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IN THE EIGHTH DISTRICT COURT OF THE

STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK

NONA TOBIN, an Individual

Plaintiff,

VS.

BRIAN CHIESI, an individual; DEBORA CHIESI, an individual; QUICKEN LOANS INC.; JOEL A. STOKES, an individual; JOEL A. STOKES and SANDRA STOKES as Trustees of JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST; JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC; RED ROCK FINANCIAL SERVICES; DOES I through X inclusive; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through V, inclusive

Dept No.: 22

Case No.: A-19-799890-C

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT, STATE **OF NEVADA** 

Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that Plaintiff/Appellant Nona Tobin, by and through her attorney, John W. Thomson, Esq., of Thomson Law PC, does hereby appeal the Order Granting Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs Filed by Defendants' Brian Chiesi, Debora Chiesi and Quicken Loans, Inc., Pursuant to EDCR 7.60(b)(1) and/or (3), Notice of Entry filed on November 17, ///

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2	2020, in the District Court in and for the above-named county and state.	
3	Dated this 17 <sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020	
4	THOMSON LAW PC	
5	/s/John W. Thomson	
6	JOHN W. THOMSON Nevada Bar No. 5802	
7	2450 St. Rose Parkway, Suite 120	
8	Henderson, Nevada 89074  Attorney for Nona Tobin	
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11	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
12	The undersigned, an employee of Thomson Law PC, hereby certifies that on the 17 <sup>th</sup> day	
13	of December 2020, she caused a copy of the <b>NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE SUPREME</b>	
14	COURT, STATE OF NEVADA to be served in accordance with Administrative Order 14.2, to	
15	all interested parties, through the Court's Odyssey E-File & Serve system.	
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#### IN THE EIGHTH DISTRICT COURT OF THE

#### STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK

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10	NONA TOBIN, an Individual	Case No.: A-19-799890-C
11	Plaintiff,	Dept No.: 22
12	vs.	
13	DDIAN GINESI . I. I. I DEDODA	CASE APPEAL STATEMENT
14	BRIAN CHIESI, an individual; DEBORA CHIESI, an individual; QUICKEN LOANS	
15	INC.; JOEL A. STOKES, an individual;	
	JOEL A. STOKES and SANDRA STOKES	
16	as Trustees of JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE	
17	TRUST; JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE	
17	TRUST; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC;	
18	RED ROCK FINANCIAL SERVICES;	
	DOES I through X inclusive; and ROE	
19	CORPORATIONS I through V, inclusive	
20	Defendants.	

NONA TOBIN, as an individual, by and through her undersigned attorney for the Case Appeal Statement, states as follows:

- 1. Name of appellant filing this case appeal statement: NONA TOBIN, as an individual.
- 2. Identify the judge issuing the decision, judgment, or order appealed from: The Honorable Susan H. Johnson.
- 3. Identify each appellant and the name and address of counsel for each appellant:

1		NONA TOBIN, an individual, Appellant
2		John W. Thomson, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 5802
3		Thomson Law PC
4		2450 St. Rose Parkway, Suite 120 Henderson, Nevada 89074
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6	4.	Identify each respondent and the name and address of appellate counsel, if known
7	for each respo	ondent (if the name of a respondent's appellate counsel is unknown, indicate as
8	much and pro	vide the name and address of that respondent's trial counsel):
9		a. Brian Chiesi and Debora Chiesi and Quicken Loans, LLC,
10	Respondents.	
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12		Respondents' appellate counsel is unknown. Trial counsel was:
13		Brittany Wood, Esq.
14		Nevada Bar No. 7562
15		Maurice Wood
16		9525 Hillwood Drive, Suite 140 Las Vegas, Nevada 89134
17	5.	Indicate whether any attorney identified above in response to question 3 or 4 is
18	not licensed to	practice law in Nevada and, if so, whether the district court granted that attorney
19	permission to	appear under SCR 42 (attach a copy of any district court order granting such
20	permission):	
22		The attorneys identified above are licensed to practice law in Nevada.
23	6.	Indicate whether appellant was represented by appointed or retained counsel in
24	the district co	urt:
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26		Appellant was represented by:
27		John W. Thomson, Esq.
		Nevada Bar No. 5802 Thomson Law PC
28		2450 St. Rose Parkway, Suite 120

Henderson, Nevada 89074

7. Indicate whether appellant is represented by appointed or retained counsel on appeal:

Appellant is represented by retained counsel.

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

No.

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

The original Complaint was filed on August 7, 2019, the First Amended Complaint was filed on June 3, 2020.

