's doctor excuses are from doctor that are all in the Philippines, not from the Veteran's Administration and one of the excuses even states that the certificate is not for legal matters.

Argument by Ms. Webster regarding sanctions for Defendant's failure to appear today and argument for the Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration. Summary Judgment on the Order to Show Cause, to Set Aside the Decree, and Motion to join Defendant's wife as a party to this action.

Argument by Mr. Mills regarding the Order to Show Cause and that the Defendant should not be subject to the penalty of contempt for months other than from June 1, 2019, to the present date.

Argument by Ms. Lambertsen regarding the hearing on July 18, 2019, on Plaintiff's Motion for an Order to Show Cause sought arrears going back to the date the Defendant ceased payment on September 1, 2018, and these arrears were deferred to the Evidentiary Hearing this date.

THE COURT NOTES that upon a review of the Medical Certificates

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submitted by Defendant, that Defendant is on military disability; and the certificates submitted are from doctors from the Philippines rather than from Defendant's doctor at the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Defendant was referred to the Department of Veteran's Affairs for follow-up, and Defendant failed to do so.

THE COURT FINDS that it is suspicious that the Defendant is going to community doctors in the Philippines, did not follow-up with the Department of Veteran's Affairs, and has provided nothing from the Department of Veteran's Affairs regarding medical issues. Further the court finds that the medical notes from the Philippines provided by the Defendant are not believable.

Having heard the argument of counsel and good cause appearing therefore.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual Appearance Request is Denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment that the Defendant be found in Contempt of Court is Denied. That the Court will enter appropriate rulings based on the testimony and evidence to follow in this Evidentiary Hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Evidentiary Hearing will proceed today in Defendant's absence.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and Request to Set Aside the Order from the hearing on May 22, 2019, order filed June 26, 2019, is part of the court's consideration in this Evidentiary Hearing and a determination will be made by this court as to the agreement entered into

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between the parties, what was meant by the language of the agreement, whether or not it constituted a waiver of alimony, or whether the waiver of alimony was of no effect because the decree provides for her support and it would be unconscionable that after 31 years of marriage that Plaintiff would receive no support from the Defendant and Defendant would have total discretion as to what, when, and for how long to pay the Plaintiff. All of the foregoing shall be decided after testimony and evidence is presented. That the Court will enter appropriate rulings based on the testimony and evidence from the hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's request that Defendant's wife be joined in this action and ordered to sign a waiver of her interest in the Survivor Benefit Plan awarded to the Plaintiff in the decree of divorce is denied as this Court has no personal jurisdiction over the Defendant's wife.

Plaintiff, Caterina Angela Byrd, was sworn and testified under oath.

THE COURT ADMITTED Plaintiff's Exhibits 1 through 11; 13 through 18; 20 through 23; 25 through 28; 30 through 36; 42 (VT 9:42:52) 43, 63, and 64 were admitted. Based upon the parties' stipulation, Defendant's Exhibits A through L, were admitted into evidence.

The court having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file herein including the Pre-Trial Memorandums filed by the parties prior to Trial, after considering and weighing the credibility of the witness and the exhibits admitted into evidence, and after further considering the closing arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing, the Court hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as set forth herein.

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### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. To the extent any Finding of Fact is more appropriately stated as a Conclusion of Law, it should be so deemed.
- 2. The parties were divorced in Nevada on June 5, 2014, after a 31-year marriage by way of a Joint Petition that Grady arranged to have prepared.
- 3. Caterina is 56 years old and resides in Clark County Nevada, Grady is 63 years old and resides in the Philippines.
- 4. Caterina has a high school education and English is her second language. Grady has two Master Degrees, war college degree and certificates.
- 5. Grady retired from the Army in 1999. Caterina was named the beneficiary of Grady's Army Survivor Benefit Plan upon his retirement. After retiring from the Army, Grady worked for the Department of Defense until about 2010.
- 6. The parties moved 17 different places throughout the marriage making it difficult for Caterina to establish a career. The parties last resided together in about 2008 with Caterina remaining in Nevada and Grady residing out of the country and Caterina believing that he lived in either Kosova or the Philippines.
- 7. Caterina was not working at the time of divorce and is not currently working. Caterina had not worked during the marriage except sporadically because Grady got upset when she had tried to work.
- 26 8. Caterina was in treatment for mental health issue, anxiety and depression from about 2012 to 2016.
  - 9. Grady's current gross annual income is about \$116,000.00 per year.

- 10. Since September 1, 2018, Caterina has borrowed money from her parents to pay her monthly expenses. She paid her attorney fees by credit card and the credit card is maxed out. She has an outstanding balance with her attorney. That using a credit card to hire an attorney does not mean that Caterina was not destitute. (VT 2:26:28)
- 11. The Decree of Divorce provides that Grady is to pay Caterina \$1,500 per month for mortgage assistance. The Decree of Divorce further provides that the mortgage assistance is not alimony and that it can be terminated at any time. This is vague and ambiguous and susceptible to more than one interpretation especially in light of Grady paying Caterina \$1,500 for mortgage assistance for over 4 years following the divorce. Based on all the facts above and despite the statement in the decree that this is not alimony, these facts support that it was, in fact, alimony. (VT 2:23:43, 2:16:30, 2:19:03).
- 12. The Decree of Divorce contains ambiguities. Grady was making periodic payments to Caterina on a monthly basis for her support. This is alimony, yet the agreement purports that it is not alimony, creating an ambiguity.
- 13. The court must examine the circumstances surrounding the parties' alimony waiver in order to determine the true intentions of the parties.
- 14. That the Decree of Divorce provides that Caterina is entitled to 50% of Grady's military retired pay. This is vague since there was no dollar amount provided in the Decree of Divorce and Grady represented to Defendant that 50% of his military pay is \$1,500 per month. Further, Grady paid Caterina \$1,500 per month for more than 4 years following entry of the Decree of

Divorce.

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- 15. Grady drafted the agreement or had it drafted. It is a well- settled rule that "[i]n cases of doubt or ambiguity, a contract must be construed most strongly against the party who prepared it, and favorably to a party who had no voice in the selection of its language." As a result, in this case, any ambiguity must be interpreted against Grady.
- 16. The house she was awarded in the Decree of Divorce had little to no equity. The equity in the house at the time of divorce was less than \$20,000, and would not likely cover the closing costs had she sold the house at the time of the divorce. The periodic payments on a monthly basis until the house was sold or paid off are indeed based on financial need and are therefore alimony. The payments were conditioned on the house not selling and not being paid off. The house has not been sold and is not paid off. The mortgage payments are over \$1,900 per month. (VT 2:26:58). Based on what Grady told Caterina before and at the time of the divorce. Caterina reasonably expected that Grady would support her at the rate of at least \$3,000 per month for the remainder of her life and that upon his death, she would continue to be supported by Grady based on her receipt of his Army Survivor Benefits in a comparable amount. (VT2:27:56). Grady had a fiduciary duty to Caterina to be honest with her. He failed to meet his fiduciary duty.
- 17. During the marriage, Grady is the one who ran made the decisions in the marriage and controlled the finances in the marriage. Grady discouraged Caterina from being involved in these decisions. When Caterina did try to

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Grady violated his fiduciary duty to his wife, Caterina, by wrongfully telling her how much money she would receive each month and for how long. He told her that his military pay was \$3,017 per month, and that she was entitled to \$1,508 per month and that he would pay her \$1,500 per month or more until he died. In actuality, his military pay was only \$128.40 per month and 50% of this is \$64.20 per month. Long before he asked Caterina for a divorce, Grady had applied for and received a waiver of his military pay to receive it as disability pay. A fiduciary relationship arises from the existence of the marriage itself, thus precipitating a duty to disclose pertinent assets and income. Grady was not receiving \$3,017 in military retirement pay as he represented to Caterina, rather, he was receiving \$3,146 in VA disability pay. He had waived \$3,017 of his retired pay for disability pay, and had only \$128.40 left as his military retired pay.

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- 50% of Grady's United States Army Retired Pay was \$64.20. Grady engaged in deceit upon his spouse that he owed a fiduciary duty to.
- 19. That prior to divorce, Grady applied for and received approval from the Department of the Army for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) disability pay on or about June 20, 2011, to be paid through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS).
- 20. That prior to divorce, about December 1, 2011, Grady had waived a portion of his Army Retirement pay to receive disability compensation.
- 21. That prior to divorce, Grady applied for and received approval on or about November 12, 2010 from the Office of Personnel Management to receive his Federal Employee's Retirement System (FERS) money in the form of disability retirement. That his disability annuity gross payment is \$1,315.00 per month.
- 22. That prior to divorce, on or about September 19, 2012, upon Grady's June 19, 2009 application to the Social Security Administration for disability and disability insurance benefits, Grady was determined to be disabled. Grady was paid \$31,014 in Social Security Benefits in 2014.
- 23. Around the time of divorce, Grady did not provide Caterina documentation showing the amount of his military retirement pay, the amount of his Veteran's Administration Disability pay, the amount of his Office of Personnel Management Disability Annuity Income, or the amount of his Social Security Disability Income.
- 24. Grady paid Caterina \$3,000 per month for a number of years, from June 2014 until September 1, 2018, to keep her quiet, to keep her complacent.

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then he decided that he did not need to pay her anymore. When Grady claimed that he was receiving treatment for cancer. Caterina started asking questions about his Army Survivor Benefits. Then, she saw an attorney, and Grady informed her that he is not paying her anything and will not even show up for court. Grady provides notes from doctors in the Philippines, claiming that he cannot come to court. The court is not sure they are actually doctors. The notes do not come from the Veteran's Administration doctors, where Grady is treating.

- 25. Grady did everything in his power to keep Caterina from recognizing what her rights were and to leave her in a position where she would receive only \$64.20 per month from his Army Retirement pay. This is unconscionable. It is unenforceable. Were the provision in the Decree of Divorce interpreted to give Caterina 50% of Grady's Military pay, so that she would receive only \$64.20 per month for her interest in his military pay, after 31 years of marriage, this would be so unconscionable, as to be unenforceable.
- That Caterina's request for the court's assistance is timely pursuant to 26. NRCP 60(b)(6) in that she sought the court's assistance on or about October 2018, shortly after Grady stopping the \$3,000 per month payments to her on September 1, 2018.
- 27. Grady's breach of fiduciary duty, the vagueness and unconscionability of the agreement gives the court discretion to reopen a division of the marital/community property when extraordinary circumstances arise.
- 28. That Grady threatened Caterina that she was not to seek the assistance of counsel to review the language that Grady proposed for the Decree of

Divorce or she would regret it. Caterina was suffering from depression at the time of the divorce, the parties had just purchased a home 4 months prior to Grady asking for a divorce, the mortgage was over \$1,900 per month, and Caterina was fearful that if she failed to follow his orders, he would stop providing money for her living expenses, and disappear. He was living in the Phillippines at that time.

- 29. Grady represented to Caterina that her share of Grady's military retirement money was \$1,508.00 per month for his life and that she would get increases over time. Grady performed on this agreement from June 5, 2014 until September 1, 2018. Therefore, Caterina is awarded \$1,508 per month in alimony, subject to upward modification. The additional \$1,500.00 per month that Grady agreed to pay Caterina for mortgage assistance for her house is also designated as alimony.
- 30. Grady has multiple sources of income which are not exempt from a spousal support order. All of this income, which comprises Grady's approximate \$116,000.00 annual income, can be considered when a spousal support obligation to Caterina is calculated.
- 31. Grady agreed to keep the military health insurance intact for Caterina but Caterina is no longer covered by the military health insurance and has replaced the health insurance plan. That the amount of her health insurance, \$102.00 per month, is a factor toward her financial need.
- 32. As Grady agreed to keep Caterina's health insurance coverage in tact, the \$102.00 per month that Caterina pays for health insurance shall be added to the monthly alimony amount owed by Grady to Caterina, retroactive to

the time Caterina ceased receiving Tricare health insurance benefits which was on or about June 6, 2015.

- 33. Grady agreed to keep Caterina as the beneficiary of his Military Survivor Benefit Plan, that Caterina is no longer the beneficiary of the Survivor Benefit Plan; and that she is going to have to replace the value of the Survivor Benefit Plan. That she may have to obtain an annuity if she is not successful in her appeal to the U.S. Army Board of Corrections. That this dollar amount is a factor toward her financial need when she seeks to modify the alimony award.
- 34. Pursuant to NRS 22.010 et. al., Grady is found in contempt of court, for two months, and in arrears for failure to pay as ordered at the May 22, 2019 hearing order filed on or about June 26, 2019, wherein Grady was ordered to resume paying Caterina \$3,000.00 per month starting June 1, 2019, pending the Evidentiary Hearing held on October 21, 2019.
- 35. That there was new evidence presented to support the Caterina's Motion for Reconsideration of the order from the May 22, 2019 hearing, because there was no indication that Judge Forsberg realized that there was no equity in the marital residence at the time of divorce based on Grady stating in the decree that the residence was worth \$365,000. This was the purchase price of the house and just a little over what was owed on the house, not equity. Also, Grady listed that he had no assets, so there is no indication that Judge Forsberg knew what Grady had available to him at that time. She looked at the face of the document, this is why an evidentiary hearing was held. (VT 2:15:35).

- 36. That Caterina did not obtain counsel at the time of divorce because Grady threatened her. He was in the Phillippines and she feared he would disappear. Grady knew that he was dealing with a person who is dealing with depression. As soon as she mentioned seeing an attorney, he came down on her and stopped paying. (VT 2:25:00)
- 37. That there is cause to set aside the decree based on Grady's breach of his fiduciary duty to Caterina and that this was timely because Caterina came to court to try to get what was entitled to her upon Grady stopping his monthly payments to her. (VT 2:19:44).

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

# **Personal Jurisdiction over the Parties**

By way of their pleadings, each of the parties submitted to the jurisdiction of this Court, accordingly, the Court concludes that it has personal jurisdiction over the parties.

# **Subject Matter Jurisdiction**

This court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to NRS 125.070, which provides that the judge of the court shall determine all questions of law and fact arising in any divorce proceeding under the provisions of this chapter.

# Ambiguity, Unconscionable and Unenforceable, Violation of Fiduciary Duty, Invalidation of Spousal Support Waiver, Award of Life Time Alimony to Caterina, Grady in Contempt of Court

1. Grady's interpretation of the terms of the Decree of Divorce would mean that he can unilaterally stop paying Caterina \$1,500 per month in support for the house and that Caterina would receive just \$64.20 per month for her interest in his military pay after 31 years of marriage.

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This is unconscionable and unenforceable.

- 2. Grady represented to Caterina that she would receive 50% of his military pay and that this amounted to \$1,500 per month and more for the rest of his life. Grady waived his military pay for disability pay. Grady has a contractual obligation to pay Caterina \$1,500 per month from his military disability pension. Grady cannot reduce his payment to Caterina by claiming it is disability pay. See Shelton v.Shelton, 119 Nev. 492 (Nev. 2003) and <u>Gemma v. Gemma</u>, 105 Nev. 458, 778 P.2d 429 (1989).
- 3. The court finds that the alimony waiver in the Decree of Divorce is not enforceable because: 1) Caterina did not knowingly waive alimony. Caterina relied on Grady's promise that he would pay her \$3,000 per month until he died. She could not have waived her right to alimony while simultaneously accepting support to pay her necessities, Fattore v. Fattore, 458 NJ Super. 75, 83 (App. Div. 2019) and Parker v. Green, No. 73176 (Nevada June 25, 2018); and 2)The payments Grady is making to Caterina are in the nature of alimony. Grady's payment to Caterina of "\$1500 dollars extra a month to assist with her home mortgage" may cease if "her financial situation changes." Since Grady's assistance to Caterina may cease based on Caterina's financial situation, this is consistent with the NRS 125,150 considerations for alimony.
- 4. NRCP 60(b)(6) Relief From a Judgment or Order (6) any other reason that justifies relief in this instance. Caterina's request for the court's

- 5. Pursuant to NRS 125.150 (4), the court may set apart a portion of the Grady's separate property for Caterina's support as is deemed just and equitable. Based on the facts of this case, Grady's disability pension income is considered a source of income for purposes of awarding alimony to Caterina. The court invalidates the alimony waiver and awards alimony from Grady's military pension disability payments to Caterina as it would be unconscionable that Caterina receive no support after 31 years of marriage. SeeFattore v. Fattore, 458 NJ Super. 75, 83 (App. Div. 2019) and Parker v. Green, No. 73176 (Nevada June 25, 2018).
- 6. A fiduciary relationship arose from the existence of the marriage itself, thus precipitating Grady's duty to not misrepresent his income and assets. <u>Cook v. Cook</u>, 112 Nev. 179, 912 P.2d, 264 (1996) citing <u>Williams v. Waldman</u>, 108 Nev. 466, 836 P.2d 614 (1992) at 471-72, 836 P.2d at 618. Grady violated his fiduciary duty to Caterina by wrongfully telling Caterina that his military pay was \$3,017 per month, and that she was entitled to 50%, namely \$1,508 per month. He told her he would pay her \$1,500 per month with periodic increase until he died. When Grady made this representation to Caterina he had previously waived his military pay for disability pay and was receiving only \$128.40 per month in military pay with 50% being equal to \$64.20

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per month. Therefore, Grady must pay Caterina \$3,110.00 per month in modifiable alimony.

7. A contract is "ambiguous if it is reasonably susceptible to more than one interpretation." Shelton v. Shelton, 119 Nev. 492, 497, 78 P.3d 507, 510 (2003). When interpreting an ambiguous contract, this Court can look beyond the express terms and analyze the circumstances surrounding the contract to determine the true mutual intentions of both parties. Id. Finally, this court has recognized that an interpretation that "results in a fair and reasonable contract is preferable to one that results in a harsh and unreasonable contract." Id. In this case, the Decree of Divorce provides that Grady is to pay Caterina \$1,500 per month for mortgage assistance. The Decree of Divorce further provides that the mortgage assistance is not alimony and that it can be terminated at any time. This is vague and ambiguous and susceptible to more than one interpretation especially in light of Grady paying Caterina \$1,500 per month in mortgage assistance for over 4 years following the divorce. The Decree of Divorce is also ambiguous as to the military retired pay. The Decree of Divorce provides that Caterina is entitled to 50% of Grady's military retired pay. This is vague since there was no dollar amount provided in the Decree of Divorce and Grady represented to Defendant that 50% of his military pay is \$1,500 per month. Further, Grady paid Caterina \$1,500 per month for more than 4 years following entry of the When a contract is ambiguous, the court should Decree of Divorce.

examine the circumstances leading up to the Decree of Divorce to

- 8. Ambiguity in the decree must be interpreted against Grady as he was the drafter or had it drafted. It is a well-settled rule that "[i]n cases of doubt or ambiguity, a contract must be construed most strongly against the party who prepared it, and favorably to a party who had no voice in the selection of its language." As a result, in this case, any ambiguity must be interpreted against Grady. Williams v. Waldman, 108 Nev. 466, 836 P.2d 614 (Nev., 1992) citing Jacobson v. Sassower, 66 N.Y.2d 991, 499 N.Y.S.2d 381, 489 N.E.2d 1283, 1284 (1985).
- 9. The periodic payments on a monthly basis that Grady paid Caterina until the house was sold or paid off are indeed based on financial need and are therefore alimony. NRS 125.150(9)(a).
- 10. Caterina should receive lifetime alimony based on Grady's waiver of military pension for disability payments: as a military wife, she set aside her education and career to follow her husband around the world. Grady currently receives over \$116,000.00 annually in largely tax free income. Caterina has the need for support, she must be compensated for economic loss and Grady has the ability to pay. <a href="Kogod v. Cioffi-Kogod">Kogod v. Cioffi-Kogod</a>, 135 Nev., Adv. Op. 9 (April 25, 2019).
- 11. Caterina is entitled to an award of attorney fees and costs. Pursuant W:\Family\Byrd, Caterina\Pleadings\Drafts\FFCL & Order 10-21-19 EH 12-11-19 .wpd

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to Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat'l 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(s): Ms. Webster has been practicing law for 34 years and Ms. Lambertsen for 14 years; the law firm's practice is dedicated to family law. (2) The character and difficulty of the work performed: moderate to moderately high. (3) The work actually performed by the attorney: were spent litigating and preparing this case for Trial. (4) The result obtained: is yet to be determined.

#### **ORDERS**

THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS that based on the evidence presented and in weighing the credibility of the witness, the Court finds there is a basis for partial modification of the Decree of Divorce filed on or about June 5, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that effective November 1, 2019, Defendant shall pay Plaintiff life time alimony in the amount of \$3,110.00 per month, payable on or before the first day of each month. This alimony is modifiable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should Plaintiff find it necessary to obtain an annuity or other vehicle for income in lieu of the survivor benefits, the cost can go toward Plaintiff's financial need when she seeks to modify alimony.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the attorney's fees that were previously awarded to Plaintiff shall be reduced to judgment, collectible by all lawful means. Defendant is in arrears for the attorney's fees previously awarded; \$7,000.00 order filed April 5, 2019; \$5,000.00 order filed June 26, 2019; and \$1,500.00, order filed August 9, 2019, for a total of \$13,500.00, which sum is reduced to W:\Family\Byrd, Caterina\Pleadings\Drafts\FFCL & Order 10-21-19 EH 12-11-19 .wpd

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judgment, subject to interest at the legal rate and collectable by any lawful means.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff is entitled to additional fees not previously awarded. Counsel for Plaintiff shall submit a Memorandum of Fees and Costs for the additional amount. Counsel for Defendant, Mr. Mills, shall have an opportunity to file an objection.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Grady is in contempt of court for failure to pay Caterina the \$1,500.00 monthly house payment for two months, that this is alimony, and Caterina is awarded sanctions in the amount of \$1,000.00 (\$500.00 per month for two months). The sum of \$1,000.00 is reduced to judgment, subject to interest at the legal rate and collectable by any lawful means.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant is in arrears for alimony and support payments in the amount of \$42,000.00 from September 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019 (\$3,000.00 per month for 14 months). The sum of \$42,000.00 in accrued spousal support arrears is reduced to judgment, subject to interest at the legal rate, and collectible by any lawful means.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should Defendant file an Appeal, there will be no stay in this case until Defendant posts a supersedeas bond in an amount of not less than \$64,000.00.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Grady's order to pay Caterina \$42,000.00 in spousal support arrears and an additional \$1,000.00 in Contempt sanctions for non-payment of spousal support that is not subject to discharge in bankruptcy and is collectable by any lawful means, including against Grady's disability income. The government is to withhold money from Defendant, Grady Edward W:\Family\Byrd, Caterina\Pleadings\Drafts\FFCL & Order 10-21-19 EH 12-11-19 .wpd

Byrd's, income and remit payments to the Plaintiff, Caterina Angela Byrd, to satisfy the support obligation and support arrears. Caterina may prepare a separate order, if necessary, to effectuate the remittance of her alimony payments directly from Grady's Army disability and CRSC, Veteran Administration benefits and Department of Defense retirement disability.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should Grady fail to comply with the Court's orders, Caterina may file a Motion for an Order To Show Cause why Grady Should Not be Held in Contempt of Court, and if Grady fails to attend the hearing, or fails to respond, or fails to pay as ordered, Caterina can seek a no-bail bench warrant for his arrest and notify the appropriate authorities, such as Immigration and Customs, should Grady attempt to enter the United States.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Lambertsen shall prepare the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order from today's hearing as well as submit a Memorandum of Fees and Costs which Mr Mills can object to within 14 calendar days; Mr. Mills shall review and sign off. Mr. Mills may propose additional findings he believes are appropriate.