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

Nona Tobin, an individual, filed a complaint for quiet title against current deedholders Brian and Debora Chiesi, current lienholder Quicken Loans, and other defendants who had recorded other claims adverse to Tobin's title claim, for declaratory relief and equitable relief/unjust enrichment against Red Rock Financial Services and Nationstar Mortgage for the undistributed excess proceeds of the disputed 2014 HOA foreclosure sale, and against Joel and Sandra Stokes for the retention of over \$100,000 in rents collected after the disputed HOA sale, that Tobin claims was defective and unfair for many other statutory and other violations of law.

Defendant Red Rock Financial Services filed a Motion to Dismiss pursuant to NRCP 12 (b)(5) under the legal doctrines of non-mutual claims preclusion and res judicata. Seven

remaining defendants, five of which recorded title claims adverse to Tobin after the prior litigation. filed joinders thereto. All Defendants submitted disputed, unverified evidence to the Court to support Red Rock's motion to dismiss and their joinders thereto. This instant appeal is to vacate the order awarding Brittany Wood, attorney for Brian Chiesi, Debora Chiesi and Quicken Loans, \$8,999 attorney fees and costs for filing a joinder on their behalf along with a request for judicial notice of a skewed sample of 10 of the 61 recorded claims in the Clark County official records, and none of the two Lis Pendens Tobin recorded before Ms. Wood's clients recorded their claims adverse to Tobin. Ms. Woods request of judicial notice of seven filings in the prior court record failed to include seven of the 10 dispositive orders in the prior litigation that adversely affected Tobin without appeal. Wood failed to request notice of two of the three disputed deeds of trust, one of which still encumbered the property for a month after her clients recorded their deed of trust. Wood misrepresented the motions to intervene she included and ignored three others that are germane to the current case. Finally she failed to draw the court's attention to the Lis Pendens Tobin recorded related to this case and the pending appeals of the prior litigation that her clients would be bound by if Tobin's case had been allowed to be actually heard on its merits rather than dismissed after all evidence had been excluded from judicial scrutiny. Instead of hearing the Motion as one for Summary Judgment<sup>1</sup>, the Court ruled that the First

Instead of hearing the Motion as one for Summary Judgment<sup>1</sup>, the Court ruled that the First Amended Complaint did not survive the Motion to Dismiss<sup>1</sup> and granted the motion, dismissing

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<sup>25</sup> Nev. R. Civ. P. 12

<sup>(</sup>d)Result of Presenting Matters Outside the Pleadings. If, on a motion under Rule 12(b)(5) or 12(c), matters outside the pleadings are presented to and not excluded by the court, the motion must be treated as one for summary judgment under Rule 56. All parties must be given a reasonable opportunity to present all the material that is pertinent to the motion.

An hour later on 11/17/20, the court filed an order to statistically close the case<sup>1</sup> prior to an order having been entered that granted Red Rock's motion to dismiss and all the joinders.

Two weeks later, on 12/3/20, Red Rock filed the order granting the motion to dismiss and joinders<sup>2</sup> that Red Rock had prepared and circulated and the notice of entry of order<sup>3</sup> 10 minutes later.

Appellants are appealing the November 17,, 2020 Order because it, *inter alia*: (1) incorrectly applied NRS 18.010(2)(b) in awarding attorney fees to Respondents; (2) failed to adequately assess the factors enumerated in *Brunzell v. Golden Gate Nat. Bank*, 85 Nev. 345, 349, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969) in awarding attorney fees to Respondents; (3) incorrectly awarded certain costs to Respondents; and (4) incorrectly found facts and law not in the record when making the award of attorney fees and costs. Appellants therefore appeal the November 17, 2020 Order pursuant to NRAP 3(A)(b)(8).

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

This case is currently not the subject of a pending appeal in the Supreme Court, but will be shortly as the order entered on 12/3/20 to dismiss all Plaintiff Tobin's claims with prejudice will be appealed.

12. Indicate whether this appeal involves child custody or visitation:

This case does **not** involve child custody or visitation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>11/17/20 OSCC</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 12/3/20 OGM motion to dismiss

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 12/3/20 NODP notice of dismissal with prejudice

1	13. If this is a civil case, indicate whether this appeal involves the possibility of
2	settlement:
3	Settlement is possible, but unlikely.
4	Dated this 17 <sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.
5	Buted this 17 day of Beechiber 2020.
6	THOMSON LAW PC
7	/s/John W. Thomson
8	JOHN W. THOMSON Nevada Bar No. 5802
9	2450 St. Rose Parkway, Suite 120 Henderson, Nevada 89074
10	Attorney for Nona Tobin
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13	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
14	I hereby certify that the foregoing <b>CASE APPEAL STATEMENT</b> was submitted
15	electronically for filing and/or service with the Eighth Judicial District Court on this 17 <sup>th</sup> day or
16	December 2020. Electronic service of the forgoing document shall be upon all parties listed or
17	the Odyessy eFileNV service contact list.
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19	/s/ Annette Cooper An Employee of Thomson Law PC
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# **CASE SUMMARY** CASE NO. A-19-799890-C

Nona Tobin, Plaintiff(s) Joel Stokes, Defendant(s)

Location: Department 22 Judicial Officer: Johnson, Susan 8888 Filed on: **08/07/2019** Cross-Reference Case A799890

Number:

Supreme Court No.: 82094

**CASE INFORMATION** 

**Statistical Closures** Case Type: Other Title to Property

11/17/2020 Motion to Dismiss by the Defendant(s)

> 11/17/2020 Dismissed Status:

DATE **CASE ASSIGNMENT** 

**Current Case Assignment** 

A-19-799890-C Case Number Department 22 Court Date Assigned 08/07/2019 Judicial Officer Johnson, Susan

PARTY INFORMATION

**Plaintiff** Tobin, Nona Thomson, John W.

> Retained 702-478-8282(W)

Defendant **Bank of America** 

Removed: 06/03/2020

Inactive

Barbee, Forrest

Removed: 06/03/2020

Inactive

Chiesti, Brian Maurice, Aaron R.

Removed: 12/03/2020 Retained Dismissed 702-463-7616(W)

Chiesti, Debora Maurice, Aaron R.

Removed: 12/03/2020 Retained Dismissed 702-463-7616(W)

Corwin, Cluyanne M

Removed: 06/03/2020

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Crain, Youda

Removed: 06/03/2020

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F. Bondurant LLC

Removed: 06/03/2020

Inactive

Hong, Joseph

Removed: 06/03/2020

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Jimijack Irrevocable Trust

Removed: 12/03/2020

Dismissed

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Hong, Joseph Y. Retained 702-870-1777(W)

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702-634-5000(W)

Maurice, Aaron R.

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Wight, Brody R.

702-318-5040(W)

Hong, Joseph Y. Retained 702-870-1777(W) Hong, Joseph Y.

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Lee, Yuen K

Removed: 06/03/2020 Inactive

Lucas, Thomas

Removed: 06/03/2020

Inactive

Morgan, Melanie

Removed: 06/03/2020 Inactive

Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Removed: 12/03/2020

Dismissed

Ochoa, David

Removed: 06/03/2020

Inactive

**Opportunity Homes LLC** 

Removed: 06/03/2020

Inactive

Quicken Loans Inc

Removed: 12/03/2020

Dismissed

**Red Rock Financial Services** 

Removed: 12/03/2020

Dismissed

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Removed: 06/03/2020

Inactive

Stokes, Joel A

Stokes, Sandra Removed: 12/03/2020

Dismissed

Williams, Teresa D

Removed: 06/03/2020

Inactive

EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT

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**EVENTS** 

08/07/2019

DATE

Complaint

Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona

Complaint for Quiet Title, and Equitable, Declaratory, and Injunctive Relief

08/13/2019

Notice of Lis Pendens

Filed by: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona

Notice of Lis Pendens

08/22/2019

Notice

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12/04/2019	Notice of Appearance Party: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Notice Of Appearance of Counsel	
12/05/2019	Ex Parte Motion Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Plaintiff's Ex Parrte Motion to Extend Time to Serve Summons and Complaint (First Request)	
12/10/2019	Ex Parte Order Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Ex-Parte Order to Exten Time to Serve Summons and Complaint	
12/10/2019	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona  Notice of Entry of Order	
01/31/2020	Ex Parte Motion Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Ex Parte Motion to Extend Time to Serve Summons and Complaint (Second Request)	
02/05/2020	Order Extending Time to Serve Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Order To Extend Time To Serve Summons and Complaint	
02/05/2020	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona  Notice Of Entry Of Order	
04/02/2020	Ex Parte Application to Extend Time for Service Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Ex Parte Motion to Extend Time to Serve Complaint	
04/06/2020	Order Extending Time to Serve  Order to Extend Time to Serve Summons and Complaint	
04/06/2020	Order Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Order To Extend Time To Serve Summons And Complaint	
04/07/2020	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona  Notice of Entry of Order	
06/03/2020	First Amended Complaint Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona First Amended Complaint	
06/03/2020	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Party: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Summons	
06/03/2020	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Party: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona	