DATED this Day of Day 2019.

Rhonda K. Forsberg

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1/23/2020 3:26 PM Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COURT **NEO WEBSTER & ASSOCIATES** ANITA A. WEBSTER, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 1221 JEANNE F. LAMBERTSEN, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 9460 6882 Edna Ave. Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 6 Tel No: (702) 562-2300 Fax No: (702) 562-2303 e-mail: anitawebster@embargmail.com e-mail: ilambertsen@embargmail.com Unbundled Attorney for Plaintiff 9 DISTRICT COURT 10 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 11 12 CATERINA ANGELA BYRD CASE NO.: D-18-577701-Z DEPT NO.: G 13 Plaintiff. NOTICE OF ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF 14 FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ٧. **ORDER** 15 **GRADY EDWARD BYRD** 16 Defendant. 17 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law and 18 19 Order was entered in the above-entitled action on the 23rd day of January, 2020 20 a copy of which is attached. 21 Dated this 23 day of January, 2020. 22 23 WEBSTER & ASSOCIATES 24 25 26 JEANNE F. LAMBERTSEN, ESQ. Unbundled Attorneys for Plaintiff

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**DISTRICT COURT** 

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

CATERINA ANGELA BYRD	) CASE NO.: D-18-577701-Z ) DEPT NO.: G
Plaintiff,	)
V.	
GRADY EDWARD BYRD	) FINDINGS OF FACT, ) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND
Defendant.	) <u>ORDER</u> )

This matter having come before the court on October 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., for an Evidentiary Hearing regarding the mortgage payment and the military retirement payment, hearing on the Plaintiff's Order to Show Cause why the Defendant should not be held in contempt of court, hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, Summary Judgment, and Fees; and Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and Countermotion for Fees, hearing on Defendant's Motion on Order Shortening Time to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual Appearance Request, Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion on Order Shortening Time to Reconsider Denial of Defendant's Audiovisual

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Appearance Request, and Countermotion for Fees. Plaintiff, Caterina Angela Byrd (hereinafter "Caterina" or "Plaintiff"), appearing by and through her attorneys, ANITA A. WEBSTER, ESQ., and JEANNE F. LAMBERTSEN, ESQ., of the law firm of WEBSTER & ASSOCIATES and Defendant, Grady Edward Byrd (hereinafter "Grady" or "Defendant"), not present and appearing by and through his attorney, BYRON L. MILLS, ESQ., of MILLS & ANDERSON LAW GROUP.

Argument by Ms. Lambertsen regarding Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual Appearance citing that the Defendant's doctor excuses are from doctor that are all in the Philippines, not from the Veteran's Administration and one of the excuses even states that the certificate is not for legal matters.

Argument by Ms. Webster regarding sanctions for Defendant's failure to appear today and argument for the Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, Summary Judgment on the Order to Show Cause, to Set Aside the Decree, and Motion to join Defendant's wife as a party to this action.

Argument by Mr. Mills regarding the Order to Show Cause and that the Defendant should not be subject to the penalty of contempt for months other than from June 1, 2019, to the present date.

Argument by Ms. Lambertsen regarding the hearing on July 18, 2019, on Plaintiff's Motion for an Order to Show Cause sought arrears going back to the date the Defendant ceased payment on September 1, 2018, and these arrears were deferred to the Evidentiary Hearing this date.

THE COURT NOTES that upon a review of the Medical Certificates W:\Family\Byrd, Caterina\Pleadings\Drafts\FFCL & Order 10-21-19 EH 12-11-19 .wpd

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submitted by Defendant, that Defendant is on military disability; and the certificates submitted are from doctors from the Philippines rather than from Defendant's doctor at the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Defendant was referred to the Department of Veteran's Affairs for follow-up, and Defendant failed to do so.

THE COURT FINDS that it is suspicious that the Defendant is going to community doctors in the Philippines, did not follow-up with the Department of Veteran's Affairs, and has provided nothing from the Department of Veteran's Affairs regarding medical issues. Further the court finds that the medical notes from the Philippines provided by the Defendant are not believable.

Having heard the argument of counsel and good cause appearing therefore.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual Appearance Request is Denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment that the Defendant be found in Contempt of Court is Denied. That the Court will enter appropriate rulings based on the testimony and evidence to follow in this Evidentiary Hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Evidentiary Hearing will proceed today in Defendant's absence.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and Request to Set Aside the Order from the hearing on May 22, 2019, order filed June 26, 2019, is part of the court's consideration in this Evidentiary Hearing and a determination will be made by this court as to the agreement entered into

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between the parties, what was meant by the language of the agreement, whether or not it constituted a waiver of alimony, or whether the waiver of alimony was of no effect because the decree provides for her support and it would be unconscionable that after 31 years of marriage that Plaintiff would receive no support from the Defendant and Defendant would have total discretion as to what, when, and for how long to pay the Plaintiff. All of the foregoing shall be decided after testimony and evidence is presented. That the Court will enter appropriate rulings based on the testimony and evidence from the hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's request that Defendant's wife be joined in this action and ordered to sign a waiver of her interest in the Survivor Benefit Plan awarded to the Plaintiff in the decree of divorce is denied as this Court has no personal jurisdiction over the Defendant's wife.

Plaintiff, Caterina Angela Byrd, was sworn and testified under oath.

THE COURT ADMITTED Plaintiff's Exhibits 1 through 11; 13 through 18; 20 through 23; 25 through 28; 30 through 36; 42 (VT 9:42:52) 43, 63, and 64 were admitted. Based upon the parties' stipulation, Defendant's Exhibits A through L, were admitted into evidence.

The court having reviewed the pleadings and papers on file herein including the Pre-Trial Memorandums filed by the parties prior to Trial, after considering and weighing the credibility of the witness and the exhibits admitted into evidence, and after further considering the closing arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing, the Court hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as set forth herein.

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# **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. To the extent any Finding of Fact is more appropriately stated as a Conclusion of Law, it should be so deemed.
- 2. The parties were divorced in Nevada on June 5, 2014, after a 31-year marriage by way of a Joint Petition that Grady arranged to have prepared.
- 3. Caterina is 56 years old and resides in Clark County Nevada. Grady is 63 years old and resides in the Philippines.
- Caterina has a high school education and English is her second language.
   Grady has two Master Degrees, war college degree and certificates.
- 5. Grady retired from the Army in 1999. Caterina was named the beneficiary of Grady's Army Survivor Benefit Plan upon his retirement. After retiring from the Army, Grady worked for the Department of Defense until about 2010.
- 6. The parties moved 17 different places throughout the marriage making it difficult for Caterina to establish a career. The parties last resided together in about 2008 with Caterina remaining in Nevada and Grady residing out of the country and Caterina believing that he lived in either Kosova or the Philippines.
- 7. Caterina was not working at the time of divorce and is not currently working.
  Caterina had not worked during the marriage except sporadically because
  Grady got upset when she had tried to work.
- 8. Caterina was in treatment for mental health issue, anxiety and depression from about 2012 to 2016.
- 9. Grady's current gross annual income is about \$116,000.00 per year.

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- 10. Since September 1, 2018, Caterina has borrowed money from her parents to pay her monthly expenses. She paid her attorney fees by credit card and the credit card is maxed out. She has an outstanding balance with her attorney. That using a credit card to hire an attorney does not mean that Caterina was not destitute. (VT 2:26:28)
- 11. The Decree of Divorce provides that Grady is to pay Caterina \$1,500 per month for mortgage assistance. The Decree of Divorce further provides that the mortgage assistance is not alimony and that it can be terminated at any time. This is vague and ambiguous and susceptible to more than one interpretation especially in light of Grady paying Caterina \$1,500 for mortgage assistance for over 4 years following the divorce. Based on all the facts above and despite the statement in the decree that this is not alimony, these facts support that it was, in fact, alimony. (VT 2:23:43, 2:16:30, 2:19:03).
- The Decree of Divorce contains ambiguities. Grady was making periodic 12. payments to Caterina on a monthly basis for her support. This is alimony. yet the agreement purports that it is not alimony, creating an ambiguity.
- The court must examine the circumstances surrounding the parties' alimony 13. waiver in order to determine the true intentions of the parties.
- 14. That the Decree of Divorce provides that Caterina is entitled to 50% of Grady's military retired pay. This is vague since there was no dollar amount provided in the Decree of Divorce and Grady represented to Defendant that 50% of his military pay is \$1,500 per month. Further, Grady paid Caterina \$1,500 per month for more than 4 years following entry of the Decree of

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- 15. Grady drafted the agreement or had it drafted. It is a well- settled rule that "[i]n cases of doubt or ambiguity, a contract must be construed most strongly against the party who prepared it, and favorably to a party who had no voice in the selection of its language." As a result, in this case, any ambiguity must be interpreted against Grady.
- 16. The house she was awarded in the Decree of Divorce had little to no equity. The equity in the house at the time of divorce was less than \$20,000, and would not likely cover the closing costs had she sold the house at the time of the divorce. The periodic payments on a monthly basis until the house was sold or paid off are indeed based on financial need and are therefore alimony. The payments were conditioned on the house not selling and not being paid off. The house has not been sold and is not paid off. The mortgage payments are over \$1,900 per month. (VT 2:26:58). Based on what Grady told Caterina before and at the time of the divorce, Caterina reasonably expected that Grady would support her at the rate of at least \$3,000 per month for the remainder of her life and that upon his death, she would continue to be supported by Grady based on her receipt of his Army Survivor Benefits in a comparable amount. (VT2:27:56). Grady had a fiduciary duty to Caterina to be honest with her. He failed to meet his fiduciary duty.
- 17. During the marriage, Grady is the one who ran made the decisions in the marriage and controlled the finances in the marriage. Grady discouraged Caterina from being involved in these decisions. When Caterina did try to

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work, he discouraged her from working and told her he did not want her to work. Once he moved to the Philippines, he decided that he did not want to be married anymore and claimed to have so many bills that he would have to file bankruptcy, that he was living in a tent, that he could barely get by, and that they were only getting \$3,017 per month in Army retirement pay. Grady told Caterina that he cannot call the money he was going to pay her per the Decree of Divorce "alimony" because if that money was called "alimony", he would not be able to get the loan that he needs, he would never be able to get ahead in his present life and he would have to live poor until he dies. Grady failed to realize that he has a fiduciary relationship to his spouse not to make misrepresentations to her.

Grady violated his fiduciary duty to his wife, Caterina, by wrongfully telling her how much money she would receive each month and for how long. He told her that his military pay was \$3,017 per month, and that she was entitled to \$1,508 per month and that he would pay her \$1,500 per month or more until he died. In actuality, his military pay was only \$128.40 per month and 50% of this is \$64.20 per month. Long before he asked Caterina for a divorce, Grady had applied for and received a waiver of his military pay to receive it as disability pay. A fiduciary relationship arises from the existence of the marriage itself, thus precipitating a duty to disclose pertinent assets and income. Grady was not receiving \$3,017 in military retirement pay as he represented to Caterina, rather, he was receiving \$3,146 in VA disability pay. He had waived \$3,017 of his retired pay for disability pay, and had only \$128.40 left as his military retired pay.

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50% of Grady's United States Army Retired Pay was \$64.20. Grady engaged in deceit upon his spouse that he owed a fiduciary duty to.

- 19. That prior to divorce, Grady applied for and received approval from the Department of the Army for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) disability pay on or about June 20, 2011, to be paid through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS).
- 20. That prior to divorce, about December 1, 2011, Grady had waived a portion of his Army Retirement pay to receive disability compensation.
- 21. That prior to divorce, Grady applied for and received approval on or about November 12, 2010 from the Office of Personnel Management to receive his Federal Employee's Retirement System (FERS) money in the form of disability retirement. That his disability annuity gross payment is \$1,315.00 per month.
- 22. That prior to divorce, on or about September 19, 2012, upon Grady's June 19, 2009 application to the Social Security Administration for disability and disability insurance benefits, Grady was determined to be disabled. Grady was paid \$31,014 in Social Security Benefits in 2014.
- 23. Around the time of divorce, Grady did not provide Caterina documentation showing the amount of his military retirement pay, the amount of his Veteran's Administration Disability pay, the amount of his Office of Personnel Management Disability Annuity Income, or the amount of his Social Security Disability Income.
- 24. Grady paid Caterina \$3,000 per month for a number of years, from June 2014 until September 1, 2018, to keep her quiet, to keep her complacent.

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then he decided that he did not need to pay her anymore. When Grady claimed that he was receiving treatment for cancer, Caterina started asking questions about his Army Survivor Benefits. Then, she saw an attorney, and Grady informed her that he is not paying her anything and will not even show up for court. Grady provides notes from doctors in the Philippines, claiming that he cannot come to court. The court is not sure they are actually doctors. The notes do not come from the Veteran's Administration doctors, where Grady is treating.

- 25. Grady did everything in his power to keep Caterina from recognizing what her rights were and to leave her in a position where she would receive only \$64.20 per month from his Army Retirement pay. This is unconscionable. It is unenforceable. Were the provision in the Decree of Divorce interpreted to give Caterina 50% of Grady's Military pay, so that she would receive only \$64.20 per month for her interest in his military pay, after 31 years of marriage, this would be so unconscionable, as to be unenforceable.
- 26. That Caterina's request for the court's assistance is timely pursuant to NRCP 60(b)(6) in that she sought the court's assistance on or about October 2018, shortly after Grady stopping the \$3,000 per month payments to her on September 1, 2018.
- Grady's breach of fiduciary duty, the vagueness and unconscionability of 27. the agreement gives the court discretion to reopen a division of the marital/community property when extraordinary circumstances arise.
- 28. That Grady threatened Caterina that she was not to seek the assistance of counsel to review the language that Grady proposed for the Decree of

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Divorce or she would regret it. Caterina was suffering from depression at the time of the divorce, the parties had just purchased a home 4 months prior to Grady asking for a divorce, the mortgage was over \$1,900 per month, and Caterina was fearful that if she failed to follow his orders, he would stop providing money for her living expenses, and disappear. He was living in the Phillippines at that time.

- 29. Grady represented to Caterina that her share of Grady's military retirement money was \$1,508.00 per month for his life and that she would get increases over time. Grady performed on this agreement from June 5, 2014 until September 1, 2018. Therefore, Caterina is awarded \$1,508 per month in alimony, subject to upward modification. The additional \$1,500.00 per month that Grady agreed to pay Caterina for mortgage assistance for her house is also designated as alimony.
- Grady has multiple sources of income which are not exempt from a spousal 30. support order. All of this income, which comprises Grady's approximate \$116,000.00 annual income, can be considered when a spousal support obligation to Caterina is calculated.
- 31. Grady agreed to keep the military health insurance intact for Caterina but Caterina is no longer covered by the military health insurance and has replaced the health insurance plan. That the amount of her health insurance, \$102.00 per month, is a factor toward her financial need.
- 32. As Grady agreed to keep Caterina's health insurance coverage in tact, the \$102.00 per month that Caterina pays for health insurance shall be added to the monthly alimony amount owed by Grady to Caterina, retroactive to

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the time Caterina ceased receiving Tricare health insurance benefits which was on or about June 6, 2015.

- 33. Grady agreed to keep Caterina as the beneficiary of his Military Survivor Benefit Plan, that Caterina is no longer the beneficiary of the Survivor Benefit Plan; and that she is going to have to replace the value of the Survivor Benefit Plan. That she may have to obtain an annuity if she is not successful in her appeal to the U.S. Army Board of Corrections. That this dollar amount is a factor toward her financial need when she seeks to modify the alimony award.
- 34. Pursuant to NRS 22.010 et. al., Grady is found in contempt of court, for two months, and in arrears for failure to pay as ordered at the May 22, 2019 hearing order filed on or about June 26, 2019, wherein Grady was ordered to resume paying Caterina \$3,000.00 per month starting June 1, 2019. pending the Evidentiary Hearing held on October 21, 2019.
- 35. That there was new evidence presented to support the Caterina's Motion for Reconsideration of the order from the May 22, 2019 hearing, because there was no indication that Judge Forsberg realized that there was no equity in the marital residence at the time of divorce based on Grady stating in the decree that the residence was worth \$365,000. This was the purchase price of the house and just a little over what was owed on the house, not equity. Also, Grady listed that he had no assets, so there is no indication that Judge Forsberg knew what Grady had available to him at that time. She looked at the face of the document, this is why an evidentiary hearing was held. (VT 2:15:35).

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- 36. That Caterina did not obtain counsel at the time of divorce because Grady threatened her. He was in the Phillippines and she feared he would disappear. Grady knew that he was dealing with a person who is dealing with depression. As soon as she mentioned seeing an attorney, he came down on her and stopped paying. (VT 2:25:00)
- 37. That there is cause to set aside the decree based on Grady's breach of his fiduciary duty to Caterina and that this was timely because Caterina came to court to try to get what was entitled to her upon Grady stopping his monthly payments to her. (VT 2:19:44).

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

# Personal Jurisdiction over the Parties

By way of their pleadings, each of the parties submitted to the jurisdiction of this Court, accordingly, the Court concludes that it has personal jurisdiction over the parties.

# Subject Matter Jurisdiction

This court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to NRS 125.070, which provides that the judge of the court shall determine all questions of law and fact arising in any divorce proceeding under the provisions of this chapter.

# Ambiguity, Unconscionable and Unenforceable, Violation of Fiduciary Duty, Invalidation of Spousal Support Waiver, Award of Life Time Alimony to Caterina, Grady in Contempt of Court

Grady's interpretation of the terms of the Decree of Divorce would 1. mean that he can unilaterally stop paying Caterina \$1,500 per month in support for the house and that Caterina would receive just \$64.20 per month for her interest in his military pay after 31 years of marriage.

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This is unconscionable and unenforceable.

- 2. Grady represented to Caterina that she would receive 50% of his military pay and that this amounted to \$1,500 per month and more for the rest of his life. Grady waived his military pay for disability pay. Grady has a contractual obligation to pay Caterina \$1,500 per month from his military disability pension. Grady cannot reduce his payment to Caterina by claiming it is disability pay. See Shelton v.Shelton, 119 Nev. 492 (Nev. 2003) and Gemma v. Gemma, 105 Nev. 458, 778 P.2d 429 (1989).
- The court finds that the alimony waiver in the Decree of Divorce is not 3. enforceable because: 1) Caterina did not knowingly waive alimony. Caterina relied on Grady's promise that he would pay her \$3,000 per month until he died. She could not have waived her right to alimony while simultaneously accepting support to pay her necessities, Fattore v. Fattore, 458 NJ Super. 75, 83 (App. Div. 2019) and Parker v. Green, No. 73176 (Nevada June 25, 2018); and 2)The payments Grady is making to Caterina are in the nature of alimony. Grady's payment to Caterina of "\$1500 dollars extra a month to assist with her home mortgage" may cease if "her financial situation changes." Since Grady's assistance to Caterina may cease based on Caterina's financial situation, this is consistent with the NRS considerations for alimony.
- 4. NRCP 60(b)(6) Relief From a Judgment or Order (6) any other reason that justifies relief in this instance. Caterina's request for the court's

- 5. Pursuant to NRS 125.150 (4), the court may set apart a portion of the Grady's separate property for Caterina's support as is deemed just and equitable. Based on the facts of this case, Grady's disability pension income is considered a source of income for purposes of awarding alimony to Caterina. The court invalidates the alimony waiver and awards alimony from Grady's military pension disability payments to Caterina as it would be unconscionable that Caterina receive no support after 31 years of marriage. SeeFattore v. Fattore, 458 NJ Super. 75, 83 (App. Div. 2019) and Parker v. Green, No. 73176 (Nevada June 25, 2018).
- 6. A fiduciary relationship arose from the existence of the marriage itself, thus precipitating Grady's duty to not misrepresent his income and assets. <u>Cook v. Cook</u>, 112 Nev. 179, 912 P.2d, 264 (1996) citing <u>Williams v. Waldman</u>, 108 Nev. 466, 836 P.2d 614 (1992) at 471-72, 836 P.2d at 618. Grady violated his fiduciary duty to Caterina by wrongfully telling Caterina that his military pay was \$3,017 per month, and that she was entitled to 50%, namely \$1,508 per month. He told her he would pay her \$1,500 per month with periodic increase until he died. When Grady made this representation to Caterina he had previously waived his military pay for disability pay and was receiving only \$128.40 per month in military pay with 50% being equal to \$64.20

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per month. Therefore, Grady must pay Caterina \$3,110.00 per month in modifiable alimony.

7. A contract is "ambiguous if it is reasonably susceptible to more than one interpretation." Shelton v. Shelton, 119 Nev. 492, 497, 78 P.3d 507, 510 (2003). When interpreting an ambiguous contract, this Court can look beyond the express terms and analyze the circumstances surrounding the contract to determine the true mutual intentions of Finally, this court has recognized that an both parties. Id. interpretation that "results in a fair and reasonable contract is preferable to one that results in a harsh and unreasonable contract." ld. In this case, the Decree of Divorce provides that Grady is to pay Caterina \$1,500 per month for mortgage assistance. The Decree of Divorce further provides that the mortgage assistance is not alimony and that it can be terminated at any time. This is vague and ambiguous and susceptible to more than one interpretation especially in light of Grady paying Caterina \$1,500 per month in mortgage assistance for over 4 years following the divorce. The Decree of Divorce is also ambiguous as to the military retired pay. The Decree of Divorce provides that Caterina is entitled to 50% of Grady's military retired pay. This is vague since there was no dollar amount provided in the Decree of Divorce and Grady represented to Defendant that 50% of his military pay is \$1,500 per month. Further, Grady paid Caterina \$1,500 per month for more than 4 years following entry of the Decree of Divorce. When a contract is ambiguous, the court should

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examine the circumstances leading up to the Decree of Divorce to determine the true intentions of the parties. Parker v. Green, No. 73176 (Nevada June 25, 2018). In this case, in communications between the parties leading up to the Decree of Divorce. Grady misrepresented his income and assets to Caterina.