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06/03/2020	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Party: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Summons
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06/03/2020	Summons Electronically Issued - Service Pending Party: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Summons
06/05/2020	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Affidavit of Service
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06/10/2020	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Affidavit of Service
06/10/2020	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Affidavit of Service
06/23/2020	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Defendant Red Rock Financial Services Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
06/23/2020	Motion to Dismiss  Filed By: Defendant Red Rock Financial Services  Defendant Red Rock Financial Services, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5) and (6)

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06/23/2020	Clerk's Notice of Hearing  Notice of Hearing
06/25/2020	Joinder To Motion  Filed By: Defendant Nationstar Mortgage LLC  Nationstar's Joinder to Defendant Red Rock Financial Services' Motion to Dismiss First  Amended Complaint
06/25/2020	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Defendant Nationstar Mortgage LLC Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
06/25/2020	Joinder To Motion  Filed By: Defendant Stokes, Joel A; Defendant Jimijack Irrevocable Trust; Defendant Stokes, Sandra  Joel A. Stokes, Joel A. Stokes And Sandra Stokes, As Trustees Of The Jimijack Irrevocable Trust, And Jimijack Irrevocable Trust s Joinder To Defendant, Red Rock Financial Services, Motion To Dismiss First Amended Complaint And For Attorney s Fees And Costs Pursuant To E.D.C.R. Rule 7.60(b)(1) And/Or (3)
06/25/2020	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Defendant Stokes, Joel A; Defendant Stokes, Sandra Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
07/01/2020	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Party Served: Defendant Stokes, Joel A Affidavit of Service - Joel Stokes
07/01/2020	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Party Served: Defendant Stokes, Sandra Affidavit of Service - Sandra Stokes
07/01/2020	Affidavit of Service  Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Party Served: Defendant Jimijack Irrevocable Trust  Affidavit of Service - Jimijack Irrevocable trust
07/06/2020	Joinder To Motion  Filed By: Defendant Quicken Loans Inc; Defendant Chiesti, Brian; Defendant Chiesti, Debora  Brian and Debora Chiesi and Quicken Loan Inc.'s Joinder to Defendant Red Rock Financial Service's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Amended Complaint
07/06/2020	Request for Judicial Notice  Filed By: Defendant Quicken Loans Inc; Defendant Chiesti, Brian; Defendant Chiesti, Debora  Request for Judicial Notice
07/06/2020	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure  Filed By: Defendant Quicken Loans Inc; Defendant Chiesti, Brian; Defendant Chiesti, Debora  Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
07/13/2020	Stipulation and Order

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Filed by: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona

Stipulation And Order To Reschedule Heairng For Defendant Red Rock Financial Services, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to NRCP 12(B)(5) And (6) Joinders Thereto, and Request For Judicial Notice

07/14/2020

Notice of Entry of Stipulation and Order

Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona

Notice of Entry of Stipulation And Order to Reschedule Hearing For Defendant Red Rock Financial Services, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to NRCP 12(B)(5) And (6) Joinders Thereto, And Request For Judicial Notice

07/20/2020

Opposition to Motion to Dismiss

Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona

Opposition to Motion to Dismiss and to Joinder Thereto

08/03/2020

Reply in Support

Filed By: Defendant Quicken Loans Inc; Defendant Chiesti, Brian; Defendant Chiesti, Debora

Brian and Debora Chiesi and Quicken Loans, LLC's Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss and Joinders thereto

08/03/2020

Reply in Support

Filed By: Defendant Red Rock Financial Services

Defendant Red Rock Financial Services' Reply in Support of its Motion to Dismiss the Complaint Pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5) and (6)

08/03/2020

Reply in Support

Filed By: Defendant Stokes, Joel A; Defendant Jimijack Irrevocable Trust; Defendant Stokes, Sandra

Joel A. Stokes, Joel A. Stokes And Sandra Stokes, As Trustees Of The Jimijack Irrevocable Trust, And Jimijack Irrevocable Trust s Reply In Support Of Joinder To Defendant, Red Rock Financial Services, Motion To Dismiss First Amended Complaint And For Attorney s Fees And Costs Pursuant To E.D.C.R. Rule 7.60(b)(1) And/Or (3)

09/06/2020

Order Granting Motion

Order Granting Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs Filed by Joel A. Stokes, Joel A. Stokes and Sandra Stokes, as Trustees of the Jimijack Irrevocable Trust and Jimijack Irrevocable Trust, Pursuant to EDCR 7.60(b)(1) and/or (3)

09/16/2020

Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs

Filed By: Defendant Quicken Loans Inc; Defendant Chiesti, Brian; Defendant Chiesti, Debora

Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs

09/17/2020

Clerk's Notice of Hearing

Notice of Hearing

10/08/2020

Notice of Entry of Order

Filed By: Defendant Stokes, Joel A; Defendant Jimijack Irrevocable Trust; Defendant Stokes, Sandra

Notice Of Entry Of Order Granting Motion For Attorney's Fees And Costs Filed By Joel A. Stokes, Joel A. Stokes And Sandra Stokes, As Trustees Of The Jimijack Irrevocable Trust, And Jimijack Irrevocable Trust, Pursuant To EDCR 7.60(b)(1) And/Or (3)

10/08/2020

🔁 Opposition to Motion

Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona

Opposition to Chiesi and Quicken Loans Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs

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10/16/2020	Order Shortening Time  Defendants, Joel A. Stokes and Sandra Stokes, as Trustees of The JimiJack Irrevocable Trust and Jimijack Irrevocable Trust's, Motion to Enforce Order for Attorney's Fees and Costs and for Contempt and for Attorney's Fees and Costs Pursuant to E.D.C.R. Rule 7.60(b)(3) and/or (5) and Order Shortening Time
10/16/2020	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Defendant Stokes, Joel A; Defendant Jimijack Irrevocable Trust; Defendant Stokes, Sandra  Notice Of Entry Of Order Shortening Time
10/19/2020	Reply to Opposition Filed by: Defendant Chiesti, Brian Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to the Chiesi Defendants' Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs
10/27/2020	Opposition to Motion Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona Opposition to Joel A. Stokes and Sandra Stokes, as Trustees of the Jimijack Irrevocable Trust and Jimijack Irrevocable Trust's Motion to Enforce Order for Attorney Fees and Costs and for Contempt and Order Shortening Time
11/09/2020	Notice of Appeal  Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona  Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court, State of Nevada
11/09/2020	Case Appeal Statement Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona CASE APPEAL STATEMENT
11/09/2020	Notice of Posting of Cost Bond Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona NOTICE OF POSTING OF COST BOND
11/17/2020	Order Granting Motion  Order Granting Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs
11/17/2020	Notice of Entry of Order  Filed By: Defendant Chiesti, Brian  Notice of Entry of Order
11/17/2020	Order to Statistically Close Case  Civil Order to Statistically Close Case - Motion to Dismiss by Defendant
12/03/2020	Order Granting Motion Filed By: Defendant Red Rock Financial Services Order Granting Defendant Red Rock Financial Services' Motion to Dismiss Complaint and All Joinders to the Motion
12/03/2020	Notice of Entry of Order for Dismissal With Prejudice Filed By: Defendant Red Rock Financial Services Notice of Entry of Order
12/17/2020	Notice of Appeal Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona

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Notice of Appeal

12/17/2020

Case Appeal Statement

Filed By: Plaintiff Tobin, Nona

Case Appeal Statement

**DISPOSITIONS** 

09/06/2020

Order (Judicial Officer: Johnson, Susan)

Debtors: Nona Tobin (Plaintiff)

Creditors: Joel A Stokes (Defendant), Jimijack Irrevocable Trust (Defendant), Sandra Stokes

(Defendant)

Judgment: 09/06/2020, Docketed: 09/08/2020

Total Judgment: 3,455.00

11/17/2020

Order (Judicial Officer: Johnson, Susan)

Debtors: Nona Tobin (Plaintiff)

Creditors: Quicken Loans Inc (Defendant), Brian Chiesti (Defendant), Debora Chiesti (Defendant)

Judgment: 11/17/2020, Docketed: 11/19/2020

Total Judgment: 8,948.99

12/03/2020

Order of Dismissal With Prejudice (Judicial Officer: Johnson, Susan)

Debtors: Nona Tobin (Plaintiff)

Creditors: Quicken Loans Inc (Defendant), Joel A Stokes (Defendant), Jimijack Irrevocable Trust (Defendant), Nationstar Mortgage LLC (Defendant), Red Rock Financial Services (Defendant),

Brian Chiesti (Defendant), Debora Chiesti (Defendant), Sandra Stokes (Defendant)

Judgment: 12/03/2020, Docketed: 12/04/2020

#### **HEARINGS**

08/11/2020

Motion to Dismiss (8:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Johnson, Susan)

Defendant Red Rock Financial Services, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to

NRCP 12(b)(5) and (6)

07/28/2020 Continued to 08/11/2020 - Stipulation and Order - Quicken Loans Inc;

Tobin, Nona; Stokes, Joel A; Jimijack Irrevocable Trust; Nationstar Mortgage LLC; Red Rock Financial Services; Chiesti, Brian; Chiesti,

Debora; Stokes, Sandra

08/11/2020

Joinder (8:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Johnson, Susan)