- Ambiguity in the decree must be interpreted against Grady as he was 8. the drafter or had it drafted. It is a well-settled rule that "[i]n cases of doubt or ambiguity, a contract must be construed most strongly against the party who prepared it, and favorably to a party who had no voice in the selection of its language." As a result, in this case, any ambiguity must be interpreted against Grady. Williams v. Waldman, 108 Nev. 466, 836 P.2d 614 (Nev., 1992) citing Jacobson v. Sassower. 66 N.Y.2d 991, 499 N.Y.S.2d 381, 489 N.E.2d 1283, 1284 (1985).
- The periodic payments on a monthly basis that Grady paid Caterina 9. until the house was sold or paid off are indeed based on financial need and are therefore alimony. NRS 125.150(9)(a).
- Caterina should receive lifetime alimony based on Grady's waiver of 10. military pension for disability payments: as a military wife, she set aside her education and career to follow her husband around the world. Grady currently receives over \$116,000.00 annually in largely tax free income. Caterina has the need for support, she must be compensated for economic loss and Grady has the ability to pay. Kogod v. Cioffi-Kogod, 135 Nev., Adv. Op. 9 (April 25, 2019).
- Caterina is entitled to an award of attorney fees and costs. Pursuant W:\Family\Byrd, Caterina\Pleadings\Drafts\FFCL & Order 10-21-19 EH 12-11-19 .wpd

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to Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat'l 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(s): Ms. Webster has been practicing law for 34 years and Ms. Lambertsen for 14 years; the law firm's practice is dedicated to family law. (2) The character and difficulty of the work performed: moderate to moderately high. (3) The work actually performed by the attorney: were spent litigating and preparing this case for Trial. (4) The result obtained: is yet to be determined.

### **ORDERS**

THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS that based on the evidence presented and in weighing the credibility of the witness, the Court finds there is a basis for partial modification of the Decree of Divorce filed on or about June 5, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that effective November 1, 2019, Defendant shall pay Plaintiff life time alimony in the amount of \$3,110.00 per month, payable on or before the first day of each month. This alimony is modifiable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should Plaintiff find it necessary to obtain an annuity or other vehicle for income in lieu of the survivor benefits, the cost can go toward Plaintiff's financial need when she seeks to modify alimony.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the attorney's fees that were previously awarded to Plaintiff shall be reduced to judgment, collectible by all lawful means. Defendant is in arrears for the attorney's fees previously awarded; \$7,000.00 order filed April 5, 2019; \$5,000.00 order filed June 26, 2019; and \$1,500.00, order filed August 9, 2019, for a total of \$13,500.00, which sum is reduced to W:\Family\Byrd, Caterina\Pleadings\Drafts\FFCL & Order 10-21-19 EH 12-11-19 .wpd

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judgment, subject to interest at the legal rate and collectable by any lawful means.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff is entitled to additional fees not previously awarded. Counsel for Plaintiff shall submit a Memorandum of Fees and Costs for the additional amount. Counsel for Defendant, Mr. Mills, shall have an opportunity to file an objection.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Grady is in contempt of court for failure to pay Caterina the \$1,500.00 monthly house payment for two months, that this is alimony, and Caterina is awarded sanctions in the amount of \$1,000.00 (\$500.00 per month for two months). The sum of \$1,000.00 is reduced to judgment, subject to interest at the legal rate and collectable by any lawful means.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant is in arrears for alimony and support payments in the amount of \$42,000.00 from September 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019 (\$3,000.00 per month for 14 months). The sum of \$42,000.00 in accrued spousal support arrears is reduced to judgment, subject to interest at the legal rate, and collectible by any lawful means.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should Defendant file an Appeal, there will be no stay in this case until Defendant posts a supersedeas bond in an amount of not less than \$64,000.00.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Grady's order to pay Caterina \$42,000.00 in spousal support arrears and an additional \$1,000.00 in Contempt sanctions for non-payment of spousal support that is not subject to discharge in bankruptcy and is collectable by any lawful means, including against Grady's disability income. The government is to withhold money from Defendant, Grady Edward W:\Family\Byrd, Caterina\Pleadings\Drafts\FFCL & Order 10-21-19 EH 12-11-19 .wpd

Byrd's, income and remit payments to the Plaintiff, Caterina Angela Byrd, to satisfy the support obligation and support arrears. Caterina may prepare a separate order, if necessary, to effectuate the remittance of her alimony payments directly from Grady's Army disability and CRSC, Veteran Administration benefits and Department of Defense retirement disability.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should Grady fail to comply with the Court's orders, Caterina may file a Motion for an Order To Show Cause why Grady Should Not be Held in Contempt of Court, and if Grady fails to attend the hearing, or fails to respond, or fails to pay as ordered, Caterina can seek a no-bail bench warrant for his arrest and notify the appropriate authorities, such as Immigration and Customs, should Grady attempt to enter the United States.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Lambertsen shall prepare the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order from today's hearing as well as submit a Memorandum of Fees and Costs which Mr Mills can object to within 14 calendar days; Mr. Mills shall review and sign off. Mr. Mills may propose additional findings he believes are appropriate.

DATED this day of

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Rhonda K. Forsberg

Submitted by: WEBSTER & ASSOCIATES

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# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

**Divorce - Joint Petition** 

**COURT MINUTES** 

November 27, 2018

D-18-577701-Z

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Divorce of:

Caterina Byrd and Grady E Byrd

November 27,

10:30 AM

Motion

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**HEARD BY:** Steel, Cynthia Dianne

**COURTROOM:** Courtroom 09

**COURT CLERK:** Annette Duncan

**PARTIES:** 

Anita Webster, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Caterina Byrd, Petitioner, present Grady Byrd, Petitioner, not present Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, present Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, present Byron Mills, Attorney, not present

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

#### - PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ENFORCE THE DECREE OF DIVORCE

For purposes of the Minute Order, Petitioner Caterina Byrd will be referred to as the Plaintiff and Grady Byrd as the Defendant.

The Court heard the matters on calendar today.

Court noted there has been no response from Defendant. Attorney Lambertsen advised this matter was filed in Churchill County, even though parties live in Clark County and advised the Court, this is a post divorce action. Court heard the matters on calendar. Attorney Lambertsen requested temporary Orders. Court noted the exhibits filed with the Motion were stricken.

#### COURT ORDERED,

Defendant shall PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTS that SUPPORT all aspects that support his version of his INCOME; including but not limited to DFAS Statement showing monthly income, the VA

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Statement from the Department of Defense, and the FERS Statement. The Department of the Army. In addition, the U.S. Military health care, the long term health Insurance, and other insurance policies, and the Department of Finance and Accounting Services related to the QDRO.

Request for Attorney Fees for today's hearing are RESERVED until time of the 12-28-18 hearing.

Matter CONTINUED to 12-18-18 at 3:30 pm in Department G.

Unbundled Order FILED IN OPEN COURT.

Attorney Lambertsen shall prepare an appropriate Order, obtain approval from opposing Counsel, and submit it to the Court pursuant to Rule 7.21 and Rule 7.24.

Rule 7.21 The counsel obtaining any order, judgment or decree must furnish the form of the same to the clerk or judge in charge of the court within 10 days after counsel is notified of the ruling, unless additional time is allowed by the court.

Rule 7.24 Any order, judgment or decree which has been signed by a judge must be filed with the clerk of the court promptly. No attorney may withhold or delay the filing of any such order, judgment or decree for any reason, including the nonpayment of attorney s fees

If there is a conflict regarding the wording of the Minute Order, the video record prevails as the official record.

NRS 3.380 (6) In civil and criminal cases when the court has ordered the use of such sound recording equipment, any party to the action, at the party s own expense, may provide a certified court reporter to make a record of and transcribe all the matters of the proceeding. In such a case, the record prepared by sound recording is the official record of the proceedings, unless it fails or is incomplete because of equipment or operational failure, in which case the record prepared by the certified court reporter shall be deemed, for all purposes, the official record of the proceedings. [emphasis added] [7:52:1907; added 1949, 506; 1943 NCL 8460.01] (NRS A 1995, 1594; 2007, 1036; 2011, 673).e

Preparation Order FILED IN OPEN COURT.

CHAMBER REVIEW RE: Order (11-27-18 hearing) set for 12-26-18 at 2:00 AM

#### **INTERIM CONDITIONS:**

#### **FUTURE HEARINGS:**

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

**Divorce - Joint Petition** 

**COURT MINUTES** 

January 23, 2019

D-18-577701-Z

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Divorce of:

Caterina Byrd and Grady E Byrd

January 23, 2019

10:30 AM

Motion

**HEARD BY:** Hardcastle, Kathy

**COURTROOM:** Courtroom 09

**COURT CLERK:** Annette Duncan

#### **PARTIES:**

Anita Webster, Attorney, Unbundled Attorney, not present Caterina Byrd, Petitioner, present Grady Byrd, Petitioner, present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, present Byron Mills, Attorney, not present

**IOURNAL ENTRIES** 

- MOTION: PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ENFORCE THE DECREE OF DIVORCE CONTINUED FROM 11-27-18

Argument by Attorney Lambertson regarding Defendant's non-payment of the \$1,500.00 Alimony which is currently in arrears in the amount of \$7,500.00 since August of 2018, and arrearages in the amount of \$7,500.00 for Plaintiff's portion of Defendant's US Army Pension to be paid in the amount of \$1,500.00 monthly. Plaintiff's interest in insurance policies, Military Health care and long-term health care and other accounts or policies awarded to Plaintiff in the Decree that have either been lost or lapsed, or moved to different accounts by Defendant. Further Argument regarding Attorney's Fees and Costs and contempt of Court. Argument in opposition by Defendant.

COURT NOTED, the Court reviewed the Motions and reviewed the Parties' Decree. Within the Decree there is language that provides for \$1,500.00 to be paid to Plaintiff for life that can be changed when her financial condition improves or if the marital house is sold. The Court deems that the \$1,500.00 to Plaintiff is and should be deemed ALIMONY.

COURT FINDS, Defendant has no right to unilaterally stop the payments to Plaintiff. Even though

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Defendant's payment status has changed, Defendant is still responsible in the Decree to pay the Plaintiff.

COURT FURTHER FINDS, Plaintiff had an obligation to follow up on some of the health care policies and other items, therefore it is not necessarily something Defendant is going to be solely responsible for and Parties may need an Evidentiary Hearing.

Defendant sworn and testified.

COURT ORDERED,

DISCOVERY IS OPEN

DEFENDANT shall make himself AVAILABLE for a DEPOSITION with PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY.

DEFENDANT shall PROVIDE PLAINTIFF with the FEDERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN within 10 DAYS.

DEFENDANT shall COOPERATE in any manner needed in order for the insurance company to keep Plaintiff informed that the premiums are being paid.

DEFENDANT has an ONGOING OBLIGATION to PAY the INSURANCE PREMIUM and keep it UP TO DATE. DEFENDANT shall be HELD in CONTEMPT of COURT for FAILURE to do so.

DEFENDANT shall PROVIDE COPIES OF STATEMENTS from the LAST YEAR OF ALL ACCOUNTS in which DEFENDANT has RECEIVED MONEY, INCLUDING ANNUITY payments. Defendant shall provide DOCUMENTS showing where MONIES ORIGINATED, where and when ANNUITIES were PURCHASED and ANY OTHER ACCOUNTS Defendant is RECEIVING MONIES from.

Defendant shall PROVIDE copies of ANY INSURANCE POLICIES and DOCUMENTATION showing PAYMENT on those POLICIES.

Defendant shall PROVIDE INFORMATION regarding ANY UNDISCLOSED ACCOUNTS accrued BEFORE the DIVORCE.

DEFENDANT shall PROVIDE PROPER DOCUMENTATION of any other INCOME including FEDERAL RETIREMENT PLANS and any other PLANS DEFENDANT had set up at the time of the DIVORCE. DEFENDANT shall be HELD IN CONTEMPT of COURT is he does not PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION as requested by the Court and shall be placed in CUSTODY.

DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS to PLAINTIFF in the DECREE of DIVORCE shall STAND. Defendant shall PAY PLAINTIFF \$1500.00 PER MONTH as PLAINTIFF'S SHARE of the Military Benefits and \$1500.00 PER MONTH in SPOUSAL SUPPORT payments.

ATTORNEY FEES IN THE AMOUNT \$7,000.00 shall be PAID FROM DEFENDANT to PLAINTIFF

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within the next 45 DAYS.

DEFENDANT'S ARREARS and ATTORNEY'S FEES shall be REDUCED TO JUDGMENT: ARREARAGES in SPOUSAL SUPPORT of \$7,500.00 from August 2018 to January 2019. ARREARAGES in PLAINTIFF'S HALF of Defendant's Military Benefits of \$7,500.00 from August 2018 to January 2019.

ATTORNEY'S FEES in the amount of \$7,000.00.

EFFECTIVE January 15, 2019, DEFENDANT shall PAY PLAINTIFF \$4,500.00 PER MONTH EACH MONTH on the 15th of the MONTH until DEFENDANT has the \$22,000.00 in ARREARS CAUGHT UP. DEFENDANT shall DEPOSIT the \$4,500.00 into PLAINTIFF'S Bank of America ACCOUNT which was placed on the Record. Defendant was provided a voided check IN OPEN COURT to set up automatic deposits.

DEFENDANT shall be HELD in CONTEMPT of COURT if he does not PAY Plaintiff the \$4,500.00 per Month and CATCH UP on the PAYMENTS due to the PLAINTIFF. The \$3,000.00 MONTHLY OBLIGATION shall CONTINUE TO ACCRUE as the \$4,500.00 monthly payments are being made.

CONTEMPT of COURT shall be DEFERRED. If DEFENDANT FAILS to PAY PLAINTIFF of if he FAILS to CATCH UP the ARREARAGES or PAY ATTORNEY'S FEES, PLAINTIFF'S Motion for Contempt of Court may be RENEWED.

DEFENDANT shall NOT MISS ONE (1) more PAYMENT to Plaintiff. Should Defendant miss a Payment and the Court finds Defendant is in Contempt, the Court will incarcerate Defendant.

PLAINTIFF can file a Motion for Contempt and the Court will incarcerate Defendant if found in contempt.

EITHER PARTY shall NOT CHANGE anything from the BANK ACCOUNTS AND BOTH PARTIES shall have ONLINE ACCESS to the BANK ACCOUNTS; USER NAMES and PASSWORDS SHALL NOT BE CHANGED BY EITHER PARTY.

PLAINTIFF shall take a copy of the Parties Divorce Decree in order to go and inquire regarding the Insurance Policies and other benefits that she may be entitled to under the Decree. DEFENDANT is to COOPERATE if a RELEASE or CONSENT is needed for Plaintiff to get the information she needs.

STATUS CHECK RE: DISCOVERY set on 5-2-19 at 11:00 am in Department G.

Attorney Lambertson to Prepare the Order.

CHAMBER REVIEW RE: ORDER from (1-23-19 hearing) set for 2-19-19

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**Divorce - Joint Petition** 

**COURT MINUTES** 

May 02, 2019

D-18-577701-Z

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Divorce of:

Caterina Byrd and Grady E Byrd

May 02, 2019

11:00 AM

Status Check

**HEARD BY:** 

Bixler, James

**COURTROOM:** Courtroom 09

**COURT CLERK:** Carol Foley

**PARTIES:** 

Anita Webster, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Caterina Byrd, Petitioner, present

Grady Byrd, Petitioner, not present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, present

Byron Mills, Attorney, present

## **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

#### - STATUS CHECK RE: DISCOVERY

Ms. Lambertsen noted her concerns regarding Defendant's absence today, and that Defendant filed a Notice of Intent to Appear Telephonically for the 5/22/19 hearing. Mr. Mills noted he received notice two days ago that Defendant has a medical issue and is unable to be here today, and he advised Defendant to send him medical records.

Court NOTED it is not pleased that Defendant is not present today.

With regard to discovery, Mr. Mills advised he has responded to everything and discovery is being done. Mr. Mills advised he expects to respond to requests for clarification and any further requests. Statement by Ms. Lambertsen. Ms. Lambertsen advised she is seeking information from federal departments. Upon Court's inquiry, Mr. Mills advised he has responded to everything and if he can get more information he will.

#### COURT ORDERED,

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Defendant is required to be present in person for the 5/22/19 hearing. The consequences will be grave if he is not. Request for telephonic appearance is DENIED.

Court finds Defendant is making a good faith effort to comply with discovery. Mr. Mills is to accomplish what he can between now and the 5/22/19 hearing. Any issues left over with regard to discovery will be before the Court on 5/22/19.

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**Divorce - Joint Petition** 

**COURT MINUTES** 

May 17, 2019

D-18-577701-Z

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Divorce of:

Caterina Byrd and Grady E Byrd

May 17, 2019

10:00 AM

**Minute Order** 

**HEARD BY:** Forsberg, Rhonda K.

**COURTROOM:** Courtroom 09

COURT CLERK: Victoria Pott

**PARTIES:** 

Anita Webster, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Caterina Byrd, Petitioner, not present

Grady Byrd, Petitioner, not present Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Byron Mills, Attorney, not present

## **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- The Court NOTES that Defendant filed Exhibits to Defendant's Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration on May 14, 2019. The Court FURTHER NOTES that sensitive information including the dates of birth and the Social Security numbers of both parties are listed in the Exhibits without being redacted.

NOW THEREFORE; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Defendant's Exhibits to Defendant's Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Reconsideration is hereby STRICKEN from the record in full. Defendant must refile the Exhibits with all sensitive information redacted regarding both parties should Defendant want the Court to consider or review them in the future.

### **INTERIM CONDITIONS:**

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**FUTURE HEARINGS:** 

**Divorce - Joint Petition** 

**COURT MINUTES** 

May 22, 2019

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In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Divorce of:

Caterina Byrd and Grady E Byrd

May 22, 2019

9:00 AM

**All Pending Motions** 

**HEARD BY:** Forsberg, Rhonda K.

**COURTROOM:** Courtroom 09

**COURT CLERK:** Annette Duncan

**PARTIES:** 

Anita Webster, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Caterina Byrd, Petitioner, present

Grady Byrd, Petitioner, not present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, present

Byron Mills, Attorney, present

## **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- MOTION: DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION...OPPOSITION & COUNTERMOTION: PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND COUNTERMOTION...HEARING: PETITIONER GRADY BYRD, REPLY AND OPPOSITION

For purposes of the Minute Order, Petitioner Caterina Byrd will be referred to as the Plaintiff and Grady Byrd as the Defendant.

Court reviewed the history and the documents in the case.

Attorney Mills advised the Court Mr. Bryd was not present due to a medical issue preventing him from flying, and noted, Defendant provided a Dr's note that stated he should not be traveling. Objection by Attorney Lambertsen. COURT NOTED, his presence is waived today, however, will not be waived for Evidentiary Hearing. Arguments by Counsel.

COURT FINDS, Judge Hardcastle's ruling that the Parties Marital Settlement Agreement is for Alimony is incorrect. The Party's agreement is a property division.

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#### COURT ORDERED,

The Motion for Reconsideration is Granted in Part and Denied in Part.

Effective June 1, 2019, DEFENDANT shall make mortgage payments to PLAINTIFF in the amount of \$1,500.00 per month.

DEFENDANT shall PAY \$5000.00 in attorney's fees to attorney Jeanne Lambertsen within the next TWO WEEKS.

DEFENDANT has the duty and shall put PLAINTIFF on the SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN, which shall be PREPARED and SUBMITTED within 30 DAYS from today

The Plaintiff's Countermotion regarding Contempt of Court shall be DEFERRED to Trial.

Defendant's Arrearages of \$27,000.00 resulting from no-payment of the \$1,500.00 in Mortgage Payments to Plaintiff shall be DEFERRED to trial

The Addendum Defendant added to his Life Insurance Plan to include his new wife shall be DEFERRED to trial.

Attorney's Fees shall be DEFERRED to Trial.

Defendant's Presence is WAIVED for Calendar Call.

DISCOVERY is OPEN.

CALENDAR CALL SET 10-17-19 at 11:00 am in Department G.

NON JURY TRIAL SET 10-21-19 at 9:00 am, (HD, #1) in Department G.

Attorney Mills shall prepare the Order.

#### **INTERIM CONDITIONS:**

**FUTURE HEARINGS:** Oct 21, 2019 9:00AM Non-Jury Trial

EH (HD, #1) RE: Property Division and Military Retirement Payment.

Courtroom 09 Hardcastle, Kathy

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**Divorce - Joint Petition** 

**COURT MINUTES** 

July 18, 2019

D-18-577701-Z

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Divorce of:

Caterina Byrd and Grady E Byrd

July 18, 2019

9:00 AM

Motion

**HEARD BY:** Forsberg, Rhonda K.

**COURTROOM:** Courtroom 09

COURT CLERK: Victoria Pott

**PARTIES:** 

Anita Webster, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Caterina Byrd, Petitioner, present

Grady Byrd, Petitioner, not present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, present

Byron Mills, Attorney, present

### **IOURNAL ENTRIES**

- PLAINTIFF'S EMERGENCY MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE DEFENDANT SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS

Court noted, no opposition has been filed.

Court further noted, the Court Clerk attempted to reach Defendant at the phone number he provided to the Court, but the call failed to go through to the international number.

Ms. Lambertsen requested an Order to Show Cause for Defendant's failure to pay Plaintiff \$3,000.00 per month pending the Evidentiary Hearing and \$5,000.00 in attorney's fees, which was due on June 6, 2019. Defendant is \$6,000.00 in arrears (\$3,000.00 for June and \$3,000.00 for July).

Ms. Lambertsen requested sanctions in the amount of \$500.00 for each violation (failure to pay for June, failure to pay for July, and failure to pay attorney's fees) for a total of \$1,500.00.

Ms. Lambertsen requested Defendant be ordered to pay the additional \$1,500.00 Defendant was

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ordered to pay towards the mortgage effective 2/1/19. Defendant is in arrears in the amount of \$6,000.00 for February, 2019 through May, 2019.

Ms. Lambertsen argued the arrears the Court was deferring to the time of the Evidentiary Hearing were for the period from September, 2018 through January of 2019 (the prior Court Order). Mr. Lambertsen requested additional sanctions in the amount of \$2,000.00 for each instance of non-payment (February, March, April and May).

Ms. Lambertsen requested additional fees and costs for having to bring the Motion before the Court.

Ms. Mills stated Defendant informed him he is not going to pay until the Evidentiary Hearing. Further, he doesn't know if he will be staying on as counsel for Defendant as there have been some communication issues.

COURT ORDERED, an Order to Show Cause is GRANTED. Defendant shall show cause as why he should not be held in Contempt of Court for his blatant disregard of the Court's Orders. Order to Show Cause shall be set for 10/21/19 at 9:00 AM to be heard at the time of the Evidentiary Hearing. If counsel can determine the bank where the annuity originates, counsel may obtain a garnishment for the totality of the arrears. In the alternative, the issue shall be DEFERRED to the time of Trial. Additional ATTORNEY'S FEES are awarded in favor of Plaintiff against Defendant in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Ms. Lambertsen shall prepare the Order to Show Cause.