Nationstar's Joinder to Defendant Red Rock Financial Services' Motion to Dismiss First

Amended Complaint

07/28/2020 Continued to 08/11/2020 - Stipulation and Order - Quicken Loans Inc;

Tobin, Nona; Stokes, Joel A; Jimijack Irrevocable Trust; Nationstar Mortgage LLC; Red Rock Financial Services; Chiesti, Brian; Chiesti,

Debora; Stokes, Sandra

08/11/2020

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Joel A. Stokes, Joel A. Stokes And Sandra Stokes, As Trustees Of The Jimijack Irrevocable Trust, And Jimijack Irrevocable Trust s Joinder To Defendant, Red Rock Financial Services, Motion To Dismiss First Amended Complaint And For Attorney s Fees And Costs Pursuant To

 $E.D.C.R.\ Rule\ 7.60(b)(1)\ And/Or\ (3)$ 

07/28/2020 Continued to 08/11/2020 - Stipulation and Order - Quicken Loans Inc;

Tobin, Nona; Stokes, Joel A; Jimijack Irrevocable Trust; Nationstar Mortgage LLC; Red Rock Financial Services; Chiesti, Brian; Chiesti,

Debora; Stokes, Sandra

08/11/2020

Joinder (8:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Johnson, Susan)

Brian and Debora Chiesi and Quicken Loan Inc.'s Joinder to Defendant Red Rock Financial

Service's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Amended Complaint

07/28/2020 Continued to 08/11/2020 - Stipulation and Order - Quicken Loans Inc;

Tobin, Nona; Stokes, Joel A; Jimijack Irrevocable Trust; Nationstar Mortgage LLC; Red Rock Financial Services; Chiesti, Brian; Chiesti,

Debora; Stokes, Sandra

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08/11/2020



All Pending Motions (8:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Johnson, Susan)

Matter Heard;

Journal Entry Details:

DEFENDANT RED ROCK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC'S MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO NRCP 12(B)(5) AND (6) NATIONSTAR'S JOINDER TO DEFENDANT RED ROCK FINANCIAL SERVICES' MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT JOEL A. STOKES, JOEL A. STOKES AND SANDRA STOKES, AS TRUSTEES OF THE JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST, AND JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST'S JOINDER TO DEFENDANT, RED ROCK FINANCIAL SERVICES, MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT AND FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS PURSUANT TO E.D.C.R. RULE 7.60(B)(1) AND/OR (3) BRIAN AND DEBORA CHIESI AND QUICKEN LOAN INC.'S JOINDER TO DEFENDANT RED ROCK FINANCIAL SERVICE'S MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT Counsel appearing remotely via Bluejeans, Argument by counsel. COURT ORDERED, Defendant Red Rock Financial Services, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint, GRANTED adding that the Court would take the request for attorney fees under advisement. Mr. Wight to prepare the order.;

10/29/2020



Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Johnson, Susan)

Defendant's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs

Motion Granted;

Journal Entry Details:

Arguments by Ms. Wood and Mr. Thompson regarding whether or not the 31.6 billed hours were reasonable and necessary. COURT ORDERED, matter taken UNDER ADVISEMENT; advised it wanted to review the attorneys fees in lieu of the Brunzell factors; matter SET for hearing. 11/03/2020 - 8:30 AM - DEFENDANTS, JOEL A. STOKES AND SANDRA STOKES, AS TRUSTEES OF THE JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST AND JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST'S MOTION TO ENFORCE ORDER FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS AND FOR CONTEMPT AND FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS PURSUANT TO EDCR RULE 7.60 (B)(3) AND/OR (5) AND ORDER SHORTENING TIME;

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Motion to Enforce (8:30 AM) (Judicial Officer: Johnson, Susan)

Defendants, Joel A. Stokes and Sandra Stokes, as Trustees of the Jimijack Irrevocable Trust and Jimijack Irrevocable Trust's Motion to Enforce Order for Attorney's Fees and Costs and for Contempt and for Attorney's Fees and Costs Pursuant to EDCR Rule 7.60(b)(3) and/or (5) and Order Shortening Time

Denied Without Prejudice;

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Court noted the best remedy would be for Mr. Hong to submit a proposed judgment and ORDERED, Motion DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Mr. Thomson advised there were several issues with this Motion and they should be awarded attorneys fees. Arguments by Mr. Thomson in support of attorneys fees. Court noted Mr. Thomson didn't have a pending motion for attorneys fees and advised he should file one if he felt it was appropriate.;

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#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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**CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 

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Also see NRS 18.020 (costs must be awarded to the prevailing party).