#### **INTERIM CONDITIONS:**

**FUTURE HEARINGS:** Oct 21, 2019 9:00AM Non-Jury Trial

EH (HD, #1) RE: Property Division and Military Retirement Payment.

Courtroom 09 Hardcastle, Kathy

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**Divorce - Joint Petition** 

**COURT MINUTES** 

August 12, 2019

D-18-577701-Z

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Divorce of:

Caterina Byrd and Grady E Byrd

August 12, 2019

11:30 AM

**Minute Order** 

**HEARD BY:** Forsberg, Rhonda K.

**COURTROOM:** Courtroom 09

**COURT CLERK:** Victoria Pott

**PARTIES:** 

Anita Webster, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Caterina Byrd, Petitioner, not present

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Grady Byrd, Petitioner, not present Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Byron Mills, Attorney, not present

## **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- After a review of the file, the Court failed to issue deadlines for the upcoming October 21, 2019 Order to Show Cause non-jury trial scheduled for 9:00 A.M.

NOW THEREFORE; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the discovery deadline for the upcoming October 21, 2019 Order to Show Cause non-jury trial at 9:00 AM will be two (2) weeks before trial, or October 7, 2019. Exhibits and pre-trial memorandums will be due at the time of the Calendar Call on October 17, 2019 at 10:00 AM. The clerk will send a copy of this Minute Order to both parties.

CLERK'S NOTE: On 8/12/19, a copy of this Minute Order was mailed to the parties at their respective address on record and placed in the attorney folder of Jeanne Lambertsen and Byron Mills. (vp)

### **INTERIM CONDITIONS:**

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**Divorce - Joint Petition** 

**COURT MINUTES** 

September 13, 2019

D-18-577701-Z

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Divorce of:

Caterina Byrd and Grady E Byrd

September 13, 2019

7:30 AM

Minute Order

**HEARD BY:** Forsberg, Rhonda K.

**COURTROOM:** Courtroom 09

**COURT CLERK:** Victoria Pott

**PARTIES:** 

Anita Webster, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Caterina Byrd, Petitioner, not present

Attorney, not present Byron Mills, Attorney, not present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, Unbundled

Grady Byrd, Petitioner, not present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

## **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- After a review of the file, an Order Shortening Time on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney's Fees was submitted to Department G and signed by Department G in error. An Order Shortening Time on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney's Fees must be submitted to Discovery (Family) instead of Department G. The hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney's Fees currently scheduled for September 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM before Department G will be vacated.

It is hereby ORDERED that the Order Shortening Time filed on 09/13/2019 be STRICKEN. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney's Fees currently scheduled for September 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM before Department G be VACATED. Plaintiff must submit a new Order Shortening Time on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Responses to Discovery and Request for Sanctions and Attorney's Fees to Discovery (Family).

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CLERK'S NOTE: On 9/13/19, a copy of this Minute Order was placed in the attorney folder of Jeanne Lambertsen and Byron Mills. (vp)

**INTERIM CONDITIONS:** 

**FUTURE HEARINGS:** 

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**Divorce - Joint Petition** 

**COURT MINUTES** 

October 11, 2019

D-18-577701-Z

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Divorce of:

Caterina Byrd and Grady E Byrd

October 11, 2019

1:00 PM

All Pending Motions

**HEARD BY:** Fic, Holly

**COURTROOM:** Courtroom 15

**COURT CLERK:** Carol Foley

**PARTIES:** 

Anita Webster, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, present

Caterina Byrd, Petitioner, not present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, Unbundled

Byron Mills, Attorney, present

Attorney, present

Grady Byrd, Petitioner, not present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, present

## **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- DEFT'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO NRCP 26(C) AND FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES... PLTF'S RE-NOTICE OF MOTION TO COMPEL DEFT'S RESPONSES TO DISCOVERY AND REQUEST FOR SANCTIONS AND ATTY'S FEES...PLTF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFT'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO NRCP 26(C) AND FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND PLTF'S COUNTERMOTION TO COMPEL DEFT'S RESPONSES TO DISCOVERY, AND SANCTIONS AND ATTORNEY FEES...DEFT'S REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFT'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER AND DEFT'S OPPOSITION TO PLTF'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY

Arguments by counsel.

Counsel advised they are trying to resolve life insurance issue.

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED,

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Medical records are relevant for the month of June 2014 at the time of signing the Joint Petition because of the disability versus retirement contemplation issue. Nothing post-divorce is relevant up until September 1, 2018 forward, and that is relevant to issue of attorney's fees.

Pursuant to reading of 1/23/19 minutes, financials are relevant from January 2018 forward. Accounts of the wife and/or daughter are only relevant if Defendant's name is on accounts, or if his name was on the accounts and he removed his name. Defendant's counsel is to endeavor to do his best to get everything to Plaintiff's counsel by 10/17/19.

Everything may be kept for attorneys' eyes only if there are concerns about dissemination.

Issue of attorneys' fees DEFERRED to the time of trial. Court FINDS both sides had valid arguments. Each side reserves the right to request attorney's fees for having to deal with today's discovery matters based on what the judge decides and looks at.

Plaintiff's counsel is to prepare Report and Recommendation (R&R) and send it to Mr. Mills to review and sign off.

Status check SET 11/1/19 at 1:30 p.m. regarding submission of R&R. Status check will be vacated if R&R is submitted by 10/30/19.

#### **INTERIM CONDITIONS:**

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**Divorce - Joint Petition** 

**COURT MINUTES** 

October 17, 2019

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In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Divorce of:

Caterina Byrd and Grady E Byrd

October 17, 2019

10:00 AM

Calendar Call

**HEARD BY:** Hardcastle, Kathy

**COURTROOM:** Courtroom 09

**COURT CLERK:** Victoria Pott

**PARTIES:** 

Anita Webster, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Caterina Byrd, Petitioner, present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, present

Grady Byrd, Petitioner, not present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, present

Byron Mills, Attorney, not present

## **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Anita Webster, Esq., present as co-counsel for Plaintiff. Gregory Mills, Esq., present on behalf of Attorney Byron Mills for Petitioner Grady Byrd (Defendant).

Upon Court's inquiry, Ms. Lambertsen confirmed Defendant has not been paying the monthly amount he was ordered to pay.

Court noted, Defendant left the country a long time ago with no intent to come back.

COURT ORDERED, the Evidentiary Hearing on 10/21/19 at 9:00 AM shall go forward without Defendant's appearance. Plaintiff shall be prepared to request appropriate sanctions, and the Court will issue its decision at that time.

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**Divorce - Joint Petition** 

**COURT MINUTES** 

October 21, 2019

D-18-577701-Z

In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Divorce of:

Caterina Byrd and Grady E Byrd

October 21, 2019

9:00 AM

**All Pending Motions** 

**HEARD BY:** Hardcastle, Kathy

**COURTROOM:** Courtroom 09

COURT CLERK: Victoria Pott

**PARTIES:** 

Anita Webster, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, not present

Caterina Byrd, Petitioner, present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, present

Grady Byrd, Petitioner, not present

Jeanne Lambertsen, Attorney, Unbundled

Attorney, present

Byron Mills, Attorney, present

## **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- EVIDENTIARY HEARING RE: PROPERTY DIVISION AND MILITARY RETIREMENT PAYMENT...HEARING ON ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE...PETITIONER CATERINA BYRD'S (PLAINTIFF) MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION, SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND TO CONTINUE THE EVIDENTIARY HEARING...PETITIONER GRADY BYRD'S (DEFENDANT) OPPOSITION TO PETITIONER CATERINA BYRD'S (PLAINTIFF) MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION; AND COUNTERMOTION FOR FEES...GRADY BYRD'S (DEFENDANT) MOTION ON ORDER SHORTENING TIME TO RECONSIDER DENIAL OF AUDIOVISUAL APPEARANCE REOUEST...PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION ON ORDER SHORTENING TIME TO RECONSIDER DENIAL OF DEFENDANT'S AUDIOVISUAL APPEARANCE REQUEST; AND COUNTERMOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS

Anita Webster, Bar #1221, present as co-counsel on behalf of Plaintiff.

Argument by Ms. Webster regarding Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual Appearance. Upon a review of the Medical Certificates submitted by Defendant, Court notes

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Defendant is on military disability; and the certificates submitted are from doctors from the Phillipines. Defendant was referred to the Department of Veteran's Affairs for follow-up, and Defendant failed to do so. The Court finds it somewhat suspicious that he did not follow-up with the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Further argument by Ms. Webster regarding Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment on the Order to Show Cause, to Set Aside the Decree, and Motion to join Defendant's wife as a party to this action.

Argument by Mr. Mills regarding the Order to Show Cause.

Further argument by Ms. Webster regarding sanctions for Defendant's failure to appear today.

COURT ORDERED, Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Denial of Audiovisual Appearance Request is DENIED. Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment is DENIED. The Evidentiary Hearing will proceed today in Defendant's absence. Plaintiff's request to set aside the decree and a determination as to whether the language in the contract constituted a waiver of alimony shall be decided after testimony and evidence is presented. Plaintiff's request that Defendant's wife be joined and ordered to sign a waiver is DENIED as this Court has no personal jurisdiction.

Plaintiff sworn.

Testimony of Plaintiff presented.

Plaintiff's Exhibits 1 through 11, 13 through 18, 20 through 23, 25 through 28, 30 through 36, 38, 43, 63, and 64 admitted into evidence.

Defendant's Exhibits A through L admitted into evidence.

Closing arguments by Ms. Webster and Mr. Mills.

COURT STATED ITS FINDINGS AND ORDERED as follows,

The \$1,508.00 per month Defendant agreed to pay to Plaintiff as her share of Defendant's military retirement money, in addition to any increases, is ALIMONY and subject to upward modification.

The additional \$1,500.00 Defendant agreed to pay on the house is also designated as alimony.

As Defendant agreed to keep the health insurance intact, the \$102.00 per month Plaintiff pays for health insurance shall be added to the monthly alimony amount retroactive to the time Defendant stopped paying for health insurance.

All of the above amounts shall be designated as ALIMONY AND SUPPORT and are REDUCED TO JUDGMENT, collectible by all lawful means.

Effective 11/1/19, Defendant shall pay Plaintiff ALIMONY AND SUPPORT in the amount of \$3,110.00 per month, payable on or before the first day of each month.

The ATTORNEY'S FEES that were previously awarded to Plaintiff shall be REDUCED TO JUDGMENT, collectible by all lawful means.

Plaintiff is entitled to additional fees not previously awarded. Counsel for Plaintiff shall submit a Memorandum of Fees and Costs for the additional amount. Mr. Mills shall have an opportunity to file an objection.

Should Plaintiff find it necessary to obtain an annuity or other vehicle for income, that can go towards Plaintiff's need when she seeks to modify alimony.

Defendant is in contempt for failure to pay the \$1,500.00 monthly house payment.

Defendant is in arrears for ALIMONY AND SUPPORT in the amount of \$42,000.00, plus the attorney's fees previously awarded, and sanctions in the amount of \$1,000.00 (\$500.00 per month x two months).

Should Defendant file an appeal, there will be no stay until Defendant posts a supersedeas bond in an amount of no less than \$64,000.00.

Ms. Lambertsen shall prepare the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order from today's hearing; Mr. Mills shall review and sign off. Mr. Mills may propose additional findings he believes are appropriate.

#### **INTERIM CONDITIONS:**

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## TRIAL EXHIBIT LIST Byrd v. Byrd

Case No. D-18-577701-Z

OBJ.

No.	Document Name Offer Admit			
	1		Y/N	Y/N
<b>V</b> 1.	Joint Petition for Summary Divorce, filed June 4, 2014. (PLA007000 - PLA007013)	10/21/19	00	
2.	Decree of Divorce, filed June 5, 2014. (PLA007014 - PLA007025)	10/21/19	10/21/19	100
3.	Notice of Entry of Order from the January 23, 2019 Hearing, filed April 5, 2019. (PLA007026 - PLA007036)	10/21/19	10/21/19	N0
<b>V</b> 4.	Notice of Entry of Order from the May 2.	10/21/19	10/21/19	NO
<b>V</b> <sub>5.</sub>	Order of the Court from the May 22, 2019 Hearing, filed June 26, 2019. (PLA0007043 - PLA007048)	10/21/19	10/21/19	NO
<b>V</b> 6.	Notice of Entry of Order from the July 18, 2019, filed August 9, 2019. (PLA0007049 - PLA007054)	10/21/19	10/21/19	ND
<b>V</b> 7.	Notice of Entry of Order to Show Cause to Appear on October 21, 2019, filed July 29, 2019. (PLA007055 - PLA007058)	10/21/19	10/19	NO
<b>V</b> 8.	Caterina's Financial Disclosure Form Amended, filed July 15, 2019. (PLA007059 - PLA007066)	10//19	10/21/19	No
<b>7</b> 9.	Grady's Financial Disclosure Form Amended, filed January 18, 2019. (PLA007067 - PLA007079)	10/21/19	10/19	No
<b>V</b> 10.	Grady's Financial Disclosure Form, filed June 18, 2019. (PLA007080 - PLA007089)	10/21/19	10/21/19	NO
<b>V</b> 11.	Schedule of Arrearages for Support, filed October 9, 2019. (PLA007090 - PLA007093)	10/21/19	10/21/19	NO
<b>V</b> 12.	Email from Defendant to Plaintiff, making up information on money to get the home loan approved, dated April 2, 2013. (PLA000002)	10/1/19	No.	YES

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<b>V</b> 13.	E-mail from Defendant to Plaintiff promising the Plaintiff that she will receive the same benefits whether he is married or not, including Survivor Benefit Plan, dated February 20, 2014 and Emails between Defendant and Plaintiff, Defendant writing it is time for a divorce and promising Plaintiff \$3000 a month, email dated, February 20 & 21, 2014. (PLA000001 and PLA000522 - PLA000523)	10/21/19	10/31/19	YES
<b>V</b> 14.	Email from Defendant to Plaintiff promising Plaintiff \$3,000 a month as long as he lives, et. al, dated March 23, 2014. (PLA000003)	10/21/19	10/ai/19	YES
<b>√</b> 15.	Email from Defendant to Plaintiff threatening to stop communicating with her, dated March 26, 2014. (PLA000004)	10/21/19	10/21/19	YES
<b>V</b> 16.	Emails between Plaintiff and Defendant, regarding Survivor Benefit Coverage, dated February 2014 - April 2014. (PLA000431 - PLA000435)	10/21/19	10/2/19	YES"
	Emails from Defendant to Plaintiff regarding "this is your last warning" and "just sign the [divorce] papers" dated March 27, 2014 and April 10, 2014. (PLA000006 - PLA000007)	10/21/19	10/21/19	YES
<b>1</b> 18.	Emails between Plaintiff and Defendant regarding Benefits, dated April 9, 2014 and April 15, 2014. (PLA000489 - PLA000490)	1921/19	10/21/19	Y65
<b>)</b>	Email from Defendant to Plaintiff discouraging her from seeing a lawyer, dated March 27, 2014. (PLA000008)			
20.	Email from Plaintiff to Defendant stating that she has no idea what OPM is, and Defendant mad that she wants to see lawyer, dated March 27, 2014. (PLA000009)	10/1/19	10/21/19	YES
21.	Emails from Plaintiff to Defendant telling the Defendant that she is feeling very nervous and scared, dated February 20, 2014 and April 8, 2014. (PLA000011 - PLA000012)	10/21/19	10/2/19	YES
22.	Email from Defendant to Plaintiff stating that	16/a1/19	10/21/19	YES

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		Plaintiff is not entitled to any more money in the decree of divorce, dated April 9, 2014. (PLA000013) and Emails between Defendant and Plaintiff regarding benefits, dated April 10, 2014. (PLA000524 - PLA000525)					
	23.	Email from Plaintiff to Defendant, regarding Plaintiff's health insurance denial, dated July 29, 2016, to August 1, 2016. (PLA000015 - PLA000018)	16/1	10/21/19	YES		
	<b>&gt;</b>	Emails between the parties regarding Vystar insurance policy, dated December 11, 2017 through December 15, 2017. (PLA000019 - PLA000021)					
	25.	Email from Defendant to Plaintiff regarding Car insurance and cancer surgery, dated July 16, 2018. (PLA000491)	10/21/19	721/19	NO		
	26.	E- Mail from Plaintiff to Defendant asking about the bank account and her monthly payment from the Defendant, dated September 4, 2018. (PLA000023)	10/a1/19	10/ai/19	YES		
4	27.	Form DD 2656, dated March 10, 1999. (PLA000436 - PLA000437)		10/a1/19	455		
4	28.	DFAS Retiree Account Statement, dated December 3, 2017. (PLA000037)	10/1/19	10/a1/9	的		
	28	2014 Individual Tax Return for Plaintiff with form 1040 attached. (PLA000249-PLA000253)					
4	30.	2015 Individual Tax Return for Plaintiff. (PLA000254 - PLA000255)	10/a1/19	10/21/19	NO		
1	4	2016 Individual Tax Return for Plaintiff. (PLA00256 - PLA000257)	15/a1/19	10/2/19	No		
*		2017 Individual Tax Return for Plaintiff with form W-2G attached. (PLA000258 - PLA000260)	P/2/19	10/21/19	NO		
4	<b>3</b> 3.	2018 Individual Tax Return for Plaintiff. (PLA000261 - PLA000263)	Paila	10/21/9	NO		
4	34.	USAA Mortgage Loan Statement, dated July	10/21/19	10/21/19	YES		

067 No. **Document Name** Offer **Admit** <del>Denv</del> Y/n Y/N Y/N 1, 2019. (PLA000366) 35. Long Term Care Partners letter to Plaintiff 10/21/19 10/21/19 dated November 1, 2017. (PLA000026 40 PLA000029) Canyon Gate Master Association billing 36. statements. dated October 20. 2017, October 18, 2019 and May 13, 2019. NO (PLA000369 - PLA000371) Plaintiff's January 2019 health insurance premium. (PLA000039) Summary letter from Caterina's counselor, 38. dated September 3, 2019, and summary of 10/21/19 visit date April 16, 2012, (PLA000374 455 PLA000375) 39. Plaintiff's Health care information and NO -PLA000457) UMC care documents, dated March 9, 2017. **20K** (PLA000481 - PLA000483) Places the parties lived during the marriage. (PLA000353 - PLA000356) Social Security Statement for Plaintiff, dated **24**€ June 11, 2019. (PLA000270 - PLA000275) Letter from the DMV with Defendant's Nevada Driver's License sent to Plaintiff's address, dated July 3, 2018. (PLA000063) 44. "Notice of stored vehicle" sent to Plaintiff's Police, regarding Defendant's 2018 Chevy NO Cruze that was found at the L.A. Airport with YES no license plates attached, dated April 8, 2019. (PLA000064 - PLA000066) Letter from Clear Choice Lien Service, Inc., **345** sent to Plaintiff's address regarding the lien on Defendant's 2018 Chevy Cruz. (PLA000067 - PLA000068) 346 Past due notices, sent to Plaintiff's address showing that Defendant is not paying his

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	loans, dates from 2019. (PLA000069 - PLA000073)			
34	Ally Financial letter to Defendant regarding deficiency for Chevy Cruze, dated June 18, 2019. (PLA000358)			
*8	Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Ex Parte motion for a Continuance of Plaintiff's Motion to Enforce the Decree of Divorce, for an Order to Show Cause, to Divide a Newly Discovered Asset, to Execute QDROs, and for Attorney's Fees and Costs and Countermotion for Attorney Fees and Costs (PLA008000 - PLA008021)			
<b>≯</b> €.	Defendant's Reply to Opposition and/or Countermotion, filed December 28, 2018. (PLA007094 - PLA007118)			
50.	Plaintiff's Request for Admissions to Defendant, served March 5, 2019. (PLA000495 - PLA000521)			
34,	Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's First Request for Admissions, served March 19, 2019. (PLA000075 - PLA000080)			
32	Defendant's description of his two employees in Defendant's response to Second Set of Interrogatories; Answer No. 4, pg 2, ln. 4. (PLA000089 - PLA000092)			
53,	Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery, filed September 17, 2019. (PLA007133 - PLA007140)			
<b>5</b> *K	Armed Forces bank statements March - May 2019. (DEF281 - DEF288)			
38	Letter dated November 30, 2017, regarding decision for VA benefits. (DEF084 - DEF085 and DEF096 - DEF105)			
,36	Payment history July 2015 - August 2014. (DEF106)			
<b>3</b> 5.	Defendant's Statement of Annuity paid as Disability 2014 1099. (DEF131)			

OBJ.

No.	Document Name	Offer Y/n	Admit Y/N	Y/N			
58	Armed Forces Bank statement, acct #25, August 2019. (DEF336)						
<b>38</b>	Armed Forces Bank statements, acct #76, October 2018 - August 2019. (DEF380)						
360	Vystar 180 History March 2019 - August 2019. (DEF399)						
×	VA appointment calendar. (DEF406 - DEF408)	_					
<i>\$</i> 2.	School records for Defendant, dated 1989 - 2003. (PLA000337 - PLA000352)			3			
	Correspondence to Defendant's counsel, regarding SBP, dated September 24, 2019. (PLA000492 - PLA000493)	10/21/19	19/01/19	YE5			
64.	Correspondence from Defendant's counsel, regarding response to 9/24/19 letter, dated September 25, 2019. (PLA000494)	10/21/19	10/21/19	YES			

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	Plaintiff,	)	
	<b>,</b>	)	
vs.		) CASE NO.: D-18-577701-Z	
GRAD	Y EDWARD	) DEPT. NO.: G BYRD.	
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	Defendant,	)	
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	DE	FENDANT'S TRIAL EXHIBITS	:
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A	6-8	Dept. of Army (CRSC) decision letter dated 6/20/11	
В	106	CRSC payment history 8/2014-7/2015	
/C	225	CRSC pay statement April 22, 2019	
Þ	79	VA letter for disability benefits dated 10/16/12	
E	236	VA payment history April – May 2019	
F	125-127	OPM letter re: disability application dated November 12, 2010	
G	512	OPM letter dated 4/29/18 regarding FERS disability annuity adjustment	
νΉ	132	OPM Notice of Annuity adjustment 7/2018	
ľ	136	OPM Annuity statement March 2019	
J	108-113	Social Security Decision dated 9/12/12	
K	120-	2014 Social Security Benefit 2014	
Ľ	121	Social Security benefits 2018	
M	237	Medical certificate from Dr. Arco	
×	511	Medical certificate from Nursing Attendant, Mayden Tagulo dated 10/4/19	
<b>X</b>	490	Medical Certificate from Dr. Regalado dated 10/10/19	

## **Certification of Copy**

State of Nevada	٦	CC.
County of Clark	}	SS:

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

NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; POSTING OF COST ON APPEAL BOND; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; EXHIBITS LIST

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CATERINA BYRD; GRADY E. BYRD

Case No: D-18-577701-Z

Dept No: G

now on file and of record in this office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 6 day of February 2020.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Amanda Hampton, Deputy Clerk

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