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WOOD, ESQ.'S and MAURICE WOOD'S advocacy, the character of the work to be done and actually performed by the lawyers, and result. All in all, this Court believes an award of \$8,640.00 in attorneys' fees and \$308.99 in costs incurred by MR. and MRS. CHIESI and QUICKEN LOANS, INC. in defending the matter to be reasonable under the circumstances under NRS 18.010(2)(b) and 18.020. This Court therefore grants the Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs. Accordingly, and based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED the Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs filed by Defendants BRIAN CHIESI, DEBORA CHIESI and QUICKEN LOANS, INC. on September 16, 2020 is granted as modified. These Defendants are awarded \$8,640.00 in attorney's fees and \$308.99 in costs as against Plaintiff NONA TOBIN. Dated this 17th day of November, 2020

SUSAN JOHNSON, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

659 EBC F4CD 0F51 Susan Johnson **District Court Judge** 

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#### **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER**

Please take notice that an Order was entered with the above Court on the 17th day of November, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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- 3. Here, the intervention action and claims of the GORDON B. HANSEN TRUST and MS. TOBIN, whether individually or as Trustee of the Trust, were decided before JUDGE KISHNER in the aforementioned consolidated actions. Specifically, JUDGE KISHNER found MS. TOBIN, as an individual, had no standing to sue as she had no ownership interest in the subject residence. Although JUDGE KISHNER made such a finding, MS. TOBIN continued to interchangeably refer to herself as suing individually and as Trustee. After hearing the matter fully in both summary judgment and a bench trial, JUDGE KISHNER concluded the homeowners' association held a valid foreclosure sale which terminated the property interests of GORDON B. HANSEN TRUST, and title ultimately vested in MR. STOKES, individually, and the JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST, and it was these parties who later sold the residence to MR. and MRS. CHIESI. Although a final determination was made in Department XXXI and is now being appealed, MS. TOBIN nevertheless sought another bite at the apple and filed the instant litigation which included the successors-in-interest, the CHIESIS and QUICKEN LOANS, INC. The second lawsuit was a multiplication of the previous proceeding, was precluded by virtue of principles of claim and issue preclusion, and thus, was brought without reasonable ground. It resulted in MR. and MRS. CHIESI and QUICKEN LOANS, INC. unnecessarily incurring attorney's fees and costs in the instant matter.
- 4. The movants provided this Court their analyses concerning the reasonableness of their attorneys' fees under <u>Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank</u>, 84 Nev. 345, 349-350, 455 P.2d 31, 33 (1969). This Court has considered all the <u>Brunzell</u> factors, noting the qualities of BRITTANY

WOOD, ESQ.'S and MAURICE WOOD'S advocacy, the character of the work to be done and actually performed by the lawyers, and result. All in all, this Court believes an award of \$8,640.00 in attorneys' fees and \$308.99 in costs incurred by MR. and MRS. CHIESI and QUICKEN LOANS, INC. in defending the matter to be reasonable under the circumstances under NRS 18.010(2)(b) and 18.020. This Court therefore grants the Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs. Accordingly, and based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED the Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs filed by Defendants BRIAN CHIESI, DEBORA CHIESI and QUICKEN LOANS, INC. on September 16, 2020 is granted as modified. These Defendants are awarded \$8,640.00 in attorney's fees and \$308.99 in costs as against Plaintiff NONA TOBIN. Dated this 17th day of November, 2020

SUSAN JOHNSON, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

659 EBC F4CD 0F51 Susan Johnson **District Court Judge** 

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

Other Title to Property

**COURT MINUTES** 

August 11, 2020

A-19-799890-C

Nona Tobin, Plaintiff(s)

Joel Stokes, Defendant(s)

August 11, 2020

8:30 AM

**All Pending Motions** 

**HEARD BY:** Johnson, Susan

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 15D

**COURT CLERK:** Iill Chambers

**RECORDER:** Norma Ramirez

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

PRESENT:

Defendant Chiesti, Brian Chiesti, Debora Defendant Hong, Joseph Y. Attorney Thomson, John W. Attorney Wight, Brody R. Attorney Wittig, Donna Attorney Wood, Brittany Attorney

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- DEFENDANT RED ROCK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC'S MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO NRCP 12(B)(5) AND (6) NATIONSTAR'S JOINDER TO DEFENDANT RED ROCK FINANCIAL SERVICES' MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT JOEL A. STOKES, JOEL A. STOKES AND SANDRA STOKES, AS TRUSTEES OF THE JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST, AND JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST'S JOINDER TO DEFENDANT, RED ROCK FINANCIAL SERVICES, MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT AND FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS PURSUANT TO E.D.C.R. RULE 7.60(B)(1) AND/OR (3) BRIAN AND DEBORA CHIESI AND QUICKEN LOAN INC.'S JOINDER TO DEFENDANT RED ROCK FINANCIAL SERVICE'S MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT

Counsel appearing remotely via Bluejeans.

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Argument by counsel. COURT ORDERED, Defendant Red Rock Financial Services, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint, GRANTED adding that the Court would take the request for attorney fees under advisement. Mr. Wight to prepare the order.

PRINT DATE: 12/17/2020 Page 2 of 4 Minutes Date: August 11, 2020

# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Title to Property

#### **COURT MINUTES**

October 29, 2020

A-19-799890-C

Nona Tobin, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

Joel Stokes, Defendant(s)

October 29, 2020

9:00 AM

**Motion for Attorney Fees** 

and Costs

**HEARD BY:** Johnson, Susan

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 15D

**COURT CLERK:** Keri Cromer

**RECORDER:** N

Norma Ramirez

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Hong, Joseph Y.

Attorney Attorney Plaintiff Attorney

Thomson, John W. Tobin, Nona Wood, Brittany

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Arguments by Ms. Wood and Mr. Thompson regarding whether or not the 31.6 billed hours were reasonable and necessary.

COURT ORDERED, matter taken UNDER ADVISEMENT; advised it wanted to review the attorneys fees in lieu of the Brunzell factors; matter SET for hearing.

11/03/2020 - 8:30 AM - DEFENDANTS, JOEL A. STOKES AND SANDRA STOKES, AS TRUSTEES OF THE JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST AND JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST'S MOTION TO ENFORCE ORDER FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS AND FOR CONTEMPT AND FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS PURSUANT TO EDCR RULE 7.60(B)(3) AND/OR (5) AND ORDER SHORTENING TIME

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# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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**COURT MINUTES** 

November 03, 2020

A-19-799890-C

Nona Tobin, Plaintiff(s)

vs.

Joel Stokes, Defendant(s)

November 03, 2020

8:30 AM

**Motion to Enforce** 

**HEARD BY:** Johnson, Susan

**COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 15D

COURT CLERK: Keri Cromer

**RECORDER:** Norma Ramirez

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Thomson, John W.

Attorney

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- Court noted the best remedy would be for Mr. Hong to submit a proposed judgment and ORDERED, Motion DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Mr. Thomson advised there were several issues with this Motion and they should be awarded attorneys fees. Arguments by Mr. Thomson in support of attorneys fees. Court noted Mr. Thomson didn't have a pending motion for attorneys fees and advised he should file one if he felt it was appropriate.

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

JOHN W. THOMSON, ESQ. 2450 ST. ROSE PKWY., SUITE 120 HENDERSON, NV 89074

DATE: December 17, 2020 CASE: A-19-799890-C

**RE CASE:** NONA TOBIN vs. BRIAN CHIESTI; DEBORA CHIESTI; QUICKEN LOANS, INC.; JOEL A. STOKES; JOEL A. STOKES and SANDRA STOKES as Trustee of JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST; JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC; RED ROCK FINANCIAL SERVICES

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: December 17, 2020

YOUR APPEAL <u>HAS</u> BEEN SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

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

	\$250 - Supreme Court Filing Fee (Make Check Payable to the Supreme Court)**  - If the \$250 Supreme Court Filing Fee was not submitted along with the original Notice of Appeal, it must be mailed directly to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court Filing Fee will not be forwarded by this office if submitted after the Notice of Appeal has been filed.
	\$24 – District Court Filing Fee (Make Check Payable to the District Court)**
	\$500 - Cost Bond on Appeal (Make Check Payable to the District Court)**  NRAP 7: Bond For Costs On Appeal in Civil Cases  Previously paid Bonds are not transferable between appeals without an order of the court.
	Case Appeal Statement - NRAP 3 (a)(1), Form 2
П	Order

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

Notice of Entry of Order

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

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>Per District Court Administrative Order 2012-01, in regards to civil litigants, "...all Orders to Appear in Forma Pauperis expire one year from the date of issuance." You must reapply for in Forma Pauperis status.

# **Certification of Copy**

State of Nevada
County of Clark

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

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF NEVADA; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

NONA TOBIN,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

BRIAN CHIESTI; DEBORA CHIESTI; QUICKEN LOANS, INC.; JOEL A. STOKES; JOEL A. STOKES and SANDRA STOKES as Trustee of JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST; JIMIJACK IRREVOCABLE TRUST; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC; RED ROCK FINANCIAL SERVICES,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

Case No: A-19-799890-C

Dept No: XXII

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 17 day of December 2020.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